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Zebra's future uncertain in musical jungle

Were latest shows at Storyville band's last New Orleans gig?

By Keith Spera

ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

If you grew up in New Orleans in the 1980s and professed to be a fan of hard rock, chances are the members of Zebra were personal heroes of yours.

Over the past 14 years, Zebra became the premier band in the growing south Louisiana hard-rock scene, inspiring such devotion that some of their fans saw the band in concert thirty times or more.

These fans anxiously awaited the day when the rest of the country would discover Zebra and catapult the band to national fame.

For a while, it seemed like the fans would get their wish. From humble beginnings of running through covers of Led Zeppelin songs for a few dozen people in school gymnasiums, Zebra worked up to opening-band status for major hard-rock bands that would pass through New Orleans.

In the late 1970s, they split their time between New Orleans and the more hard-rock oriented New York City. They gathered a loyal following and attracted enough attention to be given a recording contract in July of 1982 with Atlantic Records, the label that Led Zeppelin, Zebra's main musical influence, once recorded for.

Less than a year later, Zebra's self-

titled debut album was released, and sold over 400,000 copies, an impressive amount for a band's first album.

On July 17, 1983, they played a triumphant homecoming show for 40,000 New Orleanians in City Park Stadium at the Rock 'N' Roll Super-bowl, an all-day concert that also featured performances by Bryan Adams, Foghat and Journey.

At the beginning of their set in City Park, the members of Zebra were presented with the keys to the city in front of their adoring fans.

It seemed as if there was no turning back — Zebra was on the road to national success, and would be the band that would regain New Orleans' reputation as a major force in the music world, a reputation that had been lost since the glory days of Fats Domino, Roy Price and Clarence "The Frogman" Henry in the 1950s.

But then, something happened. Somehow, momentum was lost, and big-time success never came.

It wasn't that the band suddenly fell apart or didn't sell records anymore. They released their second Atlantic album, *No Tellin' Lies*, in 1984, and a third, *3.V.*, in 1986. Throughout the mid-1980s, Zebra's traditional New Year's Eve concerts, and shows aboard the riverboat *President*, docked on the Mississippi River, would have to turn away part of the overflow crowd.

The second and third albums,



Zebra: Felix Hanemann, Randy Jackson and Guy Gelso

Battalion file photo

however, each sold less copies than its predecessor. Reasons for this vary, but it has been suggested by several people who have followed the band over the years that lack of record company promotion for Ze-

bra's records and questionable management decisions played a part.

The band's music and image themselves may have inadvertently hurt their chances for national fame. They do not fit the notion of what a

typical hard-rock, heavy-metal band "should" look like, for they don't dress in the studded leather and colored spandex or slap on the loads of make-up that many bands of that

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AROUND TOWN

Live Music

Live Music information is provided by the nightclubs. Band bookings and cover charges are subject to change.

The Bistro

Located in the College Station Ramada at 1502 S. Texas. 18 and older admitted. Alcohol served. For more information, call 693-9891.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday — **M. L. Heflin**. Country. Starts at 8 p.m. No cover.

Brazos Landing

At 103 Boyett at Northgate. All ages admitted. Alcohol served. For more information, call 846-3497.

Friday — **Bad Mutha Goose**. Funk. Starts at 10 p.m. Cover.

Saturday — **The Pulsations**. Reggae. Starts at 10 p.m. Cover.

Cow Hop Annex

Next to the Cow Hop at Northgate. 18 and over admitted. Alcohol served. Call 696-5522 for more information.

Friday and Saturday — Live music to be announced. Starts at 10 p.m. Cover.

Excalibre Club

In Bryan at 1803 Greenfield Plaza. 18 and over admitted. Alcohol served. For more information call 846-6262.

Saturday — **Borrowed Tym**. Top 40. Starts at 9 p.m. No cover.

Flying Tomato

At Northgate at 303 University Dr. All ages admitted. For more information call 846-1616.

Wednesday — **Sneaky Pete**. Sing-along. Starts at 9 p.m. \$1 cover.

Frank's Bar and Grill

In College Station at 503 E. University Drive. All ages admitted. Alcohol served. Call 846-5388 for more information.

Saturday — **Don Pope and Friends**. Jazz. Starts at 9:30 p.m. \$3 cover.

Kay's Cabaret

In Post Oak Mall. 18 and over admitted. Alcohol served. For more information, call 696-9191.

Thursday — The Dynamic Duo

Rock. Starts at 9 p.m. No cover.

Friday — **The Band With No Sleep**. Rock. Starts at 9:30 p.m. \$2 cover.

Saturday — **The Scoocs**. Rock. Starts at 9:30 p.m. \$2 cover.

The Mercury Bar

In the Skaggs shopping center. 18 and over admitted. Alcohol served. For more information, call 846-MERC.

Thursday — **The Passing Strangers**. Progressive. Starts at 10. \$2 cover for over 21; \$4 for minors.

Parthenon

At 815 Harvey (Woodstone Center). 18 and over admitted. Alcohol served. For more information call 764-8575.

Thursday — **Killer Bees**. Reggae. Starts at 10 p.m. \$5 cover.

Wednesday — **Lippman Jam**. Starts at 9 p.m. No cover.

Movies

Movies information is provided by the theaters and is subject to change. Admission restrictions concerning the use of free

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Cinema Three

Located at 315 College Ave. (Skaggs shopping center). Call 693-2796 for more information.

Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade. Rated PG-13. Showtimes are 1:30, 4:10, 7:00 and 9:45.

Field of Dreams. Rated PG. Showtimes are 2:15, 4:25, 7:15 and 9:25.

Karate Kid III. Rated PG. Showtimes are 2:00, 4:30, 7:00 and 9:35.

Post Oak Three

Located in Post Oak Mall. Call 693-2796 for more information.

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Skin Deep. Rated R. Showtimes are 7:15 and 9:35.

K-9. Rated PG. Showtimes are 7:00 and 9:45.

Rain Man. Rated R. Showtimes are 7:00 and 9:40.

See No Evil, Hear No Evil. Rated R. Showtimes are 7:05 and 9:30.

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Plaza Three

In College Station at 226 Southwest Parkway. Call 693-2457 for more information.

Dead Poets Society. Rated PG. Showtimes are 2:05, 4:40, 7:15 and 9:50.

Star Trek V: The Final Frontier. Rated PG. Showtimes are 2:00, 4:30, 7:00 and 9:45. Ends today.

Weekend at Bernie's. Rated PG-13. Showtimes are 2:10, 4:45, 7:10 and 9:45.

Manor East Three

In Bryan in Manor East Mall. Call 823-8300 for more information.

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