



WORLD DOMINATION: Lead singer Michael Ventura and lead guitarist Graeme Barnes have big plans to take the world by storm. That's why they financed their own debut album.

Turquoise aiming high

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The music scene in our city has been relatively quiet in the last couple of months. With the big bands like Squeal and Famous Curtain Trick creating bigger waves around the country, the void they created here seems to be filling slowly. As daunting as this void may be, there are a couple of bands that are sure to follow suit. And new group Turquoise are definitely strong contenders.

They burst on to the scene a little over a year ago with their fresh approach to modern pop music. They keep it simple and relaxed. Besides their catchy music, they have all the ingredients to take them towards super stardom.

They are hard working, professional, innovative, not afraid to take chances and they really believe in what they are doing.

They have chosen to finance and release their debut album independently. It is due for release in February. They also financed their own video for their first single which will be aired on SABC.

But their plans don't stop there. Once they have released the album, they begin touring, with gigs planned all over Gauteng.

they fill the large void left by our big bands.

Lead singer Michael Ventura and lead guitarist Graeme Barnes speak passionately about these plans and their broad plan of action for world domination. Ventura speaks the most: "We're optimistic about our future. (He giggles mischievously). Move over Jarvis Cocker and those other two idiots - the Gallagher brothers."

Barnes interjects: "Our music is not Britpop. I think its best described as kinda pop, funk, jazz and reggae."

"There is also rock," says Ventura.

Barnes shakes his head: "It's not rock."