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The buzz about Indianapolis based neo-wave/pop/rock band Red Light Driver can be heard loud and clear in Dayton and just about anywhere else in the midwest.

Off the strength of their debut eight song ep, called *Drinks for the Delayed*, Red Light Driver has gained radio-play, movie soundtracks, and even a spotlight on MSNBC.

Recently the band finished recording a video for their single, entitled *Lights*, and they signed-up to record their first full-length with producer Paul Mahern (The Fray).

The band channels the best of 80's new-wave such as New Order and Love and Rockets with enough modernization to make it fresh and original.

Red Light Driver is poised to make their third trip to the Valley and perform live for us Daytonians. Catch the band this Saturday, August 25th at the Nite Owl with indie-pop/rockers Area Code.

I had a chance to chat with RLD front-man Derek Osgood and here is what he said about coming back to Dayton.

KN - Midwest New Wave? I dig it, do other midwesterners get it?

DO - *Some do. Some people "get it" and they know where we're coming from. You can tell when they say things like "reminds me of Love and Rockets, or New Order". We get "you sound a little like The Cure" a lot, but I also think that's the only reference some people have for edgy dance rock/pop. Most people are just happy to be dancing, I guess.*

KN - Since so many people call you guys 80's new wave, which better describes a RLD show - Teen Wolf or The Breakfast Club? Why?

DO - *The Breakfast Club, of course. If those Saturday Detention kids started a band, it might just sound like us. I'd give a pinky toe to be in a band with Molly Ringwald. I have a feeling we'd pass her around like Stevie Nicks in Fleetwood Mac. I don't even remember Teen Wolf all that much, but I did see it. As far as the "80's" thing, I like to think we have a newer approach to that "sound" and that we don't sound that dated..*

KN - Are you guys excited to make the trip back to Dayton?

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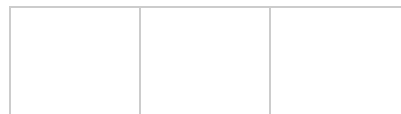
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DO - Yes, we have played the Nite Owl and the Pearl Nightclub and both were great shows. We've become friends and traded shows with Dayton bands Towhee and 8 Bit Revival. Looking forward to playing with Area Code on the 25th. Dayton is a cool city. You guys have one of the best Goodwills I've ever been to. I scored an awesome jacket for \$4.


For more info on Red Light Driver and to hear a sample of their tunes visit their website at www.redlightdriver.com or on the space at myspace.com/redlightdriver.

		
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