

Afternoon

All fired up!

Date: 11-06-2007 | Edition: Mumbai | Page: 15 | Source: Bureau | Clip size (cm): W: 21 H: 12

Clip: 1 of 1



All fired up!

Agnee is the first Indian rock band to have seen a huge celebrated mainstream release supported by a reputed music label

Band 'Agnee', comprises of three exceptional musicians with diverse backgrounds - Koko with classical rock, Mohan

with Hindustani and Carnatic music and Arijit with Jazz.

Agnee is the first Indian rock band to have seen a huge celebrated

mainstream release supported by a reputed music label. The album can be best described as the perfect blend of contemporary musicians and traditional virtuosity.

Agnee's songs 'Sadho Re' and 'Kabira' contain lyrics, which were written by the great Indian mystic poet Kabir, almost 400 years ago. The album is thought provoking, reflective and introspective and has captured the attention of a thinking mind. Even the video of 'Sadho Re' conveys a strong message when it attempts to portray the world from a child's perspective.

The album contains eight brilliant tracks that personify Agnee's musical brilliance.

Influenced by classic rock bands like Sting, the Dave Matthews band, Pink Floyd and Deep Purple, Agnee confesses to making a few compromises to get signed on to a next big label.

"Except for Koko (the guitarist), the band consists of a complete new line-up. We met at a friend's wedding and hit it off," says Mohan, the vocalist from the band.

Meanwhile, Arijit says, "Our music is very traditional as well as contemporary to Indian culture. We have been practising for hours to get our tunes and notes right. We have got support from various music lovers in the country and

abroad. Now we just want to see the face of Indian music changed."

However, when asked, guitarist Koko said, "We are here with an intention to change the face of Indian rock music. We do not consider our group as one of the greatest bands, but we know that the sound and notes that is created by us is really going to differ from all the other rock bands. Music is all about sounding different to the listeners."

While the old Agni has been a major attraction at a whole lotta big rock festivals such as I-Rock, Mood Indigo amongst others, the new band is composing for Prakash Jha's next film 'Dil Dosti'.

