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Twang Dragons shakes into a 'fierce groove'

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Band name

The Twang Dragons

Who's who

Lisa Hannon, 34, lead vocals; Tom Dixon, 41, guitar; Mark Nauman, 51, bass; Scott Defebaugh, 34, drums; Zeus Bucholtz, 50, guitar. Everyone in the band sings - and everyone answered our questions via e-mail.

When formed

"The band formed in 2002 as a one-set opening act. We evolved into a three-set headliner."

Web site

www.twangdragons.com

Most recent album

"Shakin' & Twitchin'," available at local Barnes & Noble stores; Rush-Mor Records, 2660 S. Kinnickinnic Ave.; Atomic Records, 1813 E. Locust St; and online at www.rockitrecordsusa.com.

They say they sound like

Zeus: "Think Chrissie Hynde fronting Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers with Ron Wood and Bill Kirchen on guitars with a little John Hiatt, Steve Earle and Ronnie VanZant thrown in."

We say they sound like

The aptly named band is a little bit country, a little bit fire-breathin' serpentine-grooving rocker.

Describe your look

Tom: "Rock 'n' roll cowboys just this side of the Sunset Strip."

Sell yourself in 20 words or less

Mark: "We write songs about real people for real people. . . . Simple and to the point."

Unofficial band beverage

Scott: "Beer, of course - Guinness for the drummer."

What other band or musician could you take in a fight?

Zeus: "Greg Koch. His height gives him a real disadvantage."

First gig

Lisa: "We opened for a country band in 2000 at Kelly's Bleachers and proceeded to make every mistake that can be made on stage. Tripped on cords, forgot lyrics, played too loud."

Worst gig

Zeus: "We played an outside show at the War Memorial a couple weekends ago. Someone forgot to order lights, and we played almost half our show in the dark. The janitor brought up a couple of work lights, which was the equivalent of playing with car headlights on us."

Weirdest fan encounter

Tom: "Sorry, we have a court-mandated gag order. But it was a doozy."

Song you've written that you're most proud of

Zeus: "The title cut of our CD, 'Shakin' & Twitchin'. It embodies what we are all about and has a fierce groove."

Favorite cover song in your live show

Mark: "It changes with every show."

Biggest band achievement

Lisa: "The CD and the fact that we still love each other."

Next gig

"Shakin' & Twitchin' " CD release party, 7 p.m. Saturday at the Eisner Museum of Art and Design, 208 N. Water St. Although the event is essentially a private party by invitation, the first 30 people at the door without invites also will be admitted free.

- Gemma Tarlach

The Twang Dragons



The Twang Dragons, formed as a one-set opening act and now a three-set headliner, have a new album out, "Shakin' & Twitchin'."

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