

Tribute bands to rock Theatre

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Chris LeGrand and Matt Jernigan started their music careers performing original material.

But when people told them how much they resembled famous musicians, both began thinking about how to make a career out of that.

Now LeGrand and his Rolling Stones tribute band Satisfaction, who debuted in Las Vegas, and Jernigan's Los Angeles based Led Zeppelin tribute band Zoso will perform at 8 p.m. Sunday at the State Theatre, 130 W. College Ave.

This will be Zoso's second time playing at the theater.

The theater wanted to combine the sounds of Satisfaction and Zoso in show, because they represent two influential groups of separate genres whose sounds complement each other, said Kristy Cyone, sales and marketing director of the State Theatre.

Cyone said the event's a "cheap way for students to unwind before they start studying for finals."

Zoso and Satisfaction have also performed 12 shows together in the past five years. LeGrand and

Jernigan said the other's band puts on a realistic performance.

Jernigan—a Led Zeppelin front-man Robert Plant look-a-like — said he wants to keep every performance visually consistent with Led Zeppelin, including costumes, stage presence and vocals.

"We want to give the audience the feeling of what it was really like to see the band perform, had they done so," he said.

LeGrand — whose stage persona emulates Stones singer Mick Jagger — said tribute musicians need to dedicate every ounce of their showmanship to resembling the original musicians.

"We hold ourselves to a very high standard of authenticity and that is the key to success," he said.

Both bands said they switch set lists around each show so that one's never duplicated.

"We perform the classic hits every night, but we always put in a few rarities for the hardcore fans," LeGrand said.

He said Satisfaction will perform a mini-acoustic set at the concert as well.

LeGrand said he hopes the audience has "a great evening of fun and classic songs that everyone knows, with the look, sound and

If you go

What: The Ultimate Classic Rock Tribute featuring Satisfaction and Zoso

Where: The State Theatre, 130 W. College Ave.

When: 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4

Details: Tickets are \$22

energy of seeing the Rolling Stones in their prime."

Both bands said they've performed at least six to eight shows per year in Pennsylvania.

Jernigan said he's excited to play near Penn State because audience members come from so many states that they can easily spread news about the two bands.

Matt Maloch (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said tribute musicians have a difficult mission.

"They have big shoes to fill," he said. "The instrumentation is the easiest ingredient of the recipe to have, but what makes the performance is the vocal imitation."

Maloch said he's a big fan of Led Zeppelin, so he's looking forward to seeing Zoso perform.



Courtesy of Chris LeGrande

Satisfaction, a Rolling Stones tribute band, will perform at the State Theatre with Zoso for a classic rock night.

Brian Adams (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said though he prefers Zoso to Satisfaction because he's more of a Led Zeppelin fan, the speed of the music from the Rolling Stones is an "adrenaline rusher."

"Even though I'm not the Rolling Stones' biggest fan, I think they would be a great opener for the show purely because of their energy especially if they play '(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction' or 'Paint It Black,'" he said.



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Zoso, a Led Zeppelin tribute band, will perform downtown.

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