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Tempus Gives Off a "Good Feeling" Playing Acoustic Show in Starbucks

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Think you can only rock out with booze, drugs and sex?

Try lattes, muffins and an overall "good feeling" type of atmosphere.

Performing against the backdrop of a colorful mural that painted expressions of music and words, the Bergen County-based pop rock/alternative band Tempus played an acoustic show last Thursday, Feb. 21 at the Hasbrouck Heights Starbucks.

Arranged by bassist and future MSU student Greg Colacino, an employee of the 'Bux, the show was just another way for the band to promote their new CD, *Got a Good Feeling*, and to give onlookers a taste of their sound.

"We usually don't do shows like this," said lead vocalist Chris Harvey. "It's a nice change of pace."

Tempus has a sound similar to John Mayer and Dave Matthews combined with subtle elements of Led Zeppelin and Pink Floyd. The latter style though, really only shines through when they perform at their regular venues, like Mexicali Blues in Teaneck.

However, Colacino organized this acoustic performance at his local Starbucks to show that Tempus can cater to any type of atmosphere and audience, and to give the band a chance to add another date to their tour schedule.

The café was packed and many people were left standing. But all of them were smiling and swaying along to the band's lax and intriguing sound.

Tempus fan and 2006 MSU graduate Katie Western was one of them.

"Tonight was nice because it was more intimate. You get more of their personality ... they can just relax."

"It's cool to adapt our sound to a low-key setting," said percussionist Jose Rosario, who, instead of beating on his regular set of drums, sat atop and played a cajon - a wooden box that sounds a lot like a tap dancer on the ballet floor.

They played many fan favorites from their new album, such as "Got a Good Feeling," and "If I Could," which is one of their most crowd-engaging pieces with a hip, more upbeat sound that calls for the audience to clap and sing along to the song.

In addition to his musical ambition and part-time work to keep the lights on, Colacino also plans to enroll at MSU in the near future.

His ultimate goal, however, is just to play music for a living.

"I'd play for a room full of fat kindergarteners if the sound is good," said Colacino.

You can hear their music on their website, www.tempusband.com.

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