



Bob Misely, Irajon V. Kortum, Bill Briare and Kent Ludwigen of the band ChanneLight entertained in the Skylight dining room, playing what they called "World Rhythm."



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Bands: rock festival dazzled campus

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Ennis in Theory brings jazz and blues to a whole new level of music. Even a born dance lover or alternative groupie could learn to love the sound this band created from 12 - 1p.m. Ennis in Theory had students grooving with the beat.

Rocking the top off was Kevin Ennis on lead bass and lead vocals. Chanda Tiller added her own femme fatale style on back-up bass and moved to the music. Cassidy Blackburn played against all odds with a torn snare in his drum. Cassidy added pure vitality to the group with passion in his playing.

Ennis in Theory played with style, charisma and passion that according to many students has never been paralleled at the college.

"They sound really, really good for playing at a college," said Rebekah Irvin.

Ennis in Theory played music they had written, music known and loved, and requests.

"They rock!" exclaimed Dara Davis. "They are gonna be rock stars." Dara requested "Free Bird" and they sang it for her.

The overall response from the crowd was positive and uplifting. Students could be seen dancing to the beat.

"They sound surprisingly good, I am surprised they are not more well known," said Rikki Barney.

Ennis in Theory passed out 100 fliers for their upcoming shows. They played Your Break Tavern in Silverton on April 16 and 17. They will be at The Spot Tavern in Molalla April 23 and 24 and again on April 30 from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Ennis in Theory played a song they wrote themselves called "Groovy," and it was just that—it had a light relaxing rhythm to it. They set the mood with a light sound emanating through the crowd. As time passed, more

students stopped by to enjoy the sound.

Ennis in Theory delivers a soft, smooth portrayal of the blues that has so much passion and heart, it leaves listeners awestruck. The group's facial expressions thoroughly enhanced their feel for the music; it showed in their playing.

For the girls who asked if the lead singer was single, the answer is "no." He's engaged to be married to Chanda, the back-up bassist and vocalist, this summer.

A little history on Ennis in Theory: all band members live in Molalla and graduated from Molalla High in 1995. The group formed three years ago, but Cassidy Blackburn (drums) has been with the group for only a little over two months, although the entire group has known each other since high school.

"We hope to portray a new edge/twist on Blues," said Kevin.

ChanneLight, an instructor-assembled band, performed from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Bill Briare, Social Science Dept. instructor, played lead guitar and sang lead vocals. Bob Misely, Life Science Dept. instructor, played back-up guitar and backing vocals. Kent Ludwigen played bass to the trio.

The first band of the day, ChanneLight gave an upbeat, relaxed groove. The group played mostly "world beat influences," as well as "world rhythm."

ChanneLight was formed nearly 14 years ago, and has had very few changes since. Bob Misely is the newest member; he's been with the group for only a few months.

Briare commented that the set at the college was for "fun" and an "unplugged set." They play a wide variety of shows and enjoy the diversity. According to Misely, only three of the usual six to eight group members played because it was a non-paying gig.

"It's always fun," said Briare, recalling his overall experience in music.

The weather was fabulous, the sun was shining, and a light breeze blew. Perfect weather for an outdoor show. An illuminating mixture of weather, music, laughter, and groovin' combined to make the Spring Community Fair a day to remember and welcome again, soon.

The band Ennis in Theory with Kevin Ennis on the electric guitar and Cassidy Blackburn on drums took the show outside to add a little rock rhythm and blues to the beautiful sunshine day.

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Rebekah Irvin Student

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