

Local Spotlight

Getting to Know: 3rd Left



BMS, meet 3rd Left (press photo)

Each week, we take a look through our Sonicbids dropbox and let a band tell us about themselves. This week, get to know 3rd Left. You can catch them at the Somerville Theatre this Saturday night.

Band Name: 3rd Left

Members:

Brian Hitchings: Guitar/Lead Vocals (Plymouth, MA)

Zak Fey: Drums/ Vocals (Plymouth, MA)

Bryan Pierce: Bass (Lynn, MA)

Johnny Souza III: Trumpet (Plymouth, MA)

Releases:

Doin' The Damn Thing (2005)

No Junk, No Soul (2006)

3rd Left Live at Memorial Hall (recorded 2007, released 2008)

Website:

www.3rdleft.com

How did you form?

Zak Fey and Brian Hitchings began playing together in 8th grade (1997). After high school they both attended UMass Lowell and in 2003 met Bassist Bryan Pierce. Shortly after, the three original members of 3rd Left dropped out of college to pursue their musical careers. In 2004 3rd Left released their debut album "Doin' The Damn Thing" and continued playing shows in and around New England. In the summer of 2006, Johnny Souza sat in on a few shows and the sound and fit was just right. Souza was asked to become a full time musician for 3rd Left and has finalized what is known as the 3rd Left sound!

Who are some of your influences?

The Beatles, Dave Matthews Band, Dispatch, Phish, The R H Factor, Soulive, George Clinton & The Parliament Funkadelic, The Beets

Someone would like your band if they like...

Jazzy Funk Rock

What has your most memorable moment as a band been?

Touring down to and around Florida in the "S.S. Essence" (our big white converted tour bus) in Feb-Mar 2007.

Walk us through your songwriting process?

There is no specific process. We could come up with a groove during the middle of a show, make up lyrics to it and have it eventually become a song. Or it could happen on the road to a gig or jamming during a practice session.

What is your favorite local venue?

Tommy Doyle's in Harvard Sq, it's always a great time playing there!!

What separates you from other bands?

Our sound, style of playing and stage performance.

What do you have coming up that people should know about?

We are headlining the Somerville Theatre 3/29/08 for the "No Contracts Needed" Showcase. We also have our live album and DVD of the show at Memorial Hall about to drop, as well as a new merchandise line.

Convince our readers to see your next show...

Beautiful People Beautiful Music and a Beautiful Vibe!! It's always a great time seeing us perform live on stage and the crowd is always in it 110% of the time.

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