

Band to perform eclectic musical mix

By Kate Gilderdale
Stouffville This Month

Whether they're performing at the Cathedral in Toronto or at Latcham Hall in downtown Stouffville, the members of local band Full Frontal are never happier than when they're making their own eclectic brand of music.

And whatever the audience's taste, Matt Kennedy, Adrian Walker, Steve Cliff and Ryan Downie will likely play something to please everyone, from metal heads and Cobain fans to aficionados of sixties rock. "We're very different," noted Steve. "Adrian's more into heavy metal, I'm pretty neutral (I like) old, new, everything. Ryan really likes rock."

The three original band members, Matt, Adrian and Steve, first got together last September. "We jammed for a month with the three of us," said Adrian. Then Ryan, a friend of Adrian and Steve's from SDSS, joined them, and the band was complete.

Mood plays a big role in influencing his enjoyment of musical genres, said Adrian. "I go through different phases of listening, including a lot of music my parents like. They introduced me to a lot of bands."

Matt, meanwhile, brings a punk element to the mix and, like his fellow musicians, his present goal is to reach a wider audience and to continue producing and



Local musicians Matt Kennedy, Adrian Walker, Steve Cliff and Ryan Downie take a break from rehearsals to enjoy the sun. The guys, known collectively as Full Frontal, have performed at a number of venues, including Latcham Hall and the Cathedral in Toronto.

performing material written by the band. "The last show we did was the first time we had a completely original set," he said of a recent performance at the Cathedral, an alternative rock bar on Queen St. West.

The band members currently rehearse in their homes, "but we're looking for a practice space where we can go whenever we want," Steve noted. Full Frontal

played at Latcham Hall in March and will return to the venue the evening of Friday, July 2 during Strawberry Festival celebrations.

"Right now we're looking for exposure," said Matt, adding that they welcome the opportunity to perform whenever and wherever they can. "You've got to keep going and keep getting better," added Adrian.

Wheels in Motion raises \$14,000

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion fundraiser, which took place June 13, attracted more than 200 participants and raised about \$14,000.

"It was one of the best events in this area, and even in Ontario," said organizer Brenda Lobraico, noting that local participation was greater here than in larger communities such as

Mississauga and Oakville. "We had great turnout and support from Stouffville and a great volunteer network for registration." Among those helping out were the Stouffville Lions Club and local firefighters.

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