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Alpha Rev & The Fieros

On Saturday, January 19, the band Alpha Rev was featured in a concert that also included The Fieros (formerly The Valentines). Both acts went without major problems. The Fieros went on first, delivering several well-played and well-sung songs, their musical style resembling that of the Beatles. I have been informed that they are going to release a full-length CD soon, but I could not get any details. After The Fieros finished, Alpha Rev began their set. The crowd was slightly inconvenienced by a mixture of Alpha Rev's tardiness and The Fieros' need to pack up all of their equipment. However, the delay was minor and probably unavoidable.

Alpha Rev began performing around 9:15 p.m. The guitarist/lead singer's voice was reminiscent of Coldplayer Chris Martin's, but the music as a whole was more similar to a soft rock band like Matchbox Twenty or Train (but even softer than that). A few songs, such as "Star of Wonder," stood out among the rest either because of their melodic or lyrical beauty or because of their creativity. The bass guitar was slightly too loud throughout the entire set, but other than that singular problem, nothing was wrong.

Musically, I would rate both of these bands highly (8/10-10/10) and equally. In this concert, Alpha Rev *performed* better than The Fieros (i.e., they shared anecdotes while on stage, talked, had a good time), but both bands were available to talk after the show, which is a very important thing. Reaching out to the fans is one of the most important things you can do as a musician. The Fieros were a little bit more hospitable (that might be because fewer people were waiting at the merchandise table). Overall, it was an incredible show. 10/10

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