

Eye On Entertainment

Concert Review: Gym Class Heroes

It is safe to say that the First Unitarian Church in Philadelphia, PA, could greatly invest in an air conditioning system, at least after the performance given there on Monday, September 18. The Gym Class Heroes (GCH), a group of musicians with a rapping lead singer, headlined a tour with the likes of Cobra Starship, Hanger 18 and Patent Pending. The show started out with the latter of the bunch. Patent Pending, a lively rock group, got the crowd moshing within the first two minutes, an amazing task for an opening band. They entertained the group with their pirate antics and great song showcase. Damages were not withheld for the group; the lead singer took a jump and was not caught properly, and quickly walked off the stage with a dazed look in his eyes. But, the crowd was grateful for his commitment. Hangar 18, a duel of rappers, came up next. They had the audience eating out of the palm of their hands. The fast rhymes were completed with even faster beats.

Cobra Starship, probably best known for their song, 'Bring it On,' for the infamous film, 'Snakes on a Plane,' were a hit in the Chestnut Street church basement. They performed songs off their new CD, which comes out in October, and even their token hit.



Travis, the lead vocalist for Gym Class, even came out for his accompanying rap sections. It was incredible.

Nothing came nearly as close to what GCH would bring, though. Gym Class stole the show and the audience's attention. No one would leave this show un-phased by the amount of energy these guys brought. They performed songs from their older CD including: Papercuts, Cupid's Chokehold and Taxi Driver. But their new CD was not to be outdone, they played numerous hits from it including Shoot Down the Stars, the Queen and I, and New Friend Request. Travis paused between songs to entertain the crowd, he even gave a brief sermon after the second song, and it was fitting since the concert was in a church.

The group stuck around until long after the show. Making sure every fan got his/her autograph and picture. They even discussed demo CDs with aspiring artists! These guys are more than just 'Gym Class' heroes to their fans. **- ASHLEY SALADA**



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Comedy Review: Robbie Printz



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After a hectic first two weeks straightening out class schedules, draining hundreds of dollars on books, and getting better acquainted with new teachers at Penn State Delaware County, students needed something to smile about. Their answer... comedian, Robbie Printz.

Thursday September 21, Printz entertained a packed room of students during common hour in the Lion's Den. His quick wit, acute observations on life, and his constant audience participation had students singing his praises well after the performance.

"Comedy gold," gushed Matt Kelly, a Liberal Arts major here at Penn State Delco. "A blend of Kevin Smith's wit and Brian Regan's delivery!"

Printz has come a long way since first getting his start at Nick's Comedy Stop in Boston back in 1988. He has appeared on both MTV and Comedy Central.

Resturant Review: Tom Jones

Where can one go for breakfast at three in the morning? How about a burger and milkshake after exams? Look no further then up the street from campus. It is the legendary Tom Jones.

The place is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days-a-week. Tom Jones is always open no matter what happens. They are even open during blizzards!

One particular favorite there is their milk shakes. These things are absolutely delicious. A person just has to try it once, and they will always love them.

Its main attraction is the Blue Ribbon Special,

He also won the Boston Comedy Festival in 2002 and The Improper Bostonian named him Boston's Best Comedy Act in 2003. He constantly has his act out on the road and has performed all across the country. Printz can next be seen traveling to Carrol College in Wisconsin and Concordia College in Minnesota.

He has a sharp delivery and is an intriguing storyteller. Printz makes the audience feel like they know the people he talks about on stage. He has a natural talent for relating to his audience by including stories about his own life with dramatic embellishments for punch lines. The stories about his interactions with his wife of 10 years obtained the loudest laughs from Penn State Delco students.

"It's funny because people think it's my life," Printz chuckled, explaining how sometimes people take his stories a little too seriously.

Printz is a fantastic comedian and an extremely down-to-earth, friendly guy to boot. He stayed around a little bit after the show to talk to some students before catching a plane back to Boston. If you get the opportunity to see Printz on stage, take it, and I promise you will have the time of your life. To find out more about Printz and his act you can find him on Myspace.com or check out his website (<http://www.robbyprintz.com>) for details.

- KAT SPECHT

though. Someone can get the special for just \$2.99. It offers two pancakes, two eggs, two sausages, two bacons, toast, shot of juice, and unlimited coffee. For someone who is a coffee fiend like me, this is particularly a favorite meal.

Though Tom Jones does have an Achilles' heel. In all honesty, the pizza is just down right terrible. First thought after taking a bite is, "I am never ordering this again."

Overall, Tom Jones is one of a kind. It offers the customer cheap, good meals.

Not to mention the convenience that it is always open. For good times and cheap food, just head over to Tom Jones.

- MATT GEORGE

Fireside Music: Penn State Delco Gets The Skinny

The Skinny, whose band members are formerly of the 2 Skinny Dorks and the Family, played a soul-rocking fireside concert during common hour on September 14.

Their music is a mix between Sublime and Louis Armstrong, featuring the vocal styling of both with a pinch of the fast talking pseudo-rap style of Barenaked Ladies. The saxophone and electric bass add a jazz feel. The band's original lyrics range from delightfully playful to soulful and deep and everywhere in between. Their sound is a nice change from the MTV clones in the music industry today.

During the song, "Welcome to the Family," Jake Blazer, the lead vocalist and guitarist, called out to the crowd that we were the band's brothers and sisters, which added soul to the performance.

Steven Mack, a student who attended the performance, said, "It gave me something to listen to while I eat. It's a good addition to the lunch atmosphere."

This was a smaller crowd than they are used to, since they have played with bands like the Dave Matthews Band and Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. However, the stage presence was still phenomenal. Despite the small venue, they played like they were in an amphitheater.

Blazer made jokes and talked in between songs, an important part of any show. At one point when Blazer announced that the band was going to play a cover song, he got a laugh from the crowd by saying, "But if you don't know the song, then we wrote it!"

The Skinny was originally Two Skinny Dorks and Family. They changed their name because they are now talking with a record company and did not think they were being taken seriously with their old name. "We didn't want a stigma like Tenacious D. We didn't want people to hear our name and think, 'that's not my kind of music,'" Blazer said.

The band members all grew up in Cleveland, Ohio and met at Kent State University. When they were younger they would sneak into a bar to see Big Bass, now a member of The Skinny, play.

"One day we got up the courage to talk to him and we just asked if we paid him enough would he play bass for us," Blazer recalled. Big Bass agreed, and their lineup was complete.

Blazer confessed that he would also like to add an organist to the band's lineup. "Someone who could just lay it in there, that would give the band a lot more ambient noise," he said.

One particular set of lyrics, "Sometimes you need an All-star/Sometimes you need a rubber sole," really stood out during the performance. When asked about these words, Blazer explained how when he was growing up his family had very little money. His family was on welfare, so getting new shoes was a big deal. This was the original thought behind the song. The song continues, "Sometimes you just need to bounce back from things, you need that rubber sole."

The release date for their new album, titled Grass, is October 27, and you can preorder it from their website - www.skinnyband.com. You can also show your support by adding them to your friends list on MySpace at www.myspace.com/skinnyband. They are a band that definitely deserves to be heard again and again.

- BRITTANY NEIMETH