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Metal four-piece Torche tear up Tallahassee

Miami-based band to play at Club Rehab

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Hailing from Miami, Fla., Torche is known for their experimentation with the metal genre. / Photo courtesy of Gary Copeland

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Miami metal band Torche has recently released their third full length album, *Harmonicraft* and will play in Tallahassee this Saturday, July 28, at Club Rehab.

Local bands, *Atrocitus* and *Carnivores At Grace*, will open for the band.

Torche consists of guitarist and vocalist, Steve Brooks, bassist Jonathan Nunez, drummer Rick Smith and guitarist and back-up vocalist Andrew Elstner.

A newer addition to the group, Elstner met the others through a circle of musicians three years ago, but the timing wasn't right to work together.

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In January of 2011, however, he was able to join the band and has loved being a part of it ever since.

"I'm the new guy in the band," said Elstner. "It's my first time recording with Torche. The album's been well received. It's awesome."

Harmonicraft was recorded in Miami on Volcom Entertainment, who, according to Elstner, has been a supportive label in their growth.

Torche's two previous albums were a self-titled debut released in 2005, and Meanderthal released in 2008.

Torche's music appeals to a wide range of people.

"It's heavy," said Elstner. "It's sledgy at times, it's poppy at times. It comes from a

wide variety of stuff we listen to. If you like heavy music, you'll definitely like it, and people who don't are normally surprised and like it, too."

Their tour will cover a good part of the country, from New Orleans to Memphis and Birmingham to Louisville.

They will also play at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, all within the week before reaching Tallahassee.

After, Torche will enjoy a break at home before they head to the west coast.

Elstner says his favorite part of touring is meeting people.

"You make a lot of new friends on the road," said Elstner.

This will not be Torche's first time playing in Tallahassee.

They appeared at the Engine Room last summer along with comedian, Brian Posehn.

"I was super starstruck," said Elstner.

All the band members are inspired by different musicians, but Elstner says he was raised on classic rock and heavy metal.

While trendier music comes and goes, his staples are Metallica, Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath and AC/DC. Torche is excited to make their way to the Capital City.

"I look forward to shaking hands with the entire city of Tallahassee when we play there," said Elstner.

Tickets are \$10 and doors open at 9:00 p.m. The show is open to anyone ages 16 and up.