

Probable Cause Tickles Fancy of Classic Rock'N'Roll Fans

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Probable Cause is a dance band with a special gift of music. The band's tunes are Rock'N'Roll classics at their best. With great vocals and four incredible musicians, this group will tickle your fancy when it comes to having a good time.

This band's been around for about five years, and it's become a favorite amongst audiences who appreciate rock'n'roll classics. With three out of four of it's members from the Portland area, Probable Cause is one group you need to see in action on the stage.

The band is comprised of four outstanding individuals who have paid their dues performing professional music. They include Brad Lund on drums and back up vocals; Evan Oulashin on lead guitar and vocals; Matt MacNaughton on bass and back up vocals; and Greg Dawson on guitar and lead vocals.

One of the advantages of this band is that all but one of its members were born and raised in the Portland area and they can easily read their audiences. They know what the people want.

MacNaughton is a transplant from Albuquerque, New Mexico. He learned that Probable Cause was looking for

a bass player through a newspaper advertisement. "We just talked to him a little bit, and he fit right in," recalls Dawson. "He was just as crazy as the rest of us, so everything worked together well."

Dawson and Oulashin put Probable Cause together several years ago. They wanted to form a band that focused on the same kind of music that they "cut their teeth on." He says that he acquired his first guitar when he was in the fourth grade, then met Oulashin shortly after that. The two have performed music Together off and on in the Beaverton and Portland area for over 25 years.

"The classic rock songs that we perform are good time tunes," explains Dawson, "people can dance and have a lot of fun with them."

According to Dawson, the band's motto is "Dance 'til ya Drop!"

The music that the band performs are the classics of Rock'N'Roll. This includes songs by Chuck Berry, a wealth of tunes by the Beatles, Chris Isaak and the Doobie Brothers and even the Ventures with such instrumental hits as Pipeline and Walk Don't Run '64.

As for Beatle tunes, the performance list of Probable Cause is very impressive,

partly because it's rare to hear a band perform such songs. When Dawson, Oulashin, MacNaughton, and Lund take to the stage, their audiences hear such songs as Twist and Shout, All My Lovin', And I love Her, Boys, Can't Buy Me Love, Things We Said today, Back in the U.S.S.R. and many others. They also perform Get Out of My Way and Figure of Eight by Paul McCartney.

The future of Probable Cause will have original music. "I think we have some real talent in the band for song writing. We like real upbeat stuff that keeps people out on the dance floor, so that's what people can expect from our original songs," explains Dawson.

If it's been a while since you've danced to some early Beatles tunes, you need to catch a show by Probable Cause. For further information, see ad this issue and Bandstand for schedule.

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