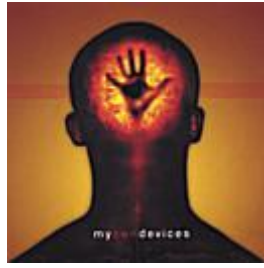


## Mp3 My Own Devices - Thoughts Were The Enemy



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My Own Devices is an aggressive alternative / pop band that delivers soaring melodic vocals over thick driving guitar-based rhythms. 11 MP3 Songs POP: California Pop, ROCK: Hard Rock Details: Everyone is guided by voices. We hear them in our heads. We fear them, at times. They tell us what to want, who to be, or how to live. Voices are hard to ignore and more difficult to follow. Chris Steininger is no exception, though his "voice" assumes various forms. It first spoke to him in his hometown of Waterdown, Ontario where at age 17, he aspired to be a recording artist, bought a guitar and started vocal lessons at a local Burlington studio. Within a few months, Chris' voice showed up in original songs and he began to play local clubs, recreation halls, and campus bars with his band Colonel Chunk. While a part of the growing local mid-1990s alternative music scene in Hamilton and Burlington, the band caught the attention of several others pursuing the same goal - namely Finger Eleven, now a Platinum-selling modern rock act. Chris and F11 vocalist Scott Anderson formed a positive friendship and working relationship, playing several concerts together. Chris has also performed on bills featuring Treble Charger, Sianspheric and Idle Sons. The band Colonel Chunk went on to release the EP "Laying the Groundwork", which sold several hundred copies and earned campus radio play. And still, the voice in Chris' head persisted, telling him to push for more. Never one to concern himself with sales or popularity, he focused instead on developing his music under the new name My Own Devices. Joining him in this pursuit are David Harris (former drummer of the Burlington-based band Turkey), Dan Flynn on guitar and Matt Saunders on bass guitar. Dan and Chris have played guitar together for years, which is evident through the interlacing of their melodies. Chris describes his band's unique sound as a musical pool with different elements: from Incubus to Last Days of April. He is most noted for his intense vocal delivery, which recalls the range and passion of Jeff Buckley, as well as the frenzy and fury of Mike Patton. Time and time again, Chris'

listeners have been touched by his songwriting as it takes them on an emotional trip mixed with feelings and hope. On stage, Chris' energy draws in his audience with not only his captivating lyrics, but also a sense of community and belonging. Chris is no stranger to playing live as, despite the challenges of personnel changes and full-time jobs, he has played consistently around the Hamilton and Toronto area in the past decade. Chris is anticipating a busy year ahead playing and promoting the January 28th 2005 independent release of "Thoughts Were The Enemy". This is My Own Devices' first full-length album, which was co-produced and engineered by Justin Koop, known for his production work with Billy Talent, Silverstein, The Black Maria and Finger Eleven. And still a voice persists, calling Chris to push for more. Its expression may best be captured in the lyrics to the single "Fantasy World" from "Thoughts Were The Enemy": "Try to imagine this: Your passion pays all your bills One day the hole will be filled Things will be just as they seem...not a bad little dream" For booking information please call: 416-577-8441.

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