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Loomers ready to rock for WCUW



The Loomers' latest CD is "Reeling Down a Road."

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WORCESTER — The Loomers' latest CD "Reeling Down a Road" finds the Boston-area band reeling in a good sense of the word.

They are not "reeling" as in staggering and stumbling, as a certain something not so much looms on the horizon but now stares down overhead. That something, dare one say it, is middle age. Can you still rock at 44 and mean it? The answer on "Reeling Down a Road" is yes. The opening song "Another Desperate Night" reels along at a good clip as a catchy rock number. There are songs about going out for the

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night and tearing a place up with music. There is also the recognition that other nights you might be falling asleep to Jay Leno on TV.

Regardless, Jon Svetkey, 44, the group's founder and primary songwriter, likes where the Loomers are at these days, although the location might be a surprise to those who can't comprehend the word "mellow."

At 8 p.m. tomorrow the Loomers will be at WCUW-FM for its "Concerts in the FRONTROOM" series at 910 Main St., Worcester. The group, which formed in 1994, is no stranger to Worcester, and Svetkey made lots of appearances here as a solo artist as well, especially in the 1990s. Svetkey will be doing an all-request set of his solo material as part of the WCUW show. "I love coming back to Worcester," said Svetkey who now resides in Belmont after living in Cambridge for several years. "We're longtime fans and supporters of the station," Svetkey said.

Besides Svetkey (lead vocals, acoustic guitar), the Loomers' lineup consists of longtime members Everett Pendleton (lead guitar), Tom Simons (guitar), Jack Cavalier (bass), and Michael Cahill (drums) and relative newcomer — although long an "honorary" Loomer — Rob Laurens (piano, organ and accordion).

"Reeling Down a Road" is the Loomers' first album in four years. Asked if it is in some sense a rebellion against the passages of time, Svetkey said, "I think 'rebel' might be a strong word.

"I think we're trying to walk the line between rebelling and embracing. I think we're more on the embracing side. We go out for the night, not to get away from our wives."

Perhaps the most remarkable song on the album is "Paul McCartney Got it Right." Svetkey sings in praise of McCartney's "Silly Love Songs." Svetkey's song becomes a singalong piece with the title refrain taking on a "na-na-na-na" type chorus.

"It's totally different from anything the Loomers have ever recorded. It just makes me smile whenever I think of it. Playing it live is really great. You get the audience singing along with it. It's the first time I've done a singalong at our concerts."

Svetkey said the song came about when he was having a conversation with a friend and observed that "no one writes just straight-up love songs anymore. It's all about how miserable their lives are. I made the off-the-cuff remark, 'Paul McCartney got it right,' and that stuck in my mind."

Contentment can also be found performing with the Loomers, but nowadays the performance schedule "is designed to not take up a huge commitment." Svetkey likened it to a "weekly poker game, sometimes a monthly poker game."

"We're happy," he said. Away from the band, he described himself as a "home dad" for his children, ages 9 and 7.

Asked if there was a time when he was pushing for the "big time," the answer also was yes.

"We were absolutely shooting for that. The next Bob Dylan. Next Bruce Springsteen. You name it. There was no Plan B. In the 1990s, I was playing a couple of times a week. I met with entertainment lawyers."

Both as a solo artist and with the Loomers there were moments — opening for big names, playing a party at the Democratic National Convention, recording and releasing CDs ...

However, "it was very, very hard and we lost some of the fun because it was hard. It just wasn't fun anymore and it wore me down and so I needed to take a step back."

He watched friends who had a "good musical life, bad personal life. ... I wanted more from my life than just that."

There was scaling back, but the Loomers always loomed.

"We kept the band going because it means something to all of us to have this band in our lives," Svetkey said.

"The shows in the last four years have just been so great. We've been so thrilled to play these songs. We're really firing on cylinders we haven't fired on in a while. It's really cool to see."

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