

Copeland, The Spinners, David Bowie, and Labelle. Carmine was recruited to the band as bass player. Needing a drummer, Carmine had recommended musical buddy David Prater, whom he had met while in Labelle. (Prater also has played with Santana.) Together, these five men make up **Baby Grand**.

With such different musical tastes ranging from classical music, to the 1960's rock revolution including heavy metal, to raggae and jazz, **Ancient Medicine** took form. For four months—7 days a week, 10 hours or more a day—the band finished recording the album. Needing a cover, they fell in love with "Veggy Man," a sculpture and picture done by Matthew Klein. "Veggy Man" tells the story of the album himself—different and innovative. The lyrics paint pictures of what some of us have gone through, or everyday things that go on in life. With songs as beautifully done such as "Runner In The Rain" and "Flame In The Wind", two rockers are included—"Right Here Right Now," (where Ancient Medicine is taken from), and "All Night Long." Two intricate instrumental pieces are included as well—"Weekend In New Jersey", and "It's Not A Figure Salon." Trivias do you remember a song by the **Left Banke** titled "Walk Away Renee"? Yes, **Baby Grand** do a fantastic rendition of that classic.

Needless to say, the members of **Baby Grand** have been through a lot in their young years. But now the time has come for the rebirth of five strong musicians. Their latest album, **Ancient Medicine** (available on Arista records and tapes) is an excursion every music lover should take part in. This 'Grand Baby' has been born, and the vital signs are 100%! Steffi Stern

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