

ENTERTAINMENT



Clan Dyken, a group composed of members of the Dyken family, performs tonight at W.O.W. Hall at 9:30 p.m.

Clan Dyken 'family' offers socially conscious music

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CONCERT: Clan Dyken performs tonight at the W.O.W. Hall, located on 8th & Lincoln. Showtime is 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$6 at the door.



The family that sings together stays together. With Clan Dyken, the reverse holds true. It's their tight-knit relationship that's been the driving force behind their music for the past six years.

"Since we're family, it's not a matter of going our separate ways," Mark Dyken said. "Being related, it's hard to live outside of each other, especially when we're also a band. We have to lay all our cards down and work out our difficulties."

"It's this close, almost telepathic connection between us that keeps the band together and which is part of our appeal in a society which I feel is sadly lacking in family values," Dyken said.

As the eldest of eight chil-

dren, Mark Dyken has no memories of a time when he didn't play music.

And like the extended family, Clan Dyken today includes one brother, Leon who plays percussion; another brother, Bear and his wife Harmony on vocals; Laura, Mark's wife on rhythm guitar; and an "adopted" member, Jeff Jones on bass. As for Mark, he plays the drums, while Bear is the creative force behind the band, writing most of their songs.

The music of Clan Dyken fuses the sounds of the late '60s with a world beat influence that includes rock, reggae, blue grass, Latin and African grooves. And their lyrics too call on equally universal themes of world peace, social justice, the environment and a return to family values.

"More and more people are showing that they care enough about the world to want to get out there and make a difference," observed Dyken. "Our music tries to project that posi-

tive vibe, and now we're noticing that our audience is giving off that good feeling. It's when we realize our part in making life a little better for everyone else that we start changing the world for the better."

On their part, Clan Dyken is committed to celebrating life. Demonstrations, blockades and benefit shows make up as much of their schedule as clubs and concerts. Traveling with solar panels, batteries and a mobile stage, they have provided sun powered music at places and events such as the Nevada Nuclear Test Site and Redwood Summer actions.

They are also part of an artists' alliance group that keeps musicians from all over the nation on top with what's happening in the industry, and it also helps market and promote their music.

Opening for Clan Dyken is Primordial Soup.

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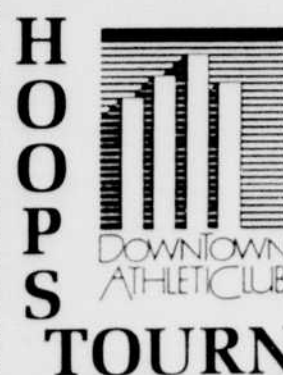
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