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Georgia-Country.com Artist of the Month

On a monthly basis, Georgia-Country.com spotlights a Georgia artist that we feel is furthering their career in country music. Below is our current artist of the month. We hope you enjoy reading their interview and getting to know this artist more. Be sure to check out their music, videos and schedule for the month. If you are a Georgia-based artist, 18 and over, and would like to be considered for Artist of the Month, please contact us with your name and a website to review.

Our May Artist of the Month is the band, Haywire.

GC: Jason, take us around the band and tell us the members, what they play, etc.

H: Myself (Jason Carver) and Laurie Phillips are the lead vocalists and I also play acoustic guitar. When we do private events, we both MC also. Lead guitar and vocals are by Shane Jones. Melody Smith is our lady on the bass and also does backup vocals. Lewis Hudson is on drums and Johnny Dickinson is on keys. Everyone brings their own style to the band so it's been great to have that type of diversity to pull from.

GC: How about a quick history of Haywire. When did you all start the band and how did it come together?

H: I come from a musical background with my family. I've been involved in music off and on my whole life and toured as a solo act when I was younger. A couple years ago, I formed Haywire as it stands with our current members. Jena Hazlerigs has acted as our booking manager from the beginning and played a huge role in our launch. It's always been about the fun for us and that's been the key.

GC: What was your first show as a band and how did that go?

H: With all of our current band members, our first show was for a fraternity which was alot of fun. I don't think it's possible to not have fun when partying with a group like that. When we play a show, it's not about us being on a stage and people being in a crowd. It's about interacting with everyone and making sure they have a good time.

GC: Does anyone in the band write and what song would be their favorite thus far, and why?

H: We do have original songs. As a band our favorite is Shot Time which is about pushing off the work week and getting out to party. That's something I think everyone can identify with.

GC: What other country bands (past or present) would you compare Haywire to?

H: We keep more of a rockin' country sound, so artists like Jason Aldean and Miranda Lambert would be the first two to come to mind. We admire them as artists, especially for their energy but don't limit ourselves to just their style. We cover a huge variety of music, even reaching to motown, 80's, and classic rock.

What venue or club does the band enjoy playing the most and why?

H: We have always had fun at Wild Bills. The stage, lighting, and sound are phenomenal and there's nothing like playing at a venue that large. We've also played at several lake locations which are always fun. Anywhere people come ready to party is where we enjoy playing.

GC: What has been the highlight of the band so far?

H: We've met so many wonderful people along the way. The support of our fans have been incredible and we would not have had this success without them. For us, it's been about just having fun with everyone.

GC: What would someone that never have seen a Haywire show, expect?

H: Our shows are high energy. We make sure we have songs that you can sing at the top of your lungs to. We don't stand still in one place on the stage. The more room we have, the more we're gonna move around. Laurie always gets the girls dancing on the floor, so there's alot going on.

GC: Does the band have a cd and if so, where can someone purchase it?

H: There hasn't been a release yet, but we have been in the studio working on our album. We'll keep you posted on our progress. We hope to have something available mid-summer. Stay tuned!

GC: What does the summer hold of Haywire?



