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Blessid Union of Souls not afraid to put God first

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some musicians are too seared to use in songs. But with Christian groups like the punk band MXPX and the pop act dars of Clay popping into the mainstream, it soon may become the norm. Speaking from his Cincinnating home, Blessid Union of Souls singer Eliot Sloan explained his band doesn't care what people think. God is the facts in its life and its music. Following that belief, Blessid Union of Souls, Sloan said, tries to inject positivity into all its songs while subtly mentioning God.

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"Not every song has a happy ending but there's always optimism in our songs. We speak about God and everybody thinks that God is all about happy endings. We don't care about what peeple think (about mentioning God!). Sloan said.

Artists who shy away from their religion, he added, are afraid. Ultimately peeple are



Coming to town: The Cincinnati pop band Blessid Union of Souls (above) and the local rock band InDra-ma perform Saturday, Dec. 20, at The Palladium, 17580 Frazho Road, Roseville.

The follow-up to its successful debut "Home" (EMI), "Blessid Union of Souls" (Capitol), the band's sophomore effort, expands on its theme - "The way a love relationship ignites and evolves is just as unpre-dictable, just as wonderful."

Songs such as the harmonicalaced "I Wanna Be There" ("And

Song of the Year, for Eric Clapton.

Because of Blessid Union of Souls' positivity, Sloan sees a lot of families at his shows.

"It's protty much a wide age range. We see a lot of kids at our shows. We see a lot of teen-agers with their parents. It's just that we sing about life and everybody can relate to it. That's just the main emotion we tap into."

Blessid Union of Souls and InDrama perform at 7 p.m. Saturdoy, Dec. 20, at The Palladium,

if I had my way I'd hold you in my arms/And leave this madness all behind?, the psychedelic "it's are \$15 in advance, \$17 at the door for the 18 and older shows the constant of the constant

the '80s super group Duran Duran expressed its sorrow over the hanging death of liNXS lead singer Michael Hutchence. Singer Simon LeBon dedicated the song "Save a Prayer" to the Hutchence whom he called a dear friend. According to the internet, Duran Duran had performed the songs "So Long Suitered the songs "

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