



Chiem's Corner

MUSIC REVIEWS & EVENTS

Ride with DeepC

Deep Chinappa ("DeepC") introduces his new CD, "Ride," at a release party at The Burren June 21. DeepC and his band, comprised of local artists, Bill Johnston (lead guitar), Nazo Tejrian (bass and backing vocals) and Kyle Mealy (drums) will be playing with many special Burren guests.

"Ride" was recorded at Night Train Studios by Zac Cataldo. The group first laid down the rough tracks with Cataldo last Spring. In its final form, the eight-song CD is striking. The sound is rock with a touch of jazz and Eastern hints, which might cause some to place the music in the "world" category, along with Africa's Angelique Kidjo. Said DeepC, "Over the years listening to a lot of live musicians at The Burren and Boston in general has made me take a more old school rock approach yet offering a distinct reggae jazz feel, a direction I want to experiment with in the next couple of years."

"Fire Up" starts the charge with jangly guitar licks, driving percussion and rooted bass. DeepC exhibits the softer side of his



L-R DeepC, Bill Johnston, Nazo Tejrian and Kyle Mealy

Also, with the exit of DeepC's previous bassist, Somerville resident John Stump, he was looking to find a replacement bassist. One Tuesday evening, Tejrian walked into the Burren. DeepC said "[Tejrian] was perfect with his eclectic background and I knew I had to record this album by March or April." The band had about six or seven rehearsals before they ventured into the studio.

During the recording process, DeepC said, "The chemistry by and among the musicians was amazing - Bill and Nazo and Kyle are true professionals who are performers in their own right. It was nice to have them add their influences to color my tunes."

"I allow musicians who play with me to express themselves

"I named the album 'Ride' because it's the mystical journey I've taken in America through my music-meeting, jamming, listening and feeling everyone's music which has added to my spirit as a musician. You have to share and enjoy and let go of the ego attached to it, otherwise you'll quit."

DeepC's music can be accessed, and CDs purchased, at <http://edbaby.com/cd/deepc>. Information about Night Train Studios, including a feature on DeepC's new music is at www.NightTrainStudios.com.

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