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JET **Rudely Interrupted**

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Rock 'n' Roll giants Jet champion Melbourne band Rudely Interrupted whose musicians have autism and Down Syndrome

Debut single 'Don't Break My Heart,' released and performed live May 16 at the East Brunswick Club

Rock 'n' roll giants Jet have rallied to support Melbourne band Rudely Interrupted whose musicians all have an intellectual disability. Rudely Interrupted perform their debut single Don't Break My Heart live for the first time at the East Brunswick Club on Wednesday May 16.

'Don't Break My Heart rocks. It's vintage rock 'n' roll,' said Nic Cester of Jet. 'Buy the single and help support Rudely Interrupted whose ambition is to bring their music to you.'

Rudely Interrupted was formed by Rohan Brooks, 36, a professional musician since 1992. Drummer with The Anyone's, Rohan toured the United States and Canada with Jet in 2004. For the past six-years he's worked as an instructor at St John of God's Churinga Day Service in Victoria, a program for people with disabilities. As Rohan explains, the musicians that make up Rudely Interrupted may share a range of disabilities but most importantly a common interest in self expression through music.

'Rudely Interrupted is a rock 'n' roll band whose musicians are people first with different abilities not disabilities. We rehearse, write lyrics, make music and a lot of cool sounds together just like other bands.'

Rudely Interrupted are Josh Hogan, 20, drums; Constance 'Connie' Kirkpatrick, 44, bass; Marcus Stone, 27, keyboards; Sam Beke, 33, guitar and Rory Burnside, 19, lead vocals. All of whom attend the 'School of Rock' at St John of God Services Churinga on Wednesday afternoons. It was here over the last year the band recorded Don't Break My Heart in a music studio purpose built by Rohan.

Manager of Jet, Andy Cassell said Rohan had done an amazing job pulling together Rudely Interrupted, 'Rohan has always had a knack of surrounding himself with great people and this is no different. I love Don't Break My Heart. I can't get it out of my head. It's fantastic.'

A grant from the Otto & Elizabeth Schumacher Trust, managed by ANZ Trustees, paid for music equipment such as guitars, covered all production and recordings costs of the single plus a music video as well as their live performance at the East Brunswick Club on May 16.

'Don't Break My Heart would not be possible without the support of the Otto & Elizabeth Schumacher Trust and ANZ Trustees. We're very grateful to them both,' said Rohan Brooks.

Don't Break My Heart was written by Rory and Rohan. It was inspired by the death of Rory's favourite teacher at Vision Australia in Burwood. Rory, who was born with no eyes and has Aspergers, explains, 'I was really close to her she was like an aunty or mother in a way. She was very kind and it broke my heart to lose her. It was so heart breaking that I asked Rohan whether it was possible to die from a broken heart. That gave us the idea for the single, Don't Break My Heart.'

Rory also suggested the band's name, Rudely Interrupted. Aspergers Syndrome makes it hard for him to read the nuance of human interaction. 'I have trouble empathizing with people. That's a characteristic of Aspergers. I'm constantly interrupting people or feeling like other people are interrupting me or my routine. I interpret this as being rudely interrupted hence the name for the band.

Rudely Interrupted are now in the studio working on their second single, Green lights. They hope to release an EP later this year and would like to tour Australia. But as Rohan explains that will require more funds. 'If there's anyone out there willing to help fund an album or tour we'd love to hear from them. We all want this to be a long-term project because we love playing and making music together.'

Rudely Interrupted perform their debut single, Don't Break My Heart, live at the East Brunswick Club, 280 Lygon Street, Melbourne on Wednesday May 16. Special guests to be announced. Doors open at 7pm. Cover charge is \$10. The first 250 people through the doors receive a free copy of the single, Don't Break My Heart.

Don't Break My Heart is available worldwide at the Apple iTunes store.

Listen to 'Don't Break My Heart,' at [HYPERLINK "http://www.myspace.com/rudelyinterrupted"](http://www.myspace.com/rudelyinterrupted) <http://www.myspace.com/rudelyinterrupted> & visit [HYPERLINK "http://www.rudelyinterrupted.com"](http://www.rudelyinterrupted.com) www.rudelyinterrupted.com

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