

Modofac

They Have to Be Watching You



“Law Rock” finds its voice

In *They Have to Be Watching You*, law professor Hank Perritt’s Modofac finds its voice, solidifying “Law Rock,” first coined to refer to the music on its first album, *Wind Will Fill the Sails*, released a year ago. Law Rock uses intergenerational musical collaboration to explore the struggles to find your place in life.

The songs on this album explore that theme from multiple points of view, from the President of the United States to a pet boxer dog.

The title song, a rock ballad, argues that *“You’ve got to win to want to have love/and the rules are made from above.”* The opposing view is expressed by the metal vibe of *“I Don’t Need the Applause:”* *“I don’t care what you think; of what use to me is acclaim.”* President Bush is depicted in a campfire folk song as concluding, *“I’m glad I started my own war,”* even though it defied reality, because *“This is my chance to show that I am tougher than my old man.”* In *“Your Faces Are Engraved on My Heart,”* a teacher reports through grand anthemic music, *“I wanted to touch your lives, to give you a good start.”* In *“Free Ride,”* a spoiled brat argues to a heavy metal beat, *“This is my entitlement, my God given right/To receive praise, as I skate through life.”*

Perritt, 63, is the product of a law-school deanship, a stint on the White House Staff, a candidacy for the U. S. Congress, twenty-five years as a law professor, and is the author of 20 books and nearly a hundred law review articles. He navigates life by the philosophy expressed in the name of the band, which translates as “Just Do It.” His bandmates, few older than their late twenties, “want great things from their lives” but are “struggling up against the gradient” confronting those seeking a new sound but lacking connections.



Tim Sandusky, Modofac’s producer, is happiest when he connects these generations (he is anchored firmly in the younger one) and helps them find expression through “Law Rock.” Now, Hank and Tim are working on a musical about Kosovo.

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