

It's no secret that SOMA is one of the most historical and iconic rock venues in all of Southern California, and San Diego-based rock band Against The Odds got to headline a very loud and energetic show there in September. The four teens, Eric Mariscal (16), Carlos Mariscal (17), Kyle Adams (16), and Tyler Luton (16), were able to immediately get the crowd screaming along to their songs in the sweaty mosh pit.

“PERFORMING THERE WAS FUN, AND IT WAS A COOL EXPERIENCE.”

It all started with the two brothers: guitarist Eric and drummer Carlos, “Well, basically, me and my brother, [Carlos,] we started this music school when we were younger and we just played music and then we wanted to form our own band.” They met the rest of the guys in school and soon formed Against The Odds.

Their sound, according to Tyler, can be described as, “a mixture of like, hard rock and punk. Like, the bass is hard rock with aspects of punk and post hardcore.” But if you aren't into that, Eric informed us that they are currently experimenting with reggae, and I think we're all very excited to hear what they come up with!

“WE LIKE A GOOD VARIETY, BECAUSE WHAT WE LIKE TO DO IS WE LIKE TO IMPLANT BANDS THAT WE LOVE TO LISTEN TO FROM ALL SORTS OF DIFFERENT GENRES AND WE LIKE TO TAKE ASPECTS OF THEIR MUSIC AND MIX IT INTO OUR BAND AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES OUR SOUND.”

As for where and how they'll be writing these new songs, Tyler told me they'd probably be written in the garage or the kitchen, like they normally are. However, Eric had a much more personal answer, “Usually, when I can't sleep cause I don't know if I have insomnia, but like, I just can't sleep some days cause I have all these thoughts running through my head. So like, I wake up and I'm in my room and I play the guitar and I come up with a bunch of lyrics. I just-it usually lasts me all night. And then in the morning, I go in my garage and I actually plug in my electric guitar and I play the music over.”

After hearing how Eric spends most of his nights, I started to see how genuine all of the guys are. They all have such a deep love for music, and were so happy to share their love with the crowd that night as soon as they got onstage.

“[Music] is something that I like to do and has curved me to a path that I take now,” said Carlos, after telling me about how much of a “cool experience” performing at SOMA was. Ending the interview, Eric immediately reached out to hug both me and our photographer, Jhanna, “I do hugs, I love hugs.” Needless to say, they are all very sweet, and they definitely put on a show I will never forget.

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