

# Christian ska band celebrates CD release

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The grueling life of touring is catching up with Buck lead singer Dan Reynolds. Last weekend, 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 Tattoo Records, a division of Benson Records Inc. in Tennessee.

Its self-titled debut CD, originally scheduled to be released nationally this week, 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. It's hard to comprehend."

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.

### Christian influence

"Myself and my brother, we're both Christians. At the time we formed the band, there was no Christian ska music. I thought that would be cool to be a Christian band," Reynolds explained. Ska is a sped-up form of reggae.

Now there are three major Christian ska bands, The Insyderz, Five Iron Frenzy and the Supertones.

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 Fallstrom of Ypsilanti, 21-year-old drummer Scott Whitehouse of Kalamazoo and 21-year-old trumpeter Al Brown of Windsor, Ontario.

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

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

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*—Buck lead singer*

churches and unchurched people.

"As a band, we can't reach every kid in this world, but we try to strengthen the people who already know God so they can go out and disciple to other people," he explained.

### Positive signs

Reynolds, whose brother, John, plays trombone in the secular ska band Telegraph, added that he is encouraged with the increasing attendance of young people at church and overseas missions.

"It's just so uplifting," he said. "There are so many problems in churches with adults. These kids are just amazing. I learn things from these kids. They're so strong in their faith. I feel these kids are gonna change this nation."

Reynolds said he hopes that through his uplifting music, more kids will be encouraged to go to church.

"It's like missionary work what we're doing, only it's a lot easier," he explained. "I hope they see the light of God through us and our music. Every song



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has something different. For example, one of our songs ('You') is just about how all of us do stupid things but the cool thing is God always forgives us.

"We want to strive to be the best even though we never will be like Him. We want to show kids that you can have fun at

church. You can go to a concert at a church and have a blast."

Buck celebrates release of self-titled CD with party and performance, with special guests Luxetone Rockets, Nobody's Heroes, Nifty Fifty and Sputnik, 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, at Faith Covenant Church Hall,

35415 W. 14 Mile, Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$14, which includes CD, sticker, pop, pizza and admission; or \$5 which includes pizza, pop and admission. For more information, call (734) 434-4359 or visit Buck's Web site at <http://www.christianska.com/buck>.

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