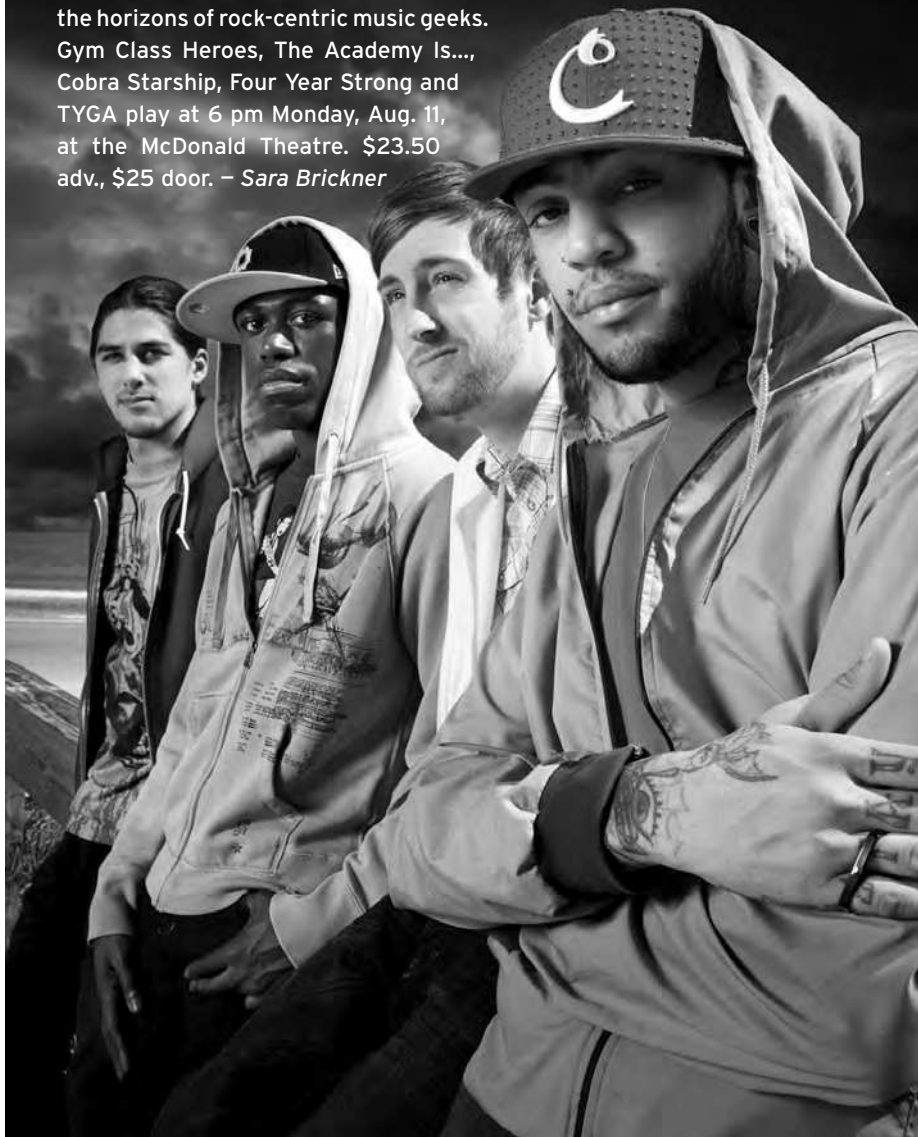


Hip Hop, Drop and Roll

When it comes to hip hop and roll bands, very few of these mutant hybrids ever see the light of day – because of the few brave souls who attempt the combination, only a small minority ever manage to create something that not only doesn't make you want to gouge out your eardrums, but is actually clever and fun. But **Gym Class Heroes** are one such example of a band that successfully figured out how to combine rock, hip hop and electro in perfect proportions to create something that pleases the palate of hip hop fans, rock fans or anyone else who digs a good old-fashioned dance party. In fact, it was pop punk prince Pete Wentz of Fall Out Boy who helped get the Gym Class Heroes signed to his band's label, Fueled by Ramen, in 2004 – and even though the only significant trait the bands share are the topical lyrics about girls and partying, at least the Gym Class Heroes' rhymes don't make you cringe because they're so painfully melodramatic and cliché. You know, like pop punk lyrics. Even "New Friend Request," a Gym Class Heroes song about meeting a girl on MySpace, is better than the emo, life-sucks-no-girls-like-me crap that's been contaminating rock music lately. But if more bands could figure out this hip hop-rock combination – and there are some other good ones that haven't hit it big yet, like Seattle's Saturday Knights – it might just save punk music from becoming a cliché, while simultaneously broadening the horizons of rock-centric music geeks.

Gym Class Heroes, The Academy Is..., Cobra Starship, Four Year Strong and TYGA play at 6 pm Monday, Aug. 11, at the McDonald Theatre. \$23.50 adv., \$25 door. – *Sara Brickner*



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