

# Installers' video to show new wave scene

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**F**OUR YOUNG MEN from Livonia, the Installers, will tape their first video Friday night at Blondie's at Seven Mile Road, between Lahser and Evergreen roads, in Detroit.

"We want a lot of people to come down to Blondie's," said Tony Fischetti, who accents his appearance with a single earring and a shaped haircut that gives him a pointy-eared look. He does the vocals and plays synthesizer for the Installers.

He explained the video at Blondie's will be a rehearsal tape, to be studied in preparation for a video to be recorded live next month at Clutch Cargo's at St. Andrew's Hall in downtown Detroit.

The Installers were asked to do the video by the two owners of Now Showing Video, Inc. of Livonia, who had heard a tape of the band. The video will feature the band and dancing at St. Andrew's Hall. "We'll show the new wave scene in Detroit," Fischetti said.

THE VIDEO will be sent to London and other European cities to encourage bands to come to Detroit to perform. Band member William Kasenow explained, "Lots of new wave bands don't want to come to Detroit. They think it's heavy metal town."

In the offices of the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers in Livonia, the Installers talked about the kind of music they play and how they first got together.

Fischetti, 25, and Kasenow, 23, organized the band in 1979, naming it the Installers at Kasenow's suggestion. Fischetti works as a linoleum installer and Kasenow was helping him on a job when the name came to mind. They liked it because it suggested laborers or blue-collar workers.

Kasenow plays guitar, Dennis Trestain, 22, drums, and Paul Egan, 18,

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bass guitar. Trestain first played guitar with the Installers a few months after the band got together, then went on a trip to Europe and rejoined the band after it had gone through several drummers.

Fischetti said the Installers wanted to do original music but had a hard time finding the right band members because "Everybody wanted to come out of the basement and play Top 40."

EGAN JOINED the group shortly after "Fischetti put a floor in my house and saw my guitar."

Fischetti and Kasenow go 50-50 on the music for the band's original songs, and Fischetti also does the words for 90 percent of the songs, with the rest written by Trestain.

"We do rock 'n' roll. New wave. We don't play heavy metal. More the '80s type of music, new dance music," Fischetti said.

He said their songs revolve around growing up in suburbia, reflecting middle-class society. "Corporate Papa," one of Fischetti's songs, is about corporate fathers who don't seem to have enough time to spend with their families. Trestain wrote "Burn the Bridges," a futuristic song he describes as

about the automotive industry, how it's judged by the rest of the world.

Love songs include "Got a Girl," about a guy who dates a girl because she's got a nice car and then falls in love, and "Steal Your Girl," about a guy who wants to steal the girlfriend of a guy who doesn't really appreciate her. "Most of the songs I can relate to high school," Fischetti said.

BAND MEMBERS stressed their song lyrics have a real meaning behind them, although the songs have up-tempo happy-type music.

The band is trying to book ahead as many gigs as possible for September so that the Installers can concentrate on putting together its video and making a 45-record of the featured song, in October.

The group will perform four nights in September at the Rauch in Redford, playing there Sept. 7-8 and backing up the Mutants on Sept. 16-17.

Kasenow said it's unfortunate that the term punk rock was ever coined and associated with new wave music. "When we're on stage all we do is play. We don't spit on anybody," said Fischetti. "We've had people say, 'If we come to hear you play, are you going to spit on us?'"

Three of the band's members attended Livonia's Stevenson High School. Fischetti dropped out before graduating. Trestain received an engineering scholarship to Wayne State University this year but doubts that he will take it because he wants to spend time with the band. He will continue his job working in a laser room with a company that does prototypes for the automobile industry. Kasenow recently quit his job as an apartment manager.

Egan, a graduate of Catholic Central High School in Detroit, is studying engineering at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The band members do their own producing but are looking for a first-rate producer now.



Paul Egan, bass guitar; Dennis Trestain, drums; Tony Fischetti, vocals and synthesizer; and William Kasenow, guitar, are members of the Installers, a Livonia-based new wave dance band.

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