

The Lost Boys of Lake County nominated for rock album of the year, rock artists of the year

Staff reports

HOLLYWOOD — Award-winning teen rock band, The Lost Boys received the nomination by the Los Angeles Music Awards (LAMA) for the 2010 rock album of the year at The Roxy Theatre, on Sunset Blvd, in Hollywood on Jan. 27.

Arriving at the nomination ceremony, in a black stretch limousine, The Lost Boys were escorted to the VIP area, where they were presented with the nomination plaque on stage at the theatre by L.A. Music Awards Founder Al Bowman and the LAMA Board of Directors.

The Los Angeles Music Awards, called the longest running red carpet event for independent musicians in the world, has a 20-year history dating back to 1991. Past performers, presenters and nominees have included Toto, Paula Abdul, Tower of Power, Jackson Browne, Korn, Sugar Ray, Black Eyed Peas, System of A Down, Slash, 3-1-1, Hoobastank and No Doubt. The awards will

be combined with the 2010 Hollywood F.A.M.E. awards. This year's red carpet ceremony will be virtually a who's who among industry legends and will not only honor independent music, but will also salute dignitaries from the motion picture industry, television and art world at the event.

Al Bowman, founder and executive producer of LAMA and the Hollywood F.A.M.E. awards said, "This year we've had more than 10,000 song submissions to the LA Music Awards and we're proud to honor the best of the best ... The Lost Boys, as nominees for "Rock Album of the Year" and "Rock Artist of the Year."

The Los Angeles Music Awards also announced The Lost Boys will be returning to The Roxy Theatre in Hollywood on March 25th to perform a 4 song set, as part of the LAMA Nominee Showcase Series. The Lost Boys will also perform live during the



Contributed photo
Lake County's, 'The Lost Boys' pictured above at the Roxy Theatre in Los Angeles, were nominated Wednesday for two Los Angeles Music Awards.

official Los Angeles Music Awards voters party, at the Whiskey A Go-Go, on Sunset Blvd, in Hollywood on Oct. 7.

The official 20th annual Los Angeles Music Awards Show, Presented by Curb Records, is scheduled to take place at the Paramount Theatre, on the grounds of Paramount Studios, on Nov. 18. L.A. Music Awards representatives have announced that The Lost Boys have been

selected to perform two songs, live, at the red carpet awards show, covered by music, film, television and news media, from around the globe.

The Lost Boys, are a five-piece rock band, from Lakeport, comprised of 17-year-old Beau Bastian, lead vocals/guitar; 18-year-old Jordan Mills, vocals/drums; 16-year-old Matt Weiss, vocals/keyboards; 17-year-old Thomas Cano, vocals/bass gui-

tar; and 17-year-old Gary Boyd, vocals/guitar.

The LAMA nominee for Best Rock Album, titled, The Lost Boys, "Look Out World ..." was recorded at the Prairie Sun Recording Studios, in Cotati in 2009.

As part of the 60-date, Look Out World ... Tour 2009, The Lost Boys performed as special guests in support of 3 Doors Down, The All-American Rejects, Kelly Clarkson, Journey, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Tim McGraw, Toby Keith, Heart, Peter Dinklage, Brooks & Dunn, Jonny Lang, Night Ranger, Gin Blossoms, Tonic, Jack Ingram, Safety Suit, Parachute, Eddie Money among many other artists.

USA4real selected The Lost Boys as USA4real artists and The Lost Boys are receiving major airplay on Upstream Radio with the song "Why Not Us," currently in the USA4real Top 25. In the 2009 USA4real voters poll, The Lost Boys were voted USA4real

best live performance and USA4real best pop/rock newbie artist, by USA4real fans and artists voting worldwide.

The Lost Boys single, "Cloud 9," was selected to appear on Broken Note Records Compilation CD titled "A World United Through Music," to be released worldwide, in summer, 2010.

