

# WILD WEST PROMOTIONS RETURNS

The Wild West, which promoted several shows at the Vintage in White Plains back in 2005, is returning to the scene. On March 23rd, the Wild West showcases seven bands playing original rock 'n' roll at Barney McNabb's, located at 600 Tuckahoe Road in Yonkers. Barney McNabb's routinely offers metal and hardcore nights. With its mix of rock, alternative, metal bands, and God knows what else on March 23rd, the Wild West should fit right in.

The Wild West, in going to Yonkers has tapped into an already thriving music scene. Bands like Powertrip, Shades of Burn, and Silver Spade are already recognized locally,



Do You See The Dark

writing their own stuff and playing around Westchester and New York City. Those are only three and there are others, but those are three of the seven playing March 23rd.

Two of these, Silver Spade and Powertrip are in the metal vein. Silver Spade is routinely playing in the city and locally and do

have an EP. They list influences as diverse as Dream Theater, Aerosmith, and Staind. They are a four piece with two brothers, Bob and Rick Yapchanyk — Bob on guitar, and Rick handling the vocals. Filling out the band are Pete Simone on drums and Eric Neuman on Bass. For me they are a solid melodic metal act with strong vocals, tight rhythms, and expressive guitar work.

Powertrip also is playing out routinely, doing a mix of covers and originals. On the 23rd it will focus primarily on their originals. You can see where they are coming from with influences like Godsmack and Sevendust. Chris on vocals, Jonathan on Bass, Matt on guitar and Mike on drums. Again they are a solid four piece, charting out a slightly different area of the metal scene. Both I am sure will be grabbing your attention at the upcoming show.

Slowing it down a notch, perhaps, is another regular on the scene, Shades of Burn featuring John on guitar, Nicole on vocals, Ray on guitar, Fred on drums (who is also taking care of sound on the 23rd), and Nick on Bass. Basically they aim for two things: original rock with a hard-hitting groove, and making sure the audience is having a good time. That is really what it is all about. Their influences range from classic rock, metal, funk / soul, to alternative.

Shades of Burn do have a self titled CD available too, which has been in my CD player quite a bit last few days.

Add four bands coming in from the city and you have a complete night. The bands from NYC include Stark, Statues of Liberty, The Party Death, and Do You See The Dark. These are four very different acts. Stark is basically Lani Ford on vocal and bass, Rob on Drums and Josette on guitar. In a nutshell if you combine Joan Jett and Shania Twain you and a dash of NYC attitude and you have Lani's vocals. Meanwhile, Josette with her Les Paul just plays some of the nicest licks I have heard.

The Statues of Liberty are two veterans from the NYC rock scene. Featuring Hal and John Law, these two were in Banana Fizz Zero, which aside from a great name was a major player as far as punk and alternative in NYC. More recently John Law went off on his own to form the Xs, which featured a former member of Fuel and others. The Statues of Liberty are in the same vein—hard rock, a dash of pop, some punk. No doubt they will bring your attention on the 23rd to what is happening on stage.

The last two acts are Do You See The Dark, which is mix of metal, melodic rock and even a dash of pop. They are a three piece with a big rich sound with some great vocals. They also have a self titled EP and have been

acknowledged by the Village Voice and others as a group to watch out for. And then the final act is the Party Death, which just has a look and feel of early Guns N Roses. I am not sure where the name is going but they will



Stark

definitely get the room going when they hit the stage. They just remind me of my glam rock days, but now I am revealing my age. Both of these acts were in the Meanyfest circuit, sponsored by Jack Daniel's, and were recognized as bands with something going on.

Don't read this article as indicator of when each band will perform. A schedule for the show has not been composed yet. Stark probably will be on earlier and likewise Shades of Burn, but otherwise a schedule still needs to be done.

See you on Friday March 23rd at Barney McNabb's. Rock on!

— Bob Schaffer