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# A band of schoolboys rocks Chennai

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Chennai, June 13 (IANS) A band of school boys is rocking Chennai.

Oxygen, a teen pop band that was formed over a year ago, is watching with glee as copies of its debut album disappear fast from music shops here.

Like all ordinary teenagers, members of the band are caught up in their studies, examinations and career options. But it is the love for music that is closest to their hearts.

It has not, however, been a cakewalk. In 2002, releasing an album was more distant than a dream for 15-year-old C. Girinandh, a Class 10 student who started it all. He plays western music on the keyboards.

Then he met 18-year-old V. Harish, also a schoolboy, who played Carnatic music on the keyboard!

Not long after experimenting with duets in two different musical streams on the keyboard, the two roped in bass guitarist Sundar, then about 16-years-old and set up a three-piece band called Silverstorm.

Yet another schoolboy, Jhanu, saw the potential and joined the group last year as lead guitarist. Soon 15-year-old Prithvi, a drummer of great skill, could not resist the temptation too.

So the trio became a five-piece band.

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