

Christian ska band to perform

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The grueling life of touring is catching up with Buck lead singer Dan Reynolds. Last week, the Christian ska band played in Nashville, Detroit and Chicago.

"On Sunday I was saying I don't think I can take another night," he said, his voice cracking from a cold.

That might have to be something that Reynolds and the rest of Buck will have to get used to. The band signed a deal with Tatttoo Records, a division of Benson Records Inc. in Tennessee.

Its debut CD will hit stores Jan. 12. Buck will celebrate the local release of the CD with a party and performance at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills.

"Before, we were just a band who toured here and there and nobody knew who we were. I'm just amazed how many people attend our concerts and how far we can travel," said Reynolds, 20. "When our album comes out, we'll be all over the U.S."

Already, the band has been featured in the influential Christian music magazine, CCM, and a feature is upcoming in 7-Ball. Buck is only three years old.

Reynolds started the band for a Battle of the Bands competition in 1995 at Livonia Stevenson High School. After scoring well, Reynolds reformed the band the following year for the Battle of the Bands.

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that would be cool to be a Christian band," Reynolds explained. Ska is a sped-up form of reggae.

When he graduated from Stevenson in 1996, Reynolds concentrated on writing his own music and solidified the line-up of Dave Reynolds, his 18-year-old brother on trumpet, 23-year-old bassist Rick Jacoby of Southfield, 19-year-old guitarist Josh Wheeler of Woodhaven, 21-year-old trombonist Mark Fahlstrom of Ypsilanti, 21-year-old drummer Scott Whitehouse of Kalamazoo and 21-year-old trumpeter Al Brown of Windsor.

Reynolds studied music at Central Michigan University for two years before Buck was signed to Tatttoo.

Buck honed its skills playing around the Midwest, including Clutch Cargo's in Pontiac, Faith

Covenant Church, Tri-City Christian Center in Wayne and Troy Baptist Church and as far south as Atlanta. Reynolds said his band doesn't find it hard to compete with the likes of gangsta rappers and shock rockers like Marilyn Manson.

"We always have very good crowds, the kids are always really excited," Reynolds said. "People who go to Christian concerts, they usually go to secular concerts, too. We try to tell the kids about good things."

Buck's goal is to reach out to church and unchurched people.

Faith Covenant is at 35415 W. 14 Mile. \$14 admission includes CD, pizza and pop. \$5 admission, no CD.

Flower Arrangers Guild slates creative program

The Greater Detroit Flower Arrangers Guild will present a program of creative flower arrangements including the new interpretive designs in the latest Handbook for Flower Shows.

The program, "Reaching New Heights," is planned at 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at the North Congregational Church, 36520 12 Mile in Farmington Hills.

The guild, celebrating 30 years of floral design, is devoted to the

study and creation of bold, abstract arrangements using plant materials with other forms and shapes to express original concepts.

Guild membership includes advanced flower arrangements from many parts of Michigan.

For tickets, send a check for \$10 to the GDEFA Guild with a stamped, self addressed envelope to The Guild, 22587 Gill, Farmington Hills 48335.



Flowers: Above, Charlotte Dashner and Nancy Passfield with their creative flower arrangement.

Right, state president of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan Charlotte Dashner.



29th Fall Fantasia fashion show a success for historic Longacre House

The 29th annual Fall Fantasia fashion show sponsored by the Longacre House volunteers last Thursday at the Novi Hilton was a big success. The show raised \$3,000 for the historic home whose primary mission is to provide cultural, educational and social opportunities for the community.

In top photo, some of the 193 patrons who bought tickets to the afternoon lunch/fashion show applaud. Above, Stacey Black and Jenny St. Aubin of PartyLite make sure all of the candles in their display are lit. Boutique vendors did well selling their wares, according to Trista Johnson, Longacre House

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Jewish Federation hosts Sierra Club president

Adam Werbach, youngest president ever of the Sierra Club, will speak to Teva. Naturally Jewish at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at the Max Fisher Federation building, 6735 Telegraph, Bloomfield.

Teva is a program of the Jewish Federation's community outreach and education department devoted to promoting the connection between Jewish life and the environment. The group also holds outings with opportunities

for Jewish learning. Werbach's talk, "Act Now, Apologize Later," is co-sponsored by the Jewish National Fund of Detroit.

The Sierra Club is the largest grassroots environmental organization in America. Werbach is currently leading the club in campaigns to clean up America's air and strengthen the protection of U.S. national forests.

As a youth, Werbach began his career as an environmental

activist by gathering signatures in his elementary school to help in the effort to unseat then Secretary of the Interior James Watt.

In his school, he was first director of the Sierra Club's national student program, the Sierra Student Coalition. He established training programs, registered thousands of student

voters and led the fight to protect America's environment. Under his leadership, the membership of the Sierra Student Coalition grew to 30,000.

Everyone is invited free of charge. Rabbi Joshua Bennett of Temple Israel is chairing the event. For more information, call Karl Grosinger at the Federation office, (248) 263-1470.

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