

PREVIEW:

PEARL JAM

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Every now and then a group comes along that seems to defy categorization. Pearl Jam is such a group. The Nickeles of the band is Jeff Arment (Bass) and Stone Gossard (Guitar). Without intending to, I have been following the musical odyssey of this pair from Seattle. They first came to my attention as members of Mother Love Bone. Producing two excellent albums, *Shine & Apple* with the untimely departure of their vocalist the group was no more. Undaunted, Jeff & Stone get together with friends Chris Cornell & Matt Cameron (from Sound Garden), found guitar wizard Mike McCready, and for background vocalist Eddie Vedder. Together they produced *Temple of the Dog*, a self-titled album, to say good-bye to their friend. Chris & Matt returned to Sound Garden (who were soon to be on tour). The remaining four joined with Dave Krusem on Drums and formed Pearl Jam. The name came from Eddie's American Indian Great Grandmother Pearl, who had a recipe for Hallucinogenic Preserves. Unfortunately, the recipe didn't get passed down to Eddie, so its on going search for the elusive Pearl Jam.

When Dave, Pearl Jam's drummer, called the other day we thought it was Dave Krusem, the quiet one. Well Apparently Dave was too quiet. He's been replaced by yet another Dave. The New Dave Hails from Dallas, where he played with Dr. Toungue. His influences are parliament, John Bonham, & Carl Palmer. Oh, Yeah, his last name is Abbruzzese.

If you haven't bought Pearl Jam Yet, try it. If you already have it hit your favorite underground record store for their promo CD's "Alive" Three songs including a great cover of the Beatles "I've Got A Feeling." Pearl Jam will be at The Vatican in Houston Oct. 11th.

