

# THE MAKESHIFT GENTLEMEN



From Lucas School House to Busch Stadium, *The Makeshift Gentlemen* have rocked St. Louis with their Indie, Rock and Electro genre. The band's first CD, "Casanova," makes its mark this summer with original songs that energize the young and surprise the old.

At 15, Joe Swigunski received his first guitar and six months later began writing songs.

"The last seven years have been dynamic," Swigunski said. "I've learned a lot from my previous bands. Louis, John, Jake...we are a very focused team, busy performing, recording and touring."

Is it Clark Kent or Super Drummer? Dark curly locks, huge biceps and a chiseled face, drummer Louis Brown stands out in spite of being tucked at the back of the stage, hammering out fast and complicated rhythms.

"These guys are awesome with a very unique sound," said Erica Adams, Mizou Journalism student.

Wired on bass guitar is John Henselmier, who punches in some

backup vocals and strikes his creative touch in showcasing the band. He and Swigunski recently took center stage in Decatur, rocking to hundreds.

Backup vocalist and on synthesizer is Jake Feree; blond and bold with energy that can't be missed. A student at Southeast Missouri State, Feree has been instrumental in building a loyal fan base; they travel hours to see *The Makeshift Gentlemen* blast out songs, like "Juggernaut" and "Our Town."

"They're a really fun dance band with substance," said Wendy Zajac recently at the band's performance at Off-Broadway. "They have a unique 80s sound with an Indie twist."

*The Makeshift Gentlemen* have jumped into the brutal sea of music and are riding an epic wave. With a proven passion for creating new sounds, raw talent, salty youth and good looks, they are firing.

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