

The Beano Boyz and Lil'Markie make debut

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"We bring music to life" is how singer Marquise Owens explains it.

If you weren't at the Bronco- Grill on Wednesday at noon, than you missed quite a show. And if you missed them that night, than I just don't know what to tell you. You missed out big time. They were flipping and breakdancing and singing. Man, were they singing. I'm talking about the Beano Boyz and the 12 year-old singing sensation, Lil'Markie.

The Beano Boyz, formerly known as Status Quo, from the hit show "America's Best Dance Crew" performed live at the Bronco Grill for students to promote their career launch party that was held at Round-A-Bout skate center that night. Signed to the Sporty Rich music label, the label of hit musician and entrepreneur, Michael Bivens, of New Edition, Bell Biv DeVoe as well as the man behind the hit music group, BoyzII-Men, is the force behind this new rising group of musicians.

The Beano Boyz: Carl "JunnYahh" Burnett (the DJ), Darius "Sauce" Rutledge, Thornell "Breezy" Williams, Donald "SP" Simmons, Marquise "Q Da Prince" Owens and Lorenzo "Renzo" Hooker grew up and met in Boston, Massachusetts where they became a group and started moving towards stardom. They are currently working on their first studio album.

With hopes of creating a successful music career, the guys

all sat down with The Voice and talked about how they expect to win the crowds with not just their incredible dance moves, but those amazing vocals. And yes fellow broncos, they can really sing. They definitely won't be needing auto tune. And for the fans who feel like they will miss the "old" group, the Beano Boyz feel like they won't disappoint because the fans will actually get more of a show.

"I think they [fans] will receive us well as musicians. We still bring the same swagga and energy to each performance, it's just now we are going to be singing and dancing," said Lorenzo Hooker.

"We [already] have the stage presence of dancers, and now we can bring more to the performance," said Thornell Williams.

Inspired by artist like Trey Songz, Usher, Chris Brown, The Temptations and of course Michael Jackson, there ultimate goal is to just make great music and have longevity in their career.

So after all the changes they've been through, what's next for these musicians?

"I want to see us reach a Grammy [in the future]," says Williams when describing one of the biggest goals they as a group can reach.

A group that likes to have fun, it is obvious that they are comfortable around each other and are very down to earth. So it comes as no surprise that collectively, one of their biggest

goals for themselves is to give back to their community and put their hometown of Boston on the map.

Though not officially signed with the label, Lil'Markie continues to travel and perform as part of his "training" before entering the spotlight. He has no fear of getting up and crooning to the young ladies in true R&B style, as exhibited during his College Skate Night performance. In the future, Lil'Markie expects to make all different types of music, but for now he is happy that at 12 years-old, he gets an experience that most will never have.

"It feels cool to get out there and travel. To go with them [Beano Boyz] and get experience with them is great."

Lil'Markie's goal for right now is just learning as much as he can about his craft, a goal that is very personal and wise seeing how the entertainment business is not known for being a very forgiving industry.

"Getting myself out there and for people to know who I am," is the next step in his journey towards a career in music says Lil'Markie.

Broncos, be on the lookout for The Beano Boyz and Lil'Markie's future projects because they're going to be big. You can join their Facebook pages, and check to see what they will be doing next.

And ladies, before I forget, did I mention how good looking they are?

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Tonight

DUGAN'S PUB

Pine Hurst NC
Bryan Shaw
7:00 p.m.

TIKI

Sanford, NC
Valhalla
10:00 p.m.

THE DOG HOUSE

Fayetteville, NC
Open Mic
Mike O'Donnell

THE FIG CAFÉ

Fayetteville, NC
Open Mic

Thursday

PADDY'S IRISH PUB

Fayetteville, NC
The Four Skins
8:00 p.m.

THE BLACK CAT LOUNGE

Fayetteville, NC
Joe Buck Yourself
Vive le Vox
Sawyer Family
7:30 p.m.

Friday

PADDY'S IRISH PUB

Fayetteville, NC
Paddy & Bill
Autumn Nicholas
10:00 p.m.

THE BLACK CAT LOUNGE

Izzy Cox
9:30 p.m.

Saturday

BIG HARRY'S

Fayetteville, NC
Flood

PADDY'S IRISH PUB

Fayetteville, NC
Paddy & Bill
10:00 p.m.

REEVES AUDITORIUM METHODIST UNIVERSITY

Fayetteville, NC
Fayetteville Symphony
Orchestra
7:30 p.m.

The Black Cat Lounge

Independents
Graveyard Blvd

Rictus Grim

9:00 p.m.

The Dog House

Fayetteville, NC
Journey Tribute Band
Trial by Fire
7:30 p.m.

Sunday

THE DOG HOUSE

Fayetteville, NC
Johnson Kinlaw

IT'Z

Fayetteville, NC
Comedy Zone
7:30 p.m.

Monday

BIG HARRY'S

Fayetteville, NC
Bryan Shaw
Mitra Mlraj
6:00 p.m.

THE DOG HOUSE

Fayetteville, NC
Open Jam w/ JD Shaw/
Guy Unger
9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 3

BIG HARRY'S

Fayetteville, NC
Open Mic
8:30 p.m.

The Rock Shop Music Hall

Fayetteville, NC
Open Mic Jam
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 4

The Dog House

Fayetteville, NC
Open Mic w/ Mike
O'Donnell

The Fig Café

Fayetteville, NC
Open Mic

Thursday, May 5

PADDY'S IRISH PUB

Fayetteville, NC
The Fourskins
8:00 p.m.

Friday, May 6

PADDY'S IRISH PUB

Fayetteville, NC
Paddy & Bill
Autumn Nicholas
10:00 p.m.

The Black Cat Lounge

Fayetteville, NC
Bull Dozer
9:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 7

BIG HARRY'S

Fayetteville, NC
Dirty Water

PADDY'S IRISH PUB

Fayetteville, NC
Paddy & Bill
10:00 p.m.

THE BLACK CAT LOUNGE

Fayetteville, NC
Early Morning Warning
9:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 8

THE DOG HOUSE

Fayetteville, NC
Johnson Kinlaw

Monday May 9

BIG HARRY'S

Fayetteville, NC
Bryan Shaw
Mitra Mlraj
6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 10

HUSKE HARDWARE

Fayetteville, NC
Bryn Shaw
7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 11

TIKI

Sanford NC
Valhalla
10:00 p.m.

THE DOG HOUSE

Fayetteville, NC
Open Mic

THE FIG CAFÉ

Fayetteville, NC
Open Mic