

Mp3 Family Tree - Rock: Hard Rock



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Progressive, modern rock with powerful vocal harmonies and a hint of jam-band. 8 MP3 Songs ROCK: Hard Rock, ROCK: Americana Details: With roots in just about every musical genre imaginable, and a lyrical testament to the idea that every day is a new one and every issue has its importance-Family Tree has evolved into a driving force of reassuring positivity as well as dissent. Formed in 1998, the members of the band have been working passionately since day one to keep these central ideas in mind along every step of the way. With the release of their first full-length album in November of 2003, Family Tree is undoubtedly ready to expand its reach and gain the attention of new and unexpected listeners. Family Tree consists of: Derek Smith-acoustic and electric guitar and vocals; Zach Klecka-electric violin; Kevin Johnson-bass; Anthony Lomonaco-drums and vocals; Kevin Turner-electric guitar and vocals; and Brian Baldwin-percussion. "The result is a virtually flawless ensemble with infinite possibilities"-David Todd of Port Folio Weekly Magazine. At it's conception, Family Tree was an eight-piece group including guitarist Mike Johnston, flutist Jason Winters, and original drummer, Andy Smith (brother to Derek Smith and first cousin to Kevin Johnson.) Mike and Jason left the band, respectively, to pursue other musical avenues, but remain great friends to Family Tree. On December 16 of 2004, Andy tragically passed away at his home in Norfolk, VA. The band has continued on, in honor of his memory and for all that they have worked for over the past seven years. Anthony Lomonaco, Andy's best friend and original percussionist for Family Tree, has filled the void behind the drum kit, so that the group may continue to reach new audiences with their music. Over the past seven years, Family Tree has received a large amount of attention and has gathered an extremely diverse following in and around their home area of Hampton Roads, Virginia. The band has been featured on the area's public radio station-WHRV, the former progressive rock station-The Coast, and has been positively reviewed many times by Ninevolt Magazine,

the premier music magazine for the Hampton Roads and Richmond areas of Virginia. Family Tree was nominated for a band of the year award in Ninevolt's third annual local music awards in 2001 and Ninevolt's Virginia Music Awards in 2003, and in April of 2004, won the Ninevolt Magazine "Battle of the Bands". In the summer of 2004, Family Tree was nominated for best rock band of the year in Portfolio Magazine's "Best of Hampton Roads". After being nominated for a third time by Ninevolt Magazine, Family Tree took home the award for best Jam Band and the write-in category award for Best Drummer (Andy Smith) at the 2005 Ninevolt Music Awards. In highlighting the diversity of their music and fan base, over the past three years Family Tree has had the opportunity to open for Toots and the Maytals, 311, The Roots, Fighting Gravity, and The Temptations. The group has shown its staying power through consistent audience response at many venues and has performed once at the Virginia Beach Amphitheater and six times at the prestigious NorVA Theater in downtown Norfolk.

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