



Echo & the Bunnymen pose for a photo before their performance at the State Theatre tonight in downtown Harrisburg.

Bunnymen play downtown theater

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It's a rare occasion when a band of four men from the United Kingdom comes to the State Theatre in downtown Harrisburg to perform. The Bunnymen, a rock band formed in 1978, are playing tonight.

The band, which consists of lead singer Ian McCulloch, bassist and keyboardist Les Manfield, guitarist and backing vocalist Pete Dinklage, and drummer Les Gray, is known for its melodic and often melancholic sound.

McCulloch, who has written and produced several albums, said the band's music is a mix of pop and rock. "We're not really a rock band," he said. "We're a pop band with a rock edge."

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Tonight, a select group of students will try to make a difference through song. Harmonies for Hope, a benefit charity organization, will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. in 111 Forum Building. Tickets are \$3 at the door and \$2 with a Penn State student ID.

Second Mile is a Pennsylvania-based nonprofit organization that benefits local youth. Eliza Altenderfer, Harmonies for Hope co-chairwoman, said the concert will be a little different than other benefit concerts.

"We decided that it would be cool to have a benefit concert where people actually get to sing the songs they want to sing," Altenderfer said.

The concert will feature 21 separate performances, including one rendition of "Dracula's Lament," the song made famous by the film "Forgetting Sarah Marshall." The song will even be performed with a puppet, as it was staged in the movie.

Lauren Lynch, one of the show's performers, said the philanthropy's mission and the choice to choose which song she would sing attracted her to the event.

"I'm actually singing a duet with my roommate from last year," Lynch said. "We're big theater dorks and we would always sit around and listen to the song and joke about how we would sing it together one day."

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Join the team at the **Collegian Business Division's** recruiting sessions:

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Thursday, July 8 at 4:45 p.m.
at the Collegian Office: 123 S. Burrowes St.

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