

Original Music Featured at Michiana Showcase

SOUTH BEND - The 3rd Annual Michiana Showcase, an event that spotlights area bands performing all original music, is slated for Saturday, April 20 at 7 p.m. The event will take place at Z. B. Falcons, located on the corner of Western and Sheridan in South Bend.

According to the event organizer, Ross Schott of Plus Four Productions, the Michiana Showcase is unique in that only original music, rather than covers, are performed. He adds that the Michiana area has a number of talented bands and the Showcase is an opportunity to show this talent to the public.

The band 7th Floor performs an original theatrical rock opera with sound and visual enhancement created to stimulate the mind body and soul. This six member ensemble has taken the last year and a half to produce this extraordinary new stage play. This stage play uses original

costumes, dance and visual ideas to stimulate the viewer to feel as if it is being played directly to them. The end result relays a message of hope, love and direction to continue life with music in your soul.



Recovery is Basis for 7th Floor

The five-person band 7th Floor came together in an unusual way. Founding members Dave Henry and Julie Ward met on the 7th floor of a Northern Indiana hospital. Both were being treated for depression. Julie was playing the piano which drew Dave to her. With their love of music in common as well as their shared

experience, they bonded together. They found that they could express their feelings through music.

With the addition of band members Lauren Lane Powell, Elise Mauro, and Mark Neary, 7th Floor was born. The group puts on a musical show that conveys to the audience, through music and theatre, the pain of depression and the struggles of recovery.

Their show, titled "Soundtrack to Life," relays to its audience a message of working through the hard times to get to better times.