

New Town Heroes at the Troubadour

The Players: Vince Romeo, vocals, bass; Tommy Gunn, drums; Randy Roth, guitar, backing vocals; Bob Chomuk, guitar, backing vocals; Greg Paul, keyboards, vocals.

Material: The New Town Heroes play pure power pop rock which centers around crafty melody lines and exciting adolescent themes. The band intermingles their compositions with magnificent renditions of '60s classics such as "Lies" and "I Think We're Alone Now." Their standout original song is "Pretender," which has all the ingredients to be a top 40 hit.

Musicianship: The band's strong point is their vocal harmonies and arrangements. Both Romeo and Paul display excellent capacities for lead vocals and Chomuk and Roth consistently provide the backup. Complex musical arrangements prevent the tunes from getting tedious or boring. All members of the band display competency with their respective instruments but there are never any excessive



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or self-indulgent solos to slow things down.

Performance: In this area, it is clearly Roth who steals the show. Displaying a masters' ability to fit the pop star mold, Roth has the looks and necessary movements to make him the visual focal point. Without being pappy, his movements have the fluidity and grace of a seasoned performer.

Summary: It may be

presumptuous to say, but with all the different aspects this band has going for it, the New Town Heroes are a good bet to land a major record deal in the near future. Because they already lean so heavily towards the Top 40 mold, it will be interesting to watch the band to see if they maintain their integrity once they inevitably catch on in a big way.

—Jeff Feld