



Get Up, Enjoy the Show

Some people have heard of **Pepper**. Some people haven't. More people probably have now that the band played the main stage at the Warped Tour this summer. Now, Pepper brings its feel-good, island vibes to Eugene – a perfectly timed ray of sunshine just as the winter rains set in.

Pepper earns comparisons to reggae-rock legends Sublime, 311 and Slightly Stoopid. The group has toured with the likes of G. Love & Special Sauce, Snoop Dogg and The Wailers and played festivals such as The Bob Marley Day Celebration, San Diego Street Scene and Lollapalooza.

For its latest album, *No Shame*, Pepper proudly recruited Nick Hexum of 311, Tony Kanal of No Doubt and former Butthole Surfer Paul Leary as producers. The result? Catchy, laid-back songs with a flow that will have you grooving all night long. *No Shame* appropriately opens with "Bring Me Along," which encourages listeners to go along and see where it takes us. *No Shame* definitely makes a person want to groove, but several intercut skits disrupt the flow.

"Lost in America" describes how lost most of us feel. Rock-reggae anthem "No Control" inspires us to live life and to "Get up, get up, get up, get up, get up enjoy the show." One of the tracks, "Your Face," copes with a crumbling relationship: "You never close your eyes when I kiss your face / You never smile anymore / What's wrong with your face?"

Pepper, The Expendables, and Passafire play at 8 pm Sunday, Dec. 2, at the WOW Hall. \$20 adv., \$22 door. – *Anne Pick*

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