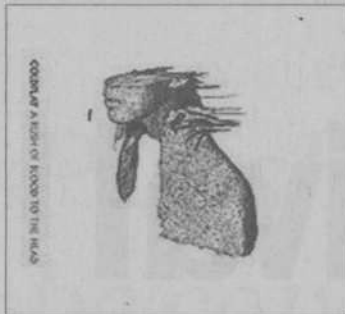


CD REVIEW

Coldplay matures on new CD



"A RUSH OF BLOOD TO THE HEAD"
Coldplay
★★★★★ out of ☆☆☆☆☆

BY BROOK BRISTOW
THE GAMECOCK

It was one of those musical moments. Even now, you can still remember how you felt. The emotional melodic symphony went, "I never meant to cause you trouble; oh, I never meant to do you wrong."

That was "Trouble" by Coldplay, and if you remember being there singing along, then you'd better be ready for what lead singer Chris Martin and Coldplay are bringing you next.

"Parachutes," released in 2000, was a masterpiece that took the band a lifetime to achieve. The follow-up to the monster debut is "A Rush of Blood to the Head," which took the band a little less than a year to complete. It is a journey through 11 tracks that goes from a cathartic beginning in "Politik," a song about free trade and the hushed tones of Sept. 11, to the final track, the quiet melody "Amsterdam."

While Coldplay still demonstrates the melodic and harmonic brilliance of "Parachutes," there is a renewed spirit in "A Rush of Blood to the Head" that shows the band's maturity, as well as development that will dispel criticism

the band is a wannabe Radiohead and a group of young bedwetters.

From the outset of "A Rush of Blood to the Head," Coldplay establishes itself with soaring vocals and flawless chiming guitars. "Politik" opens the album with a two-chord clang and a call to arms that immediately draws listeners in.

"In My Place," the first radio single, is next and offers an uplifting soulfulness, though the song is about loneliness. With the lyrics "Please, please, please, come back and sing to me," Coldplay travels back into the vein of "Parachutes," but shows the sonic maturity it has gained since that album.

"God Put a Smile on your Face" is a marvelous track that offers driving guitars accompanied by an edginess Coldplay

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Coldplay, left to right, Will Champion, Chris Martin, Jonny Buckland and Guy Berryman. The band's newest album, "A Rush of Blood to the Head," hits stores this week. The album displays the band's sonic growth as it matures past its earlier material.

Boat to rock Labor Day

BY AUBREY FOGLE
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What do you get when you combine platinum-selling rock bands, 1,000 fans and a big cruise ship?

You get the Rock Boat, a new type of concert experience going on Labor Day weekend.

The event allows participants to spend four days on-board a cruise ship, with stops at Tampa and Key West, Fla., and the Bahamas, while artists such as Sister Hazel and Edwin McCain serenade the vacationers throughout the trip.

Headlining the event are Sister Hazel, a rock band from Gainesville, Fla., best known for its 1998 mega-hit "All For You" off its debut album, "Somewhere More Familiar," and Edwin McCain, a recent popular artist.

Other acts on the Rock Boat include Dexter Freebish, a rock band that just finished playing for U.S. troops overseas; Cowboy Mouth, an experimental rock band featuring all four members as lead singers and songwriters; the Pat McGee

Band, a contemporary grass-roots band featuring vocal harmonies and energized acoustic rock; and Chuck Carrier, guitarist and vocalist from the band Marathon, who has had some solo success as well.

The bands will stay on the same boat the whole four days, playing surprise jam sessions and mingling with each other on-stage throughout the weekend.

The Rock Boat made its debut last year, when 400 fans bought cabins, the number of tickets sold this year has more than doubled to 1000.

Fans say the Rock Boat has been so successful because of the opportunity it gives music lovers from all over the country to meet each other and rock out for a whole weekend.

Jennifer Woodall, a Sister Hazel fan from Kansas City, Mo., who is on her second Rock Boat trip, said: "The Rock Boat cruise of 2001 gave me the opportunity to meet (fellow fans) who I had been talking to online for close to a year. I went to places I had never been, did things I had never done. I am definitely keeping Labor Day

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weekend open for the next 50 years."

The event is the brainchild of Sixthman, an Atlanta artist management firm, and Wiley Music, an Atlanta music promotion company. The two companies have chartered Carnival Cruise Line's "Sensation," which offers dining, spa treatments and casinos. The event's sponsors are Pepsi and Aquafina.

According to spokeswoman Britney Gray, all the parties responsible are ready to make this happen again next year, and maybe the next 10 years.

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Register

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Register, who describes his sound as "jazzy-bluesy," will be accompanied by drummer Chris Carroll and bass player Jason Mauer on Friday night at Jammin' Java. He will open for Mike Garrigan, lead singer of Athenaeum.

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