



Giving it their all Heavy metal rock group keeping busy

By JENNIFER DEMPSEY
What recording artists will do these days to break records and provide fun-loving rock 'n' roll kids with music is only limited by their endurance levels, or so it seems.
Just take Brighton Rock for example: Their gig at the Nag's Head North in Markham last Friday evening was their 250th performance since October, 1986, which as Gerald McGhee, the band's lead singer, stated was "more dates than any other Canadian recording artist this year."
It is no wonder then why so many Brighton Rock fans turned out at the Nag's Head for the performance. They knew what type of show that they would witness — an all out performance by a band that has pleased their fans so many times over.

Greg Fraser, the lead guitarist, did a couple of solos during the night, all of which were riddled with talent and knowledge of the instrument that he played. Greg obviously knew how to entertain the audience, to the crowd's delight.
The bassist for Brighton Rock, Stevie Skreebs, was always moving about, going that extra distance to make one feel involved. There were moments, however, when the movement slowed down and his skill with his bass was highlighted with quiet moments of concentration.
Johnny Rogers, the band's keyboardist, was not to be left out of the limelight either. Bouncing around at his boards, this fellow was down to some serious rock 'n' roll business.
During the set, he came out from behind his keyboards to do some rocking up front with the rest of the Brighton Rock members.
Mark Cavarzan also appeared

to be an accomplished drummer in the music trade. A drum solo emphasized his talent at bashing his instrument.
The audience seemed to agree, as when he finished his solo, everyone hooted and hollered (a weird rock custom meaning that you saw and/or heard).
Then there was Gerald McGhee, lead singer. Never has there been such a voice as this one. From the softest ballads to the heaviest metal, his voice went through the songs like it was a piece of cake.
Many comments were heard throughout the night regarding this singer's voice. Comments such as, "I don't know how he can reach those notes;" and "He has such a good voice" were common. The dexterity of Gerald McGhee's voice alone should have the band anywhere in no time flat.
During the second set, cover tunes were played, such as AC/DC's, Who Made Who and Whitesnake's, Slide It In. Both were presented by the band in a way that did the songs justice.
The energy that this band put into its show, especially after 250 dates was incredible. The band members obviously love their music and take it seriously.
In fact, this band, Brighton Rock, is probably doing so well because they are fans of the music they play. They are out to show critics and fans alike that whether you are a fan, or a musician, they can both go together to become one rockin' band that will succeed.
They're expected to make a return appearance at the Nag's Head sometime this coming September.



Brighton Rock at the Nag's Head

Brighton Rock brought their own distinct heavy metal sound to the Nag's Head North on Friday night. Here, (above) lead singer Gerald McGhee is caught in mid-verve with bassist Stevie Skreebs. At left, keyboardist Johnny Rogers and Skreebs jam out a song together.

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