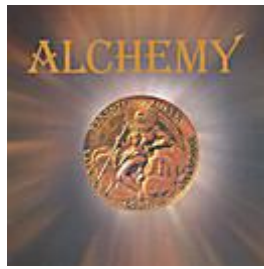


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A hard rock band with a real feel of melody. Heavy rhythm segment exponentiated by incredible lead guitar work. 13 MP3 Songs Rock Hard Sway Rock Classic Rock Alchemy Songs Details: In 1997, the mean suburban streets of Bucks County, Pennsylvania fused the creativity of three musicians, giving rise to Alchemy. In the beginning, Alchemy was a cover band, playing the bar and party circuit. Given the popularity of the original songs on their play list, the band soon decided to devote all their energy to creating their own music. Alchemy's musical influences are many. They range from 60's and 70's classic rock produced by little-known bands like Led Zeppelin, Black Sabbath, Doors and Jimi Hendrix, to the recent rock sounds of Stone Temple Pilots, Alice in Chains, Nirvana and Blind Melon. Alchemy consists of three members. Van Shepherd is the lyricist and lead vocalist. Van has been singing since early childhood and was influenced by artists such as CSNY, Peter Gabriel, Jim Morrison and Layne Staley. In a recent poll, Van was rated the best singer to have passed through his alma mater, CB East High School, edging out fellow alumnus Justin Guarini, the runner-up on "American Idol". Drew Bodden plays guitar, bass guitar and keyboards. He picked up his first guitar at age ten and has been playing ever since, putting it down only to pick up a bass guitar or play the keyboards. Drew's key musical influences are hard rock icons Jimmy Page, Tony Iommi, Jerry Cantrell and James Hetfield. Anthony Calvitti plays drums, percussion and guitar. He taught himself the drums at age ten by playing along with the rhythms of John Bonham and Bill Ward. A few years later Anthony began playing guitar as well. Like his childhood friend Drew, he is influenced by the above-mentioned guitar gods and, additionally, Leslie West, Hendrix, David Gilmour and Randy Rhoads. In 2003, Alchemy attained a major goal by financing, producing and releasing a self-titled debut album on their record label, Payola Records. The band's short-term goals are: promoting the release by playing venues catering to original music, getting radio airplay, and signing a

contract with an established record label. Their long-term goals include: dethroning rap rock, punk imitators, boy bands and blinged-out hip-hop "musicians", by getting back to rock 'n' roll's roots and playing in the vein of Foo Fighters, Queens of the Stone Age, and Godsmack among others. Alchemy has an endless supply of original material, inspiration and drive to conquer the music industry and is ready to sell their souls for rock 'n' roll. By creating and producing their own music for many years to come, Alchemy is paving their future in gold.

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