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REVIEW

New CD by Goldberger, Fringe Locals nostalgic mix of jazz, folk, rock

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Steve Goldberger and the Fringe Locals present their latest CD, *Clueless*, which will be celebrated at the band's CD release event tonight at the Anchorage on Ricardo Street.

Listeners get 14 tracks, each song with its own

sound, either folk, soft rock, upbeat, soulful, blues or jazz. The band has a nostalgic sound made for summer afternoons on the back porch sharing stories of the good old days with friends.

Loss, love, friendship, understanding yourself and the truths we sometimes close our eyes to, are some of the themes on the CD.

Listening to these songs will remind listeners of the saying, 'I wish I knew then what I know now.'

Track 13 is a blend of two songs that will make listeners want to get up and dance, or at least tap their feet. The medley is vibrant and colourful, using many different musical instruments, and a delightful harmony of vocals.

Like Dr. Phil McGraw, many of these songs tell it

like it is, about relationships, growing up and growing apart.

The fantastic keyboards, percussion and guitar on track eight, *Where Do We Go From Here*, create a fun, easy-going sound, obvious to the listener that these musicians enjoy working together and had a good time putting together this CD.

It's clear this group of artists has different musical

styles and preferences which mix well to create a roller coaster of a CD, with soft, soulful ballads followed by cheerful, fun-loving tunes, perfect for sharing with friends.

The CD has a warm, feel-

good sound overall, reminiscent of that favourite movie everyone has about a group of childhood friends meeting again after growing up and moving away.

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Blend of musical talents on Medley with variety of instruments, artists

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Mostly local musicians, the artists on this CD are Steve Goldberger, who performs bass, vocals and writes the lyrics, Eric Mahar, who plays guitar,

Dave Norris on drums, Penner MacKay on percussion, Joe Ingrao on keyboards, and Ed Kopala on guitar.

Special guests on the CD are Gayle Ackroyd,

who lends her vocals to some of the songs, Joanne Ingrassia, who has added some lyrics, and Dory Karr, whose lyrics are performed on the title track, *Clueless*.

Track 13, *The Ephen* Stephen Medley, includes Mark Lalama, Jesse MacKay, Suzanne Hyatt and Tamica Herod, who have added their musical talents to those of the

Fringe Locals.

Truly a local project, the CD was produced and recorded in NOTL.

For more information about the band, the CD, other recordings and tour

dates, visit www.stevegoldberger.com.

Sadly, keyboardist Joe Ingrao died suddenly about three weeks ago, but his music lives on in *Clueless*.



The latest CD by Steve Goldberger and the Fringe Locals is *Clueless*.