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## Pittsburgh’s “Best Rock Band” to Release Surprisingly Harder-Edged New Album

**PITTSBURGH, PA (April 5, 2023)** – Fresh off being voted “Best Rock Band” in the Iron City Rocks Pittsburgh Music Awards in February, Chip & The Charge Ups today announced that its fourth album will be released on June 2, 2023 on all major streaming platforms. The album, entitled *What Happened to the Boy Next Door?*, features a noticeably harder-edged sound for the band. Chip & The Charge Ups will celebrate the music drop with an album release party at the Hard Rock Café-Pittsburgh on Saturday June 3, 2023.

The album kicks off with “Paying Back the Devil,” a gritty, heavy rock tune that was released as a single in 2022 and was voted “Best Song” in the Pittsburgh Music Awards. “Paying Back the Devil” ushered in a new era for Chip & The Charge Ups, blending a more metallic influence alongside their trademark pop-punk stylings.

Music publications around the world remarked at how “Paying Back the Devil” also demonstrated Chip & The Charge Ups’ ability to combine classic and cutting-edge rock stylings. *Headbangers News* out of Brazil called the song “an acclaimed work that mixes contemporary and retro, capable of conquering the most nostalgic audience and those looking for a newer sound.”

“All of the subgenres in the music industry in general - and rock music in particular - only serve to divide people who actually should be able to identify with each other quite well,” said Chip Dominick, lead vocalist and guitarist of the band. “Whether you’re into punk or emo or metal, chances are that you’ve been shunned by the popular kids and the mainstream and have found your outlet in music. By kicking down the barbed wire fences between pop-punk and heavy rock and between classic and modern rock, we want to create a welcoming vibe for all rock-n-roll misfits with our music and at our shows.”

The flow of the album supports Dominick’s manifesto. After the throat-grabbing kickoff with “Paying Back the Devil,” the second track, “Maleena Made Us Change the Name of This Song to Fit in with the Pop-Punk Community,” sonically blends Blink-182 with Metallica. It somehow goes seamlessly from a fun and poppy ditty to a mosh-worthy breakdown and back again. And it works!

The six-track album also features a song that introduces a new obscene gesture – “Sideways Middle Finger” – and ends with an anthem of rock-n-roll inclusivity entitled “Welcome to the Neighborhood,” sung by the band’s bassist, Maleena Dominick.

“The international rock music scene is a brotherhood and sisterhood,” exclaims Dominick. “In ‘Welcome to the Neighborhood,’ we sing ‘Wherever rock is, you’re somewhere you belong’ because it is true. A rock show is somewhere where you can feel like you belong, even if you don’t get that feeling anywhere else. We want to amplify that message to the entire rock community with our new album.”

Doors open for Chip & The Charge Ups’ *What Happened to the Boy Next Door?* album release party at 7PM on June 3. Advance tickets for the event will go on sale on April 11 and will be available for \$10 from the band’s webstore at <http://www.thechargeups.com/store>.

### **About Chip & The Charge Ups:**

Formed in 2018 by the unique family team of Chip Dominick & then 16-year old Maleena Dominick, Pittsburgh’s Chip & The Charge Ups quickly created an electrifying buzz. The band has performed at prominent music festivals and opened for national acts including Dirty Honey, Dee Snider, Nita Strauss, and Liliac.

Chip & The Charge Ups captivates audiences with infectious songs, a swaggy wardrobe, fun choreography, and ingenious mashups. The band and its three albums - *Flow of the Current, Part I* (2018), *Flow of the Current, Part II* (2019), and *Lightning in Our Veins* (2020) - have received impressive critical acclaim:

- “Pittsburgh icons” – Pittsburgh City Paper
- One of “the city’s marquee acts” – Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
- “It’s hard not to be swept up in the raw excitement that radiates from this record” – Pittsburgh Current
- “One of the best records...this year” – EMSU Media

In 2019, Chip & The Charge Ups’ Pittsburgh-themed holiday song, “Black and Gold Christmas” was featured on two network television stations, put into rotation on three radio stations, reviewed by countless print and online publications, and received over 100,000 views of its music video.

In February 2023, the band was voted “Best Rock Band” and “Best Alternative Band” and its 2022 single, “Paying Back the Devil,” won “Best Song” in the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Iron City Rocks Pittsburgh Music Awards. With the single getting rave reviews worldwide and immediate airplay, this raised the total of Chip Dominick – one of Pennsylvania’s most prolific songwriters – to 27 songs having received FM radio airplay.

Chip & The Charge Ups are poised to release their fourth album, *What Happened to the Boy Next Door?*, on June 2, 2023. The band intends to take their new sound further than it has thus far, having already booked Summer 2023 shows across Pennsylvania and Ohio with plans to reach more of the country – and the planet – as their newest music gets launched into the world.

Chip & The Charge Ups are:

- Chip Dominick: Vocals/Guitar
- Maleena Dominick: Vocals/Bass

- Nolan Allen: Drums

Chip & The Charge Ups can be found on the web at:

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