



# REEPER

What started out as a few school mates getting together in the music room for a bit of fun during lunchtimes at Shoeburyness High School, has, five years on, turned out to be a successful and hard working rock band called Reeper.

The band, consisting of vocalist Matt Stimson, brothers Ant and James Fox on Guitar and Drums, guitarist Darren Clarke and recent addition Jim Notarianni on Bass, started out playing rock covers at school concerts, but they soon picked up a loyal following, and with the help of ex Kursaal Flyer Vic Collins, began to appear regularly at under 18s nights at the Riga Music Bar in Southend. They became the only band ever to hold down a once a month appearance at the busy Riga Bar for a whole year. That led to appearances at a variety of events, including a one-day music festival for Chelmsford radio station Dream 107.7, where they supported Kim Marsh amongst others.

These days Reeper are writing their own material, and having released a live sampler CD and DVD entitled 'Work in Progress' in 2004, the band have just completed their first full studio album 'Turn Out The Light' which showcases their creative writing and playing talents. The band has not compromised on quality, spending over 160 hours in the studio recording and mixing until the production sounded right. The aim was to have something on the album which would suit most rock tastes, and feedback so far has been extremely positive, with numerous sales resulting from very little marketing. The album is now available via download from I-Tunes worldwide, and also from Amazon.com. 'Turn Out The Light' was entirely self-funded from gig fees and merchandise sales.

Reeper classes their original work as 'retro rock' – songs with great tunes and memorable hooks, which come from a variety of rock influences. Their material is highly original and stands apart from the music produced by so many of the new bands on the music scene today. The fact that they have stayed together for more than 5 years and are as enthusiastic now as ever, speaks volumes about their dedication to the music, and also about their love of what they're doing.

As far as live performances are concerned, Reeper's following continues to grow steadily, and the band are now a tight, well rehearsed and fully fledged professional rock outfit, playing their material to enthusiastic audiences at festivals, pubs and clubs all over Essex and beyond.

With an album under their belt, and plenty of experience to back it up, the time is right for them to take the next step.....Reeper are ready!

