

FM STATIC

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

THE DEBUT ALBUM AVAILABLE JULY 22ND 2003 ON TOOTH & NAIL RECORDS

Trevor McNeven – vocals
Steve Augustine – drums
Justin Smith – bass
John Bunner – guitar



Though the name FM Static might conger allusions of fuzzy radio noise and obscure sounds, the band's actual music and mission couldn't be clearer: Have fun and stay positive in your path to growing up.

Originally formed from the workings of Trevor McNeven and Steve Augustine, both members of the highly successful Christian Rock group, Thousand Foot Krutch, FM Static was created from their natural love for the pop/rock genre.

"Steve and I were talking about how fun it would be to start another band based around a bunch of songs I had already been working on, not really knowing what to do with them yet," comments lead vocalist, McNeven. "I called up Brandon from Tooth and Nail and he dug the idea."

Soon after the signing, the Toronto natives traveled to Seattle to put their ideas to work, recording with acclaimed producer, Aaron Sprinkle (Kutless, MxPx). What resulted was the band's premiere forthcoming album, "What Are You Waiting For?" due out this July 22nd. The album, bursting with 11 infectious tracks, combines all sides of talent from its collaborators, creating perfected teenage anthems just in time for summer!

Still, while the dazzling energy keeps the heads of listeners bopping right along, the subject matter still remains pertinent to its audience. In fact, their focus is one not often touched by Christian bands in reassuring teens of their feelings of love, loss, and confusion in the face of growing up.

"These are real things and situations that, as Christians, we don't talk about enough, and it leaves kids thinking that it's wrong to express their feelings if they're upset at something, or someone, or to talk openly about their feelings for members of the opposite sex," McNeven remarks. "If we talked about all of these things, a lot more questions would be answered, and a lot less kids would be so messed up from holding things in."

More complex issues are also acknowledged, as in the first Christian Rock Single, "Crazy Mary" which touches on being compassionate to all of God's people, even in the more difficult situations. McNeven explains this way:

"The song is about a homeless woman who is passed by hundreds of people everyday. It deals with the moral of not judging a book by its cover, as you never know what someone's really like or capable of, until you talk to them and get to know them. God told us to love people, including the less-fortunate and there are a lot of 'Crazy Mary's' in this world who get overlooked by all of us."

These heartfelt messages of encouragement and affirmation are what will lead audiences, both young and old, to be quick to identify with FM Static both lyrically and musically. And with being added to several summer festivals as well as the highly anticipated Festival con Dios Tour, FM Static is off to a shining start that is sure to illuminate and encourage the hearts of all in their path.



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Ahh...summer. Windows down, a wispy breeze relieving the sun's scorching sting, and a stereo blasting the perfect sunny-time tunes ideal for singing along. It seems the flawless setting for any balmy destination. But this is Canada, not generally known for its summertime appeal. However that hasn't stopped the Toronto four, collectively known as FM Static, from writing the perfect summertime anthem album, intended to heat up any spot it's played.

Begun as a fun side-project to their already existing musical endeavors, FM Static was formed by long-time friends Trevor McNeven and Steve Augustine.

"Steve and I were talking about how fun it would be to start another band based around a bunch of songs I had already been working on, on my own, not really knowing what to do with them yet," McNeven recalls. "We've both always been big fans of the pop/rock genre, so we just decided to do it."

What resulted, after hooking up with acclaimed producer Aaron Sprinkle (MxPx, Anberlin), was the band's premiere forthcoming album, "What Are You Waiting For?" due out this July 22nd. The album, bursting with 11 infectious tracks of sunny faced power pop with a twinge of punk rock flair, combines all sides of talent from its collaborators, creating perfected teenage anthems.

"We're content with just writing songs about what it's 'really like' growing up, girls, and all the things that come along with the two of them put together," says McNeven.

This theme stays true throughout their album marked with loves, losses and growth in the face of teen trials, while still keeping a humorous spin on their heartfelt honesty of troubles and triumphs.

Songs like "Definitely Maybe," their infectious premiere single, highlight this mixture of ingredients in its lighthearted take on a hopeless romantic endeavor in the theory that nice guys still finish last: "How much longer? Will this keep getting stronger? / I wonder what she's doin' when I'm singin' myself to sleep. / He's a faker, see ya later, / I wonder when you realize that you mean a lot more to me."

Other standout tracks like "Crazy Mary," "Something to Believe In," and "The Notion," all provide listeners with catchy choruses and an underlying positive affirmation that problems are merely temporary and won't stop the sun from continuing its illumination.

This affirmation and catchy style are what will lead audiences, both young and old, to be quick to identify with FM Static both lyrically and musically, and what will certainly heat up the Great White North and beyond this summer!

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