

the tippler contingent

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bio

The Tippler Contingent would like you to have another drink. If you listen to their music, fine, but everybody finds fun in different places, and Tippler wants you to find yours (preferably drink in hand, stage center).

Playing a variety of college-oriented gigs in Chicago and beyond the past four years has put this jam-funk-rock band on many a stage . . . from the "paying-your-dues" 20-person audience to a sold-out House of Blues auditorium. No matter the size of the stage, the vibe is alive and the feet are bouncing. Fun is the word and Tippler's the messenger.

That's the rep Tippler developed as a top university party band. That's the word Tippler wants to spread city-side. After a busy winter 2000-2001 which included a five-state tour, two House of Blues performances and numerous jam-packed shows, Tippler's first LP, "What I Need" hit the streets. It was four years in the making and it collected the best of their sound through the years.

Tippler has appeared on three college-oriented music compilations; their music has been featured on playboy.com among many internet showings; they have performed in plays, movies and music videos. Tippler has performed in the nation's largest student-run philanthropy, Dance Marathon, for three years running. They have played the House of Blues, Cubby Bear, Morseland, Beat Kitchen, Underground Lounge, Coyle's Tippling House, Nevin's Live, and the Bear Trap (Omaha).

The Tippler sound combines the Red Hot Chili Pepper's energy with Cake's musical attitude, Santana's style and Widespread Panic-style jams. They count Soul Coughing, Jimi Hendrix, Santana and P-Funk among their influences. Their drummer Chris Vlasses throws beats from the back as well as offering his distinctive skat-rap vocals on several choice tracks. Jason Hanggi supports him on the djimbae and other percussion; Ryan Highland sings lead vocals and plays rhythm guitar. Matt Heslinga jams on the lead guitar and Brian Sullivan rages like a madman (he also plays bass).

Tippler likes to fill the places they play with people. If you want to have your place filled with people, please contact us. If you have any other comments questions or suggestions, please contact us.

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University party band mixes melodic vocals and rhythmic rapping with a jammed out, happy sound. Their peppy, funk-influenced songs are perfect for drinking, dancing, and ignoring the price tag of a decent education.

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Tippler breaks it down in a big fat funky way. The colors, the Santana references, the big fat drums, the noodling of smooth yet phunkadelic guitar flavors lapping at my stapes and tympanum. These sounds make me gyrate and feel an urgent need to get on down. . . Make my funk, the Tippler Funk.

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Dave B., Guestbook

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Tippler's sound is a fusion of popularized alternative sounds and classic jam rock. Their lyrics often resemble the quirky, intelligent prose of Soul Coughing while their improvised jams borrow from the purest of the late 60's and early 70's funk.

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