Studio 111 Records selected The Lost Boys music to add to its music catalogue, marketed to music, television, and motion picture distributors.

The first leg of The Lost Boys, "Why Not Now ..." North American tour 2010 was announced, and includes dates at the Orion Music Festival, in Park City, Utah, IndieFest 2010 in Chilliwack, British Columbia, Canada, Method Fest 2010 in Los Angeles, and SXSW South by Southwest Music Conference & Festival in Austin, Texas.

More information can be found at www.2lostboys.com, www.myspace.com/lamusicawards.

Middletown family plays a key role in distributing redwoods

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LAKE COUNTY — On Saturday the Redwood Forest Foundation distributed thousands of young redwood trees in conjunction with the Redwood Futures summit, featuring J. Michael Fay, held at Mendocino College in Ukiah.

Michael Straka and his daughter Isabelle picked up and delivered trees to locations in northern Sonoma, Napa and Lake counties.

Isabelle, a Junior at Ursuline High School, enjoyed helping out. Michael Straka has worked for months finding people who were willing to plant redwoods in suitable locations and soliciting donations to help with related costs. The Strakas were donors and will also plant redwoods on their land in southern Lake County.

The trees were originally grown for reforestation of previously harvested timberland and became victims of the present economic crisis. They had been ordered by Pacific Lumber Company for replanting lands they were clear-cutting. With the demise of Pacific Lumber the trees were abandoned following the bankruptcy proceedings.

The two-year-old redwoods were delivered in a bio-diesel powered truck from the nursery in Fortuna to the Ukiah campus through the generosity of Thanksgiving Coffee Company.

Redwood Forest Foundation organized a complicated web of volunteer planters and delivery teams to distribute the trees with an eye to minimizing the transportation cost to people and the environment. The Strakas were part of the delivery team.

The Foundation will sponsor an ongoing Plant a Redwood Project whereby donors can make a donation and have redwoods planted in their name or in honor of a friend or loved one.

That program is under way and certificates are sent to the honoree.

The Redwood Forest Foundation The Redwood Forest Foundation is a private, non-profit organization that is establishing working community forests that provide critical habitat for increased biodiversity, mitigate climate change and improve regional economic vitality.

The Redwood Forest Foundation will be wrap-



Photo by Edward Duardo
From left to right: Michael Straka and his daughter Isabelle Straka of Middletown picked up hundreds of abandoned baby redwood trees in Ukiah to deliver to new homes in Napa, Lake and Sonoma counties. The Strakas are both donors and volunteers for the Redwood Rescue Project.

ping up the Redwood Rescue Project in February as the prime planting season draws to a close. Anyone wishing to plant any of the remaining redwoods can visit www.rffi.org for more information or call Lin Barrett at 937-4808.

FCC approves application to increase radio stations

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LAKE COUNTY — The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approved an application by KPFZ 88.1 FM, to increase its power from 100 to 300 watts.

"The new 88.1 will get to many places in Lake County where the current signal is not satisfactory, and even to some new places within and beyond county borders," said operations manager Andy Weiss.

When this reporter travels south from Lower Lake on Highway 29, she typically loses the station's signal near the Twin Lakes subdivision.

On one occasion, when the station was broadcasting live from the Old Time Bluegrass Festival at Anderson Marsh State Historic Park, its signal remained audible until this reporter's vehicle reached the outskirts of Middletown.

KPFZ applied last

November for an increase in power and signal area. Weiss reported that on Dec. 18, the FCC approved this request.

"KPFZ has 36 months to build this new version of 88.1, which will triple the station's power from 100 to 300 watts," Wesis added. "Once the money has been raised, new equipment will be purchased, antenna testing will be done back in New England, then the station will be built on a new tower on Mount Konocti. KPFZ will be responsible for tearing down the old tower."

"Following that, tests will be done to make sure the new 88.1 does not interfere with other stations."

If you would like to donate to the power upgrade fund, call the KPFZ office at 263-3640. For more information about KPFZ,