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THE DAZE TO RELEASE DEBUT ALBUM WITH OFFICIAL LAUNCH PARTY AT ANTONE'S ON AUGUST 27

Austin band to release debut album "Straightjacket Hymns" with track "Blizzard Woman Blues" slated to be featured in this summer's feature film Bandslam

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(dateline – Austin, June 2009; source: Juice Consulting LLC) - The Daze, a three-piece band based in Austin, will release their multifarious debut album, "***Straightjacket Hymns,***" on **August 27, 2009**. The band and their song, "***Blizzard Woman Blues,***" are featured in the upcoming feature film, "***Bandslam,***" scheduled to hit theatres nationwide on August 14. Members **Evan Butts** (guitar/vocals), **Chris Ritchie** (bass), and **Aaron Lemke** (drums/percussion) will celebrate the release with a performance at Austin's legendary **Antone's Nightclub** located at 213 W. 5th Street on **Thursday, August 27** for an official album release party.

The release event will be open to the public and all ages are welcome. Doors will open at **7:30 p.m.**, and the lineup will include other Austin favorites, The Bubbles and Blues Mafia, with special guest, Rick del Castillo, the album's producer. Tickets to the Antone's show are **8 USD** and may be purchased in advance at **www.antones.net** or at the door.

With the finesse and industry savvy of famed guitarist and Austin Music Award winning producer **Rick del Castillo** on top of the band's solid song structures, the finished product is a "harmonious marriage" of all their ideas. Del Castillo, Evan's guitar instructor five years ago, took the project on and skillfully brought it to a place nobody else could. The result is a 13-track album that captures listeners by showcasing a mosaic of distinctive styles and sometimes leads some to wonder if these tunes, which range from blues-rock to folk, all the way across the musical panorama to Latin jams and ballads, all come from the same band.

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The Daze formed five years ago as a result of their participation in the "Jam Club," a group which brought a number of friends and musicians together once a week. Unified through shared concepts and a magnetic synergy, they eventually separated from the group and evolved into The Daze, a band that imbues traditional musical and lyrical forms with the sort of progressive stroke inherent and essential to the relevant bands of the modern R&R scene. Their influences range from Bob Dylan to Led Zeppelin to The Black Keys and Radiohead. **"Straightjacket Hymns"** is the culmination of the trio's exploration and interpretation of these various styles over the years.

As a whole, **"Straightjacket Hymns"** embraces the purest concept of diversity. The penetrating influence imprinted upon The Daze by the great artists of the 20th Century gives their sound a radiating authenticity. These young musicians are not in pursuit of a mere 15 minutes of fame; instead, they actually strive to create lasting music aurally tangible to music lovers from all walks of life. Their intuitive depth in understanding life and societal strains has enabled the successful construction of songs that take the listener on a journey with each listen.

About "Bandslam," the movie:

Produced by Walden Media and Summit Entertainment, this summer's music-driven comedy will be in theatres August 14. Vanessa Anne Hudgens ("High School Musical 1 & 2," "High School Musical 3") and Alyson Michalka ("Phil of the Future," pop duo Aly and AJ) join Gaelan Connell ("Chocolat"), Scott Porter ("Speed Racer") and Lisa Kudrow ("Friends") to make up the film's all-star cast. When gifted singer-songwriter Charlotte Banks (Michalka) asks new kid in town Will Burton (Connell) to manage her fledgling rock band, she appears to have just one goal in mind: go head-to-head against her egotistical musician ex-boyfriend, Ben (Porter), at the biggest event of the year, a battle of the bands. The Daze opens the **"Bandslam"** event in the movie by performing their very own single, **"Blizzard Woman Blues"**.

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