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One way you might describe music is "painting with sound."

After all, music, like an oil painting, uses many textures and hues to create vivid images, be they realistic or abstract.

This is certainly the case with Colorway and its eponymous debut CD. Drawing from a palette that spans a wide musical and emotional spectrum, the album might be called a veritable rock and roll rainbow.

Each song looks out from a different perspective and feel. Each tune wanders down its own melodious path. Each lyric spins a different tale.

Each song has its own Colorway.

With the release of the recording, the members of Colorway hope to bring listeners to the same magical place they inhabited while making the record, which they believe is the reason music touches all of us in so many ways.

Frontman/songwriter F. Alex Johnson started the band in the winter of 2012 after taking a five-year hiatus from recording. Formerly lead guitarist and cofounder of the Northampton, Mass. roots-rockers Drunk Stuntmen, he left the band in 2008, but never stopped writing, practicing and performing. Since 2004, Alex has been busy touring at home and abroad as the guitarist with senior sensations The Young@Heart Chorus. But his passion for telling his own stories with their own musical hues led him to assemble Colorway.

The band takes on the classic power trio format with Johnson on guitar and vocals, J.J. O'Connell on drums, percussion and backing vocals, and Dave Hayes on bass and backing vocals. From the hard rocking opener "I'm Still Running" to the mindful refrain and Americana bounce of "Everyone Makes The Day" to the magnificent orchestration and progressive rock crescendo of the closer "A Temporary Occupation" the album tries to express a wide range of emotions all stemming from one central figure learning as he goes.

This is a rock and roll record but it's also just a way of starting a conversation. And from that point on it'll be up to the listener to decide if they want to keep in touch.

Colorway hopes you do.

Title: Colorway

Release date: June 4, 2013

1. I'm Still Running

2. We Move On

3. You Never Told Me

4. Style Of The Time

5. Everyone Makes The Day

6. Live With Me

7. Moniker

8. This Happens To Everyone

9. Go Back To Sleep

10. Avalanche

11. For The Birds

12. A Temporary Occupation

Produced by F. Alex Johnson

Recorded by Mark Alan Miller at Sonelab Studios in Easthampton, MA in April and May, 2013

Genre: Rock/Pop

For Fans Of: XTC, Nils Lofgren, Beck, Wilco, Richard Thompson, and The Black Crowes.

