

Musician Spotlight: Corey Zaccari



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In this week's *Musician Spotlight*, we take a closer look at an artist that has been playing in the New Bedford area for a long time. Although he's enjoyed measures of success with his solo material, as well as part of a band, I personally don't think Corey Zaccari has been as close to the spotlight as he is right now.

So Corey, do you perform mostly solo, or mostly with a band?

I enjoy doing both, but people seem to gravitate more towards my solo material. Performing solo and with a band are two different sides of the spectrum. With a band I get to really let loose, whereas a solo performance has a more personal and intimate feel.

Where did you come up with the band name, BadMotherFunk?

The original name was GrandmotherFunk, but I thought BadMotherFunk sounded better. I'm taking time from that project so I can concentrate on my third solo album, *Big Fish*, to be released in the spring 2011.



Have you been in other bands?

I have been in a few, some you may know and some you may not. Let's see... Broken Poet, No Meteor, Lamotta, Andromeda, Circa: Era, and the Corey Zaccari Syndrome. Whether I was writing just lyrics, music, or both, all my experiences have helped me hone my writing and arranging

skills.

How long have you been performing?

For about 10 years. I got the "bug" from watching my grandmother, who sang in the church choir, and also sang in theater. I was always fascinated by that.

What made you want to get into music?

I imagine it was from watching how music affects people in positive ways, and also how it brings people together. Whether I'm performing or listening as a fan, it feels good to be a part of that.

Have you ever gone on tour?

Back in 2003 when I was in Lamotta, we did a small tour that started in Providence, RI, then went through Maine and Massachusetts before finishing back in Providence. It was a great experience.

What influences your music? How would you describe your music?

Usually, I write my best material when I'm going through some kind of change; whether positive or negative, that's my outlet...either way it keeps me out of the "darkside." My music is something that I like to share with everyone, young and old. I like to think that my music covers all ages, ethnic backgrounds, and genres.



Circa: Era, one of Corey's two EP's.

Do you have anything recorded?

I have two solo EP's under my belt: *Comedown*, released in 2000 and *Circa: Era*, which came out in 2004. I also completed four full band projects between 1998 and 2003. I'm now working on my third solo album, *Big Fish*, which is coming out this spring. It will be my first full-length album.

In all seriousness, is this for fun or do you intend this to take you 'all the way?'

I have been doing this for some time now, and the only reason I'm still doing it is because it **IS** fun. Late last year I signed on as an artist with Mass Boss Entertainment. They have embraced my talents and creativity, which has afforded me the opportunity to take this to the next level, so I am very grateful for that. As far as taking it "all the way," we have a motto: "We're going to ride this thing 'til the wheels come off."

Where do you get your material from?

It comes from a lot of places; my past, my present, and my future. I may write something today and realize that it's about something that happened a long time ago. I watch things and I see people living their lives, and that inspires me to write as well. I only write about real things that are going on.

Do you perform in the New Bedford area at all?

I have performed in and around the area for about 10 years, at places like the New Wave Cafe, Bridge Street Station, the Garden Pub, and The Bullpen. I also perform in Providence, Boston, and Connecticut. My goal is to get my music out to the fans and make them feel what I feel. At the same time, I want them to make my songs their own and have something can take with them always.

To hear a sample of Corey Zaccari's music, check out his video for the song "Edge of the World." Also, be sure to find out when and where Corey will performing locally at LocalOracle.com.