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AnnieMac presents a new take on danceable rhythm and blues

Joe Diehl and Annie McIntyre formed AnnieMac early in 2006 after the two former Bay Area musicians rediscovered each other in Ashland.

Diehl and McIntyre thought Southern Oregon was missing "the type of fun, funky, body-moving music rooted in Stax Volt-era rhythm and blues," according to the band's biography posted at myspace.com/anniemacmusic on the Web. So they brought together a group of musicians and developed a new take on old-school riffs, jams and rhythms.

AnnieMac will perform at 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, at the Jefferson State Pub, 31B Water St., Ashland.

The band features lead vocals and songwriting by McIntyre; guitar and vocals by Diehl and Brent Norton; bass and vocals by Jim Calhoun; keys, harp and vocals by Allen Crutcher; and drums by Steve Sutfin.

The group performs danceable classics such as David Lindley's "Mercury Blues" and Etta James' "99 and a Half" along with its lineup of original work, and the members lend new contributions to the songs, giving the music a connection that is old and new.

A debut CD, "The Wait Is Over," is in the works. The band is heading into the studio under the tutelage of guitarist and producer Jeff Pevar and vocal producer Bob Miner.

Cover at the Jefferson State Pub is \$3. Call 482-7718.

if you go Who: AnnieMac When: 9:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22 Where: Jefferson State Pub, 31B Water St., Ashland Cover: \$3 Call: 482-7718