

On The Scene

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Minnesota is home to legendary musicians like Prince and Bob Dylan, so it's no surprise the local music scene is filled with so much talent. Groups like Atmosphere, The Replacements, Trampled by Turtles, and The Shackleton's all started their journeys performing at local venues in Minnesota, so I decided to take a closer look at the heart of Minnesota's music scene.

Upon my dive into the local music scene, I stumbled across a new, up and coming band called Carry the Five. Carry the Five was formed by five friends who share a love for music. The members are Ben White (18), Tony Sorini (19), Neal Scott (19), Chris Chandler (20), and Will Suit (20). Two of which, White and Scott, are Century College students!

The band met through a series of music related activities such as jazz band, all conference band, and Blues U. Sorini said they decided to form a band with each other because, "We just had good chemistry and honestly it's hard to find people our age that have the same chops we do, usually more older people play at our style and level." Chandler followed up with, "Yes and when I first heard Tony play a Led Zeppelin song, I immediately knew it was going to work."

The band came up with the name from a night of just hanging out with each other. Chandler says, "Well we were talking about how a lot of musicians struggle with math." After a few laughs from the band, Chandler continues, "When someone said, 'Carry the Five' it was an 'ah-ha' moment and we knew that was the band name, since there are five of us."

As the band was chatting about their biggest musical inspirations you could see the group's chemistry and their enthusiasm for all things music. Carry the Five all immediately agreed on Vulpeck being their biggest influences. Sorini said when he discovered Joe Dart, his life changed. White stated his biggest inspirations were Jimmy Paige, Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, Muddy Waters and Robert Johnson. Chandler followed with Steven Tyler and Led Zeppelin.

We eventually got around to talking about the band's ultimate direction and goals. Sorini said, "The sky is the limit. Right now, we are just getting gigs, growing our social media, and working on our EP coming out this summer." Their talents, passion for music, and hard work could take them far. Not to mention, selling out their first show ever isn't a bad way to start.

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