

# Entertainment

## UNCA student band Dashvara jams out Alumni Hall

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Dashvara, one of UNCA's newest bands is up-and-coming on the campus scene. The band played in Alumni Hall in the Highsmith Center last Thursday.

"The show felt amazing," said Greg Norris, lead singer and saxophonist for the band. "There were several moments of euphoria, and it was awesome. I had a most magnificent hour and a half."

The band said they would at some point like to get signed on to a record label, but they are not worried about it happening any time soon because they have other priorities and obligations to live up to first.

"We are definitely trying to get signed. It seems like there are a lot of potential, and I'm really excited. I'd rather not be signed until we finish up here though," said Cacey Peters, bassist. "It's kind of working out very nicely because we've got a little bit of time left at college to finish up degrees. I don't want that conflicting with me walking across the stage."

They were pleased with the Thursday night's show, and they were excited about the turnout.

"The room acoustics were a little hard to get used to at first, but once we got used to it everything came together really nicely and everybody really started to get into it," Peters said. "It was really great."

Dashvara's target audience is anyone who likes to dance. According to the band, they were amazed at how many people came out and supported them by dancing.

"It was great watching everybody in the crowd rock out," said Noah Wilson, guitarist. "They were rocking out harder than we were."

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GREG NORRIS  
Lead vocals and saxophone

"I've never seen people move like that," Peters said. "That's the best part about it, though. The band gives the music, but it wouldn't be a show without all the energy that people give back."

They have a couple of major concerts coming up that will be free to students and will be worth while, including one in Lipinsky Auditorium on Feb. 24th, according to Wilson.

"The 24 show is definitely going to be free and we're probably going to do two sets," Peters said. "It's going to be about three hours long, and there'll be an intermission. That's what to look forward to. We're also playing on April 14 in Lipinsky. They're both Friday shows, and we're also playing for NCUR in Highsmith."

The band name Dashvara comes from Buddhism, and is closely related to the way in which the band tries to reach their audience.

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Bassist



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Dashvara members, left to right, Cacey Peters, Noah Wilson, Greg Norris and Joshua "Funk" Harrison. The band played in Alumni Hall in the Highsmith center on Feb. 2, and hope to have more free concerts in the upcoming future in an effort to increase popularity and release a CD.

Bodhisattva named Gadga Dashvara, who embodied beautiful sound and healing through music," Wilson said. "We figured we'd take the last part of his name, Dashvara, because that's what he was about, making people feel good. It's a lot to work up to, but we're working on it."

Each band member have had some experience with music in their pasts.

"My family has always had music in it," said Joshua Harrison, drummer. "My dad had a band, and we just always had music playing and always singing and dancing. I actually started playing drums when I was 15, so it was a lot later than most. Since I've been here in Asheville, I played in a bar band called Crucial, but then I got together with Dashvara, and it was

good because we got to play our own music. It's much better than playing other people's music."

"I started playing guitar in middle school, but then my hands got too big so I started playing bass," Peters said. "My teacher showed it to me, and he slapped it. I also came to Asheville for music so that's when I started hitting it really hard."

The band records every show they play, and they are working on compiling a set list for a CD.

"We have stuff from the studio and stuff from live shows, and I guess we're trying to make a compilation of all of it right now," Norris said. "We've got the content, we've just got to figure out which ones we want to put on a CD."

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