

GUIDE TO THE MOVIES

AMC Theaters	
Largest movie daily plus 10:30 (weekend) show daily. 10:30am-11:30pm. No children under 16 without parent. All movies rated PG-13.	
AMC Downtown 11	11:00am-1:00pm
AMC Downtown 12	1:00pm-3:00pm
AMC Downtown 13	3:00pm-5:00pm
AMC Downtown 14	5:00pm-7:00pm
AMC Downtown 15	7:00pm-9:00pm
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Country band BR5-49 mixes punk, honky-tonk

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Tradition runs deep in the roots of the country band BR5-49. That could mean traditional country, old school punk, or roots rock.

"We take our influences from everything from Bob Wills and Merle Haggard to Bob Marley and The Clash," upright bassist "Smilin'" Jay McDowell told Pollstar magazine. "A couple of us in the band have been right there with all those bands, GBH and Minor Threat and things like that."

Calling from soundcheck in Connecticut, guitarist Don Herron further explained. "We're big music fans in other words. It's not like we sit back and say we only listen to this, Bob Wills, Jimmie Rodgers, and Hank Williams. Some of them (the band members) are really into The Ramones and that."

BR5-49 took those influences and rolled them all together for "BR5-49," its debut studio album for Arista Records, Nashville.

The evolution of the band members' tastes are traced in the honky-tonk song "Little Ramona (Gone Hillbilly Nuts)" where lead singer/electric and acoustic guitarist sings: "She done traded in her duds (Dr. Martens boots) for kicker boots/Safety pin shirt and men's rear suit/Her hair's grown out and it's piled up high/She only shows her tatts on one at a time/She ain't ashamed of the way she was/She hears old Hank and she can't get enough/Her punk rock records are gatherin' dust/Because little Ramona's gone hillbilly nuts."

"Chuck wrote the thing and he pretty much knew some people like that - even himself. Actually Chuck and all of us listened to this stuff (traditional country) when we first started playing. Our families had a big influence on what we play and what we listen to," Herron said.

"We went through that adolescent period of wanting to do your own thing but then we realized that mom and dad's music wasn't all that bad. It all comes down again." Apparently that's true for BR5-49's fans as well. The band earned rousing applause when it opened for The Black Crowes at Meadow Brook Music Festival last summer. It's headlining shows bring in college kids.

"It's been amazing really. When we played in



Coming to town: BR5-49 - from left, "Smilin'" Jay McDowell, Chuck Mead, Gary Bennett, Don Herron, "Hawk" Shaw Wilson.

Nashville we had a lot of college people come out; you know, people that was into music in general. There's some of them that may not be country fans but they came out and hear us. Then there's people who listen to this stuff. It's pretty neat to see," Herron said.

BR5-49 - which also includes acoustic guitarist/lead vocalist Gary Bennett and drummer "Hawk" Shaw Wilson - and special guest Charlie Major perform at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at Diamonds and Spurs, 25 S. Saginaw St., Pontiac. Tickets are \$10 for the 21 and older show. For more information, call (810) 334-4409.

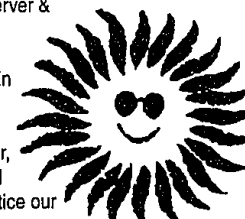
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