



BAND OF THIEVES

A Photographer's Experience by Yaron Gabai

Ok, so what the hell am I doing in New York on a cold Friday night? I'll tell you. My old friend Tyler, who has graced the cover of this very magazine before as the guitarist of Midtown, has started a new band. After receiving many emails about checking out Band Of Thieves, I decided to go and take some pictures, and got my mind blown. These guys popped out on stage with a voracious intensity and pleased the hell out of all of the fans who attended this sold out show. When I first heard their tunes, I was surprised by this totally different style of music than what I expected. Tyler was in Midtown, after all, a mainstay of the pop-punk scene. How was I to know that this Jagger-y, Steven Tyler-esque voice was Tyler's, who ditched his guitar to let his peacock out in full force.

The ass shaking at the Mercury Lounge that night was contagious, and even though this was only their fifth show as a band the crowd was singing along to their songs and screaming especially to "Woman" and "Hey Hey," their myspace demos. This is a kind of rock that is shamefully missing from the scene today. With an overpopulation of

bands that sound exactly alike, this spin on the wheels of our rock forefathers is much appreciated.

Band of Thieves plans on releasing a CD within the next few months. I asked them what kind of label they'd be shopping for and the unanimous response was, "One that believes in us." If you get a chance to check them out live, I highly recommend it. They will give you more than your

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money's worth. I'm pretty sure that's their mantra. They're playing Jaxon's Thursday Night at the Grape on July 12th, but in

the meantime, here are some shots to tide you over – NYC traffic is a bitch.

Band of Thieves will be playing the Mercury Lounge in NYC on 5/11, and at Jaxon's Thursday Night at the Grape on 7/12.

