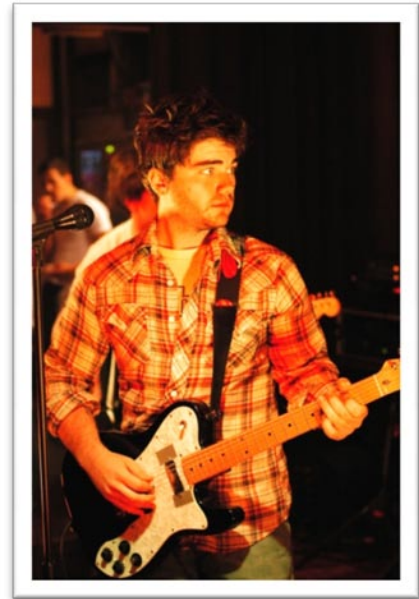


Kinsey, Fresh and Green on the Music Scene?

By Rachel Rocks

When you first see Kinsey it looks like a bunch of young guys that are new to the music scene, but that is not the case. They may be young, but they have years of practice under their belts already. Kinsey is an alternative, rock band based out of Harrisburg, PA. They've been musicians for 10 years and Kinsey for 6. They play all throughout the Susquehanna Valley, but they are willing to travel anywhere people want to hear their music. Even though they all have day jobs, playing music is truly what they enjoy and a life time career of choice. When a band has all of their heart and soul into their music it definitely shows in their musical ability and trust me, Kinsey has plenty of ability.

Kinsey is a classic garage band turned party band. They started out as buddies jammin' together way back in 7th Grade. JB Swope, the drummer, is the only one who has been playing since he was 3. He started out very young playing in shows with his Dad, and was even on TV wailing away on "Wipeout!" He was real young and real good, and eventually with all those musical instruments around his house, his friends decided they'd try some out. Mike and Josh Krebs were both musically influenced by their Mom who started them out early on piano, so playing music wasn't a foreign idea to them. Mike was the man of many instruments till he finally stuck with the bass. Josh, Mike's brother, was a natural on guitar and John Springer showed up with a great set of lungs, and Kinsey was formed.



They basically just jammed for a few years and JB's Dad taught them some tricks and let them play some gigs with him. By the time High School came around they were given the opportunity to play some of the school dances and even Homecoming. After this little taste at playing for a crowd, they decided to come up with a name and start playing regular gigs wherever they possibly could. You can tell they've learned their instruments together. It's a strong "brotherhood" and their closeness definitely shows on stage. Their philosophy is that any money the band makes goes back into the band, and it shows. They all have top of the line equipment, plus they have their own light and sound equipment, which allows them to play anywhere people are willing to hear them.



Kinsey plays mostly covers at this point even though they did produce and record an EP "Opposites Attack" back in January of this year. I've listened to their EP a few times and I always guessed that the vocal tracks were dubbed over, but boy was I wrong. When they played their original "After All" at Big Andy's in Milton, my jaw hit the floor, their 4-way harmonies are amazing. Yes, I said 4-way. Josh and Mike I could understand, with them being brothers, and participating in a barbershop quartet for a time, but how John and JB fit right in is surreal. Another original we were treated to was "Perfect 10." This is a "new" original that's been created since they laid the tracks for the EP. They are constantly writing new songs, and enjoying every minute of it. These guys definitely have their songwriting skills down pat. Kinsey

writes their songs mainly as a group effort. They usually have the music written first and then they come up with the lyrics to go with the tracks. They just keep bouncing ideas off of each other until it is complete. All of their originals are one of a kind. Each song has such a different vibe or sound to it, it's really a great variety.

That's one thing you get out of a Kinsey show is variety. With all four guys in the band taking turns switching up lead, you never know what song you are going to hear next. John is obviously the lead singer/guitar player singing lead on most of the songs, but he's backed up nicely by the rest of the band. Josh on guitar sings lead on songs like "Seven Nation Army," then you have Mike pulling out songs



in his head by Rolling Stones and the Beatles, some of which they haven't sang for two plus years. JB helps out on "American Girl" plus a few others. and John keeps the dance floor moving with great party songs like Matchbox Twenty's "How Far We've Come" and "Holiday" by Green Day. Also don't worry country fans, they didn't forget about you, they'll pull out "Keep Your Hands to Yourself" plus others when needed. Why I say 'when needed' is they rely on the crowd requesting songs for their set list. They have a set list made up in case the crowd is a little shy, but once everyone gets warmed up it's a free for all and requests start pouring in and Kinsey keeps pouring them out. Even though they have hundreds of songs stored in their heads, they of course have some songs they can't play, but they'll try to make you happy to the best of their ability.

Kinsey enjoys every gig they get to play and every fan that enjoys their music. They are thrilled with how far the ride has taken them, and they plan to keep performing for a long time to come. Kinsey is definitely on the hunt for representation, but until they are discovered, they'll keep pushing on, on their

own. You can become Kinsey's friend at www.myspace.com/thebandkinsey or check out all the fun you've been missing at www.kinseyband.com.