

Seas and Stones

Music is always in the air at the Roux home, and it isn't just rewinds of popular tunes. Annette and Steve Roux and their son, Hunter Baugh, often perform original songs Hunter composes.

Annette started singing when she was just over two. Steve was in kindergarten when his dad bought him a set of drums.

"We actually perform as two different groups," Annette says. "We are members of our church's worship team. We have church members who are part of that also. Hunter has developed his own band, Seas and Stones, and Steve and I join him in some of his performances."

To say that musical roots can be traced far back into the Roux's family is the least that can be said about the family's musical heritage. Both Annette and Steve have parents who sing and play musical instruments.

"I took some music classes in college," Annette says. "But the natural ability has always been there. We've all done workshops and keep learning as we work together."

It's five years since Hunter picked up the guitar for the first time. After completing some guitar lessons, he began playing with the worship band. Since then, he's learned to play bass, piano and banjo (and more) and perform both lead and backup vocals.

"I have led the worship band when I'm home from college," Hunter says. "I started playing guitar when some key worship band members moved away. I started with acoustic guitar. In high school I sang with the school choir. That's when I started writing music."

Successful musicians dedicate time to practice, and the Roux family is no exception. Two-hour sessions help them prepare for Sunday worship. While practice activities sometimes include conflicts of opinion, their common purpose and strong family ties override any disagreements.

"It's like any other family activity," Annette says. "We don't always see eye-to-eye. But we all feel so strongly about performing music as a family, that helps us work through any conflicts."



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