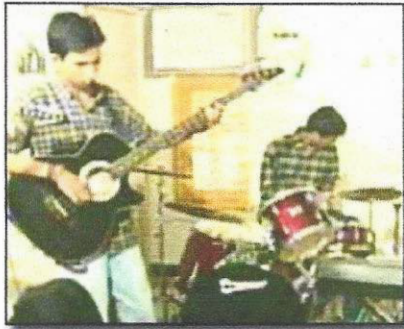


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Chennai teens release music CD



Teenagers in Chennai have released their first music CD - called Oxygen and it is doing so well that they are already planning a second one.

These teenagers are taking their first steps on the road to a musical career. When three of them got together their talent and enthusiasm resulted in Oxygen, a fusion offering of western music with classical Indian percussion and string instruments.

"We want to take music as a profession after our exams we wanted to do something useful rather than just hanging out with friends - it was my dream to do an album," said C Girinandh, keyboard artist.

"In our family there is nobody into music so I thought let me put my son into music so I encouraged him to do something of his own," said C Vidya Shankar, parent of Girinandh.

The age group of the eight-member group ranges between 15-19 and most are trained in the classical mould and blend the east and west with ease and confidence.

"These youngsters are trying to do something innovative. I thought it should be highlighted. These kids are really talented so I thought they could bring in a new generation of music," said K N Shashikaran, Director, Carnatica.

Judging by the response to their first CD, this group of young musicians could well have arrived.