

Howl with Rajeev's wolves

A steady diet of Blues Rock, lots of Led Zeppelin and nutrients ranging from Red Hot Chili Peppers to Travis are what make The Wolfpack a hard-hitting rock band

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After grappling the sounds at hard Rock Café recently, 'Rajeev's Wolfpack' in its latest form, is hitting the highs with consistency. Unlike many bands in Bangalore, The Wolfpack project in its various avatars has been playing its own brand of hard hitting rock music that draws influences from blues, folk and rock n roll. **Bangalore Mirror** caught up with Rajeev who shed some light on the project.

LOVE THE ANIMAL

It started four years ago, when Rajeev, frustrated with the confines of a band decided to explore music on his own. "Wolfpack is my passion. I started four years ago, and this was something I went solo with. I was tired of playing with bands because there was not much freedom musically, and you'd have to generally follow everyone's suggestions and sometimes it doesn't gel. I wanted to do my own thing, so that's when I started putting together each line-up. Wolfpack is eventually what I wanted because I love the animal," says Rajeev.

CHANGE IS GOOD

Wolfpack has gone through many changes. Rajeev along with Sujit, Uday, Anant and Rohit form the latest line-up of the band, its fifth version. When asked about how such changes effects the music of the band, Rajeev says, "It might be

a good thing in a way. Because otherwise after a while you can get pretty stagnant in what you are doing. I look at it as possibilities of exploring new sounds. Earlier on, in the Wolfpack, there was a huge influence of blues-rock. Now, I have a broader spectrum to play with. This way I might end up finding really good sound."

EXPERIMENTING WITH SOUNDS

Wolfpack's main influence is the legendary Led Zeppelin. However, their music isn't confined to classic rock. "We don't normally just do classic-rock, more like a blend of what sounds good to our ears. Our recent sets are mixture of Incubus, Poets of the Fall, Kings of Leon etc. What we do is we cover songs, but add our own sounds to it. If the basic song is good, we take it and we adapt it to a heavy, hard sound."

PLEASING METAL-LOVING BANGALORE

Rajeev says, "My guitarist is a metal-head, but it doesn't stop him from playing rock. Now, we have five musicians all from different backgrounds. I'm more into a Led Zeppelin-ish kind of sound, Rohit is a metal-head, our drummer is into progressive-rock and we have a guy who is into pop as well. The point being, when we incorporate all those sounds together, we end up having something unique. All these elements fuse and you end up having a good sound, which works beautiful-



Rajeev formed the band The Wolfpack four years ago as he wanted to explore music on his own

ly. So, I think most metal lovers like other music."

Wolfpack has gone through many changes in the line-up. However, this hasn't stopped them from performing gigs. "I want to make that 350 gigs a 1000 at least. There is nothing like seeing a sea of humanity in front of you and just rocking it, you know!", says Rajeev.