

## SONG REVIEW PLAN:

### A Promising Start: **Paper Mill – Bruce Single Review**



A PICTURE OF THE BAND

Paper Mill have burst onto the rock scene with their debut single 'Bruce'.

Since the disbanding of British rock group *Lower Than Atlantis*, many fans have been wondering what was next from former members of the band. After some time waiting, guitarist Ben Sansom, along with musicians Matt Rider and Luke Sansom, has answered that question with a new band, *Paper Mill*, and their debut single 'Bruce'.

As soon as the song begins, the listeners are blasted with an upbeat mix of thumping drums, low toned rhythm, and a mid-tone lead guitar tune which gives a great indication of what is to come (much in the same way this debut does for *Paper Mill*). A surprising feature is the unconventional

vocals of Matt Rider. These vocals are sang in such a way that it impossible to ignore the unique grit in his voice. This partnered with the un-mistakeable English accent of Rider immediately differentiates *Paper Mill's* sound to that of other bands.

In terms of the style, the lyrics and energetic sound provide listeners with a feel-good atmosphere and create an almost optimistic tone. The deep bass of the song allows this song to transcend just sound and let the audience feel the music. Towards the end, the tempo of the drums slows from quarter notes and creates an entirely new level to the song. This showcases the artists specifically in a way which is tailored to make the audience think back upon the song they have just heard.

Overall, in years to come 'Bruce' could be considered almost a metaphor for *Paper Mill* as a band. Something that comes out of nowhere with a strong beginning and creates a positive listening experience for fans. Of course, this song isn't perfect as many songs aren't, however I personally don't think that *Paper Mill* could have done much more to improve upon what they have built with this song. With more music coming this year and (hopefully) in following years, it'll surely be interesting to see how they can capitalise on this incredible start.

**Final Rating: A must listen for fans of rock.**