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STRIA to play at Club Episodes on Saturday

Electronic rock band visits Tallahassee

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On Saturday, Dec. 1, Orlando, Fla. based electronic rock band STRIA will be playing at Club Episodes as a stop on their current fall and winter tour. STRIA will take the stage at 8 p.m. and will finish at approximately 11 p.m.

STRIA is consisted of lead vocalist Daniel Chapman, programming, bassist, and vocalist Justin Janetzko, drummer Doug Apolinario and guitarist and vocalist Dan Sneigoski. The band was formed in 2007 after Chapman and Janetzko met through a classifieds page for musicians on the Internet. After they released a nu-metal album in 2009, "Chimera," Apolinario and Sneigoski joined the band.

"I have been playing music for about 15 years now, kind of off and on playing with different bands until STRIA, who I've been playing with for the past two, two and a half years," said Sneigoski.

Sneigoski grew up in Montana, where he was in a band with his brother. He eventually moved to Texas where he later began to play in a different band.

"It just was not working out," said Sneigoski. "So I went online and saw STRIA. I went through an interview process and it ended up working out perfectly. And that is how I got to where I am now."

Over time, STRIA began to evolve their sound and play with new techniques. They began to incorporate other different types of sounds into their hard rock such as electronic, techno and club sounds, shifting away from the nu-metal into more of a mainstream and electronic sound.

"We changed into somewhat of an electronic rock band," said Sneigoski. "Our producer got us in a direction where we are very synth driven, but it's still rock. It sounds almost like 30 Seconds to Mars."

STRIA was contacted by Ben Kasica, guitarist for Christian rock band Skillet and producer for Skies Fall Media in 2010. By early 2011, they had signed a contract with Skies Fall Media, and the band released a self-titled EP in November of 2012.

"I grew up listening only to Christian rock music," said Sneigoski. "That's how I was raised, on bands like Petra and Reliant K. My main influence is Skillet, which is ironic because their guitarist produced us, so it is a huge deal to me to work with that guy."

The first leg of STRIA's fall and winter tour will be kicking off on Thursday, Nov. 29, just a few days before their show in Tallahassee.

"I have so many favorite parts of touring," said Sneigoski. "Seeing different parts of the country, meeting different people, and of course playing on stage, but the social aspect has to be my favorite part."

STRIA has recently released a new five song EP, which has gotten some radio play on local stations. They plan to start working on a new full length album soon in addition to their tour coming up.