

paramore

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Sometimes things just fall in to place. The five members of Paramore, vocalist Hayley Williams (17), bassist Jeremy Davis (21), lead guitarist Josh Farro (18), drummer Zac Farro (15) and guitarist Hunter Lamb (20) all discovered music on their own, in different ways, but as soon as they got together something just clicked. The confident, upbeat music found on their debut album ALL WE KNOW IS FALLING exudes a rare natural chemistry that is easily addictive and makes them impossible to ignore.

It is this chemistry that keeps Paramore together and sets them apart from their peers. The young band came together in Franklin, Tennessee after Hayley moved into town and met two brothers – Josh and Zac Farro. The three enlisted bassist Jeremy Davis and began performing almost immediately. Newly christened Paramore, they played at local gatherings and their school talent show before graduating to rock venues in and around Franklin.

The combination of musical energy between brothers and Hayley's bold charisma earned them instant attention, particularly from Florida indie Fueled by Ramen, who signed the band and put them to work recording their debut. Paramore went into the studio with producers James Wisner (Dashboard Confessional, Further Seems Forever, Underoath) and Mike Green (Yellowcard, The Black Maria) and blew them away with their sincerity and enthusiasm.

With the record complete, the band hit the road hard, including stops at Bamboozle and Warped tour, impressing crowds with their passionate positivism. Says Josh, "It's amazing how much our band has grown since last spring. We've been touring almost non-stop for about a year with a wide range of bands from Simple Plan and Story of the Year to Acceptance and My American Heart. Every tour we've been on has been incredible, and we're so fortunate to have been able to play with such talented bands."

It was only a matter of time before the young band drew the attention of critics, as well. SPIN.com called Williams a "powerhouse", Alternative Press declared their songs "explosive and melody rich" and named Paramore a band to watch in 2006, and The New York Times said ALL WE KNOW IS FALLING is one of the best, underrated albums of the year and MTV was so impressed that they chose them for a "You Hear It First" feature.

Paramore describe their music with three words: energetic, emotional and fun. Their live show is explosive and high energy and showcases the bands relentless drive to make sure the audience is having as good a time as they are. They are all precociously talented musicians, with Josh and Hunter's surprisingly intricate guitars, Zac's kinetic rhythms and Jeremy's strong bass providing the perfect foundation to the band's infectious pop hooks and Hayley's open-hearted vocals. Williams has worked hard to expose her life and emotions in her lyrics. They speak from her experiences growing up and out of the passion she has for music and for everyone close to her. Paramore are truly all friends, friends who love playing together and have fun doing it. They share a common goal - to connect with people, and their enthusiasm is catching.

"I think this year is going to go by so fast. We have a lot of great opportunities coming up like a trip to the U.K., Japan, and Warped Tour...we're just trying not to take it all for granted," says Hayley, "There are so many things we would love to do with this band, and we plan on being around long enough to do them all."