

# 10,000 Maniacs In Concert Tonight

There are still plenty of tickets available for the concert given by Jamestown's own 10,000 Maniacs, tonight at 8 p.m., at the Palace Civic Center.

The concert is a homecoming for the group whose recent European tour was successful enough to promote interest in the group by the American Music Industry.

This year, the band signed a recording contract with Electra records and a 13-song album entitled *The Wishing Chair* was recorded in London with well-known producer Joe Boyd.

According to a release, Natalie Merchant, lead vocalist, has gained the reputation as one of the most natural and charismatic performers to emerge in recent years.

The music of the 10,000 Maniacs is said to be upbeat, highly listenable, and intriguing. Merchant writes seriously of the human condition, addressing general concerns or conveying the suffering of unknown individuals (the elderly and working poor).

Of the band's approach, she said "we create music that is eclectic because

we don't want to neglect all the types of music that have influenced us."

Despite their travels, 10,000 Maniacs is still very much in tune with their Jamestown roots. Several songs on the album talk about the area. "Maddox Table" depicts the drudgery and exploitation of working in a furniture factory and "Lilydale" tells of going to the cemetery for unspoiled simplicity.

Tickets are available at the Palace Civic Center Box Office or by calling 484-7070.

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