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Verandas: on the porch, not from the garage



Photo courtesy of The Verandas

Sauchier

By Chris McCubbin Senior Reporter

The Verandas are not ashamed to be pop, and they're not ashamed to be popular.

Marty Sauchier, the Verandas' lead vocalist and keyboardist, has little time for the avant-garde. He speaks with wonder about bands who are "caught up in the underground" and believe that promotion and showmanship are somehow unethical.

"Seems like suicide to me," Sauchier said.

Sauchier makes no apologies for the Verandas' unabashedly danceable music. Sauchier said they wanted to "get back to what we liked," meaning the music the band members loved before they became professional musicians.

The Verandas are professionals in both the literal and the artistic sense of the word. There is nothing of the garage in either their sound or their attitude.

The band has been doing music fulltime since 1981. Back then they were called Akasha. Akasha put out a record and toured extensively in the midwest and Florida.

Sauchier said Akasha became the Verandas in Florida in 1983. At the time the band was staying in a hotel that was far and above the usual fare for an unknown band on the road. One of the hotel's most attractive features was a spacious veranda where they could hang out all day and get obliterated. At the time Akasha was actively brainstorming for a new name - something catchy that wasn't being used by anybody else in the country. "Verandas" was tossed into the hat along with more descriptive fare like "The Kinetics." After researching the matter, they discovered that the Verandas was, indeed, the only unclaimed name on their list.

The Verandas operate out of their home town, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with strong business ties to Omaha. A horde of young "Verandas" T-shirt clad admirers seem to follow them wherever they go. And small wonder, they are without a doubt among the hardestworking regional bands. Sauchier estimates they played 300 shows in 1985.

If they've done fewer shows in 1986 it's because they've been busy in the studio. Their first E.P., "V-notes," was released last February. A new album is in the works for next year. The band is talking to major labels, but no deals hae been made yet.

The Verandas, along with the Finnsters and the Front, will open for Jason and the Scorchers Saturday at the Southwest Civic Center, Tickets are available at local outlets for \$9.50, slightly more the day of the show. Tickets are general admission only. Doors open at 6 p.m.

New play announced



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Individuals interested in acting can the inhabitants involved. audition for "Bus Stop" at the Lincoln Community Playhouse.

The play is set in a small cafe a few miles west of Kansas City and centers on the plight of a group of travelers stranded there because of a snowstorm. Throughout the course of the evening, the play discusses the lives of Roles available include Grace Hoy-

lard, the cafe owner, a young waitress who has a sheltered life. Men's roles include a cowboy named Bo Decker, his sidekick Virgil, a professor, bus driver and town sheriff.

Rehearsals will begin on Sept. 29 and will last from approximately 7 to 10 p.m. through Friday and 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. The play itself beings Oct. 30. Scripts may be checked out from the playhouse.

All those who audition should be available for call-back auditions at 2 p.m. Sept. 21.

For more information, call the Playhouse at 489-9608 or contact Rod Mc-Cullough, LCP managing director, or Michael Mitchell, LCP artistic director, at 489-7529.

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