

Club offers a new 'flavor'

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Music lovers can indulge themselves in a new flavor of entertainment. It's "45 Cherry," the new live music club opening in downtown Asheville this week.

The club, which will offer a variety of live "non-top 40" music, is named for its location on Cherry Street. It's an attempt to fill the void for alternative live music here in Asheville, according to Frank Grabosky, a spokesman for the club.

The club will offer a variety of entertainment booked through several agencies in Charlotte, N.C., said Grabosky. He said offering live music will be the main goal of the club, so special gimmick nights will not be a part of their appeal.

Some acts scheduled to appear in the near future are "The Spongtones," "Cruis-o-matic" and a local band, "Crimes of Fashion," said Grabosky.

The names of these

groups may sound familiar to those who once frequented the now extinct Asheville Music Hall, the only other club in Asheville to offer alternative live music.

45 Cherry will feature reggae at least once a month and offer live music Thursday through Saturday, with one band on Wednesday and Thursday nights and

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a second band on Friday and Saturday nights, said Grabosky.

He described the building as newly remodeled and spacious with booths and small cocktail tables. It includes a long bar in the back of the main area away from the stage, which should help in channeling bar traffic away from the performing and dancing

space.

There's also a large gameroom with pool tables and video games, which is far enough from the stage area for conversation, he said. Additionally, the building has an outside porch area which will be renovated next spring for the seasonal activities of the club, said Grabosky.

State law allows only private clubs to serve alcohol, so there is a one-time membership fee of \$10. Cover charges will range from \$3 to \$5 depending on the band appearing that night, he said. Unfortunately for those under 21, the club is off limits due to the recent raising of the drinking age, added Grabosky.

And because the club does not want to encourage those who are under age to attempt to get in illegally, there will be no student discount offerings, he said.

45 Cherry opened with "The Killer Whales" on Nov. 5 and 6.



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14	Ricky Scaggs, Merle Haggard and George Strait	Greensboro Coliseum
21	Julio Iglesias	Fox/Atlanta
18	Journey/Glass Tiger	Omni/Atlanta
22	George Jones	Knoxville Coliseum
24	R.E.M.	Fox/Atlanta
28	Freddie Jackson	Fox/Atlanta
30	Monkees	Charlotte Coliseum