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FUNNEL

Wide Open

KPJam Records

On *Wide Open*, Funnel's debut CD, they have released nine tightly performed tunes that will remind you of classic power rock that has somehow been intertwined with today's alternative radio rock. The result is a good mix of quality songs that deserve a listen.

"Out of Control" starts the album in grand style. The pounding rhythm section matched by strong guitar chords lets you know immediately that rock and roll is contained herein. "Fantasy" hits next with its driving chorus while "I Believe" and "Pearls" shine because they aren't afraid to slow it down some. The riff upon which "Inner Fire" is built feels incredibly confident and is undeniably catchy. "All The Same" and "Once In A Lifetime" are also strong tracks with hooks of their own.

Allen Case's commanding vocals shine throughout this record. His low howl is powerful and easy to listen to. And Matt Weisenberger's catchy riffs stick. *Wide Open* is a well produced first effort with songs that could easily fit on the radio with today's alternative rock. It's a pretty solid album that doesn't take itself too seriously, but means serious business. —Chris Webb

