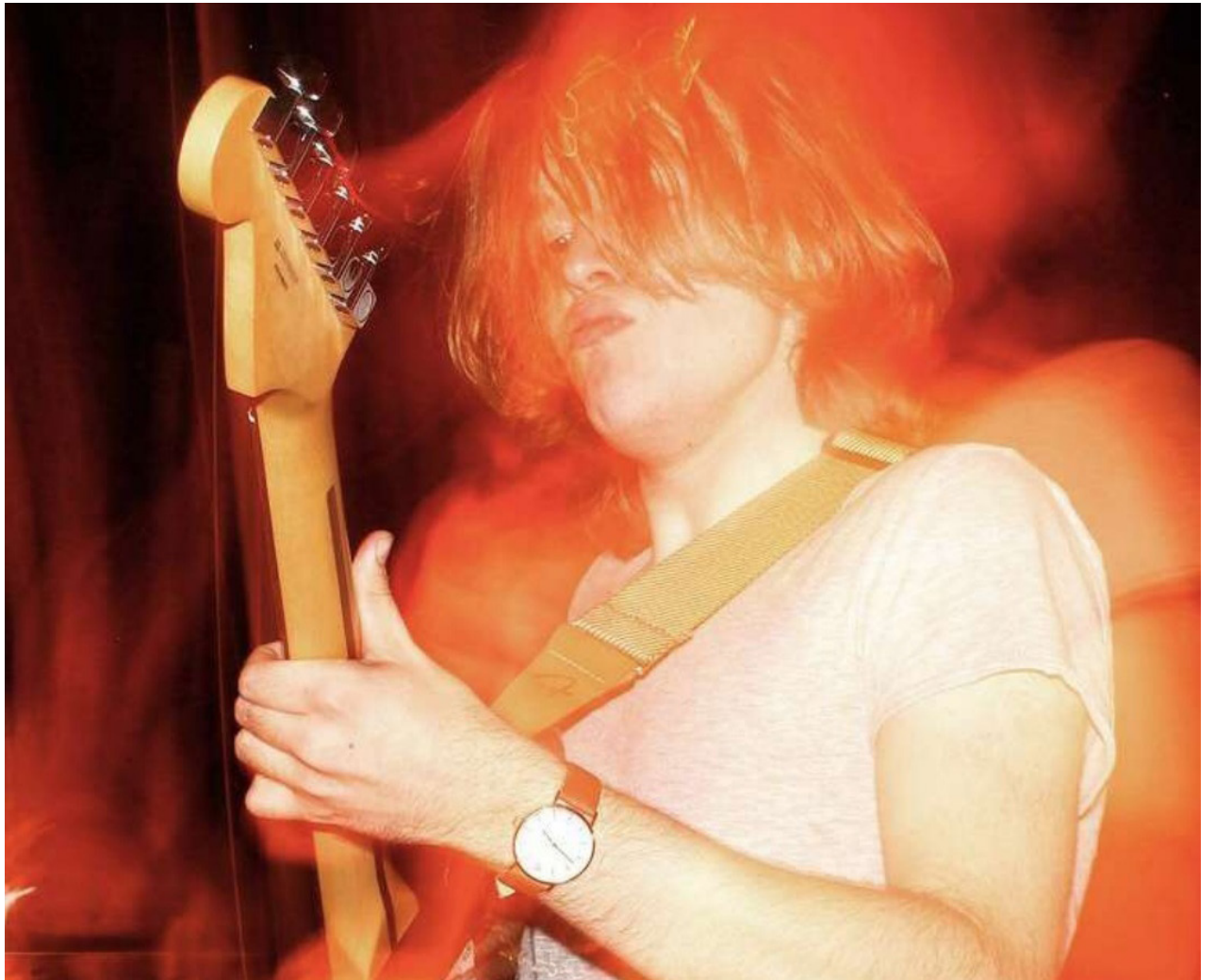


## Senior Spotlight: Donovan Eidem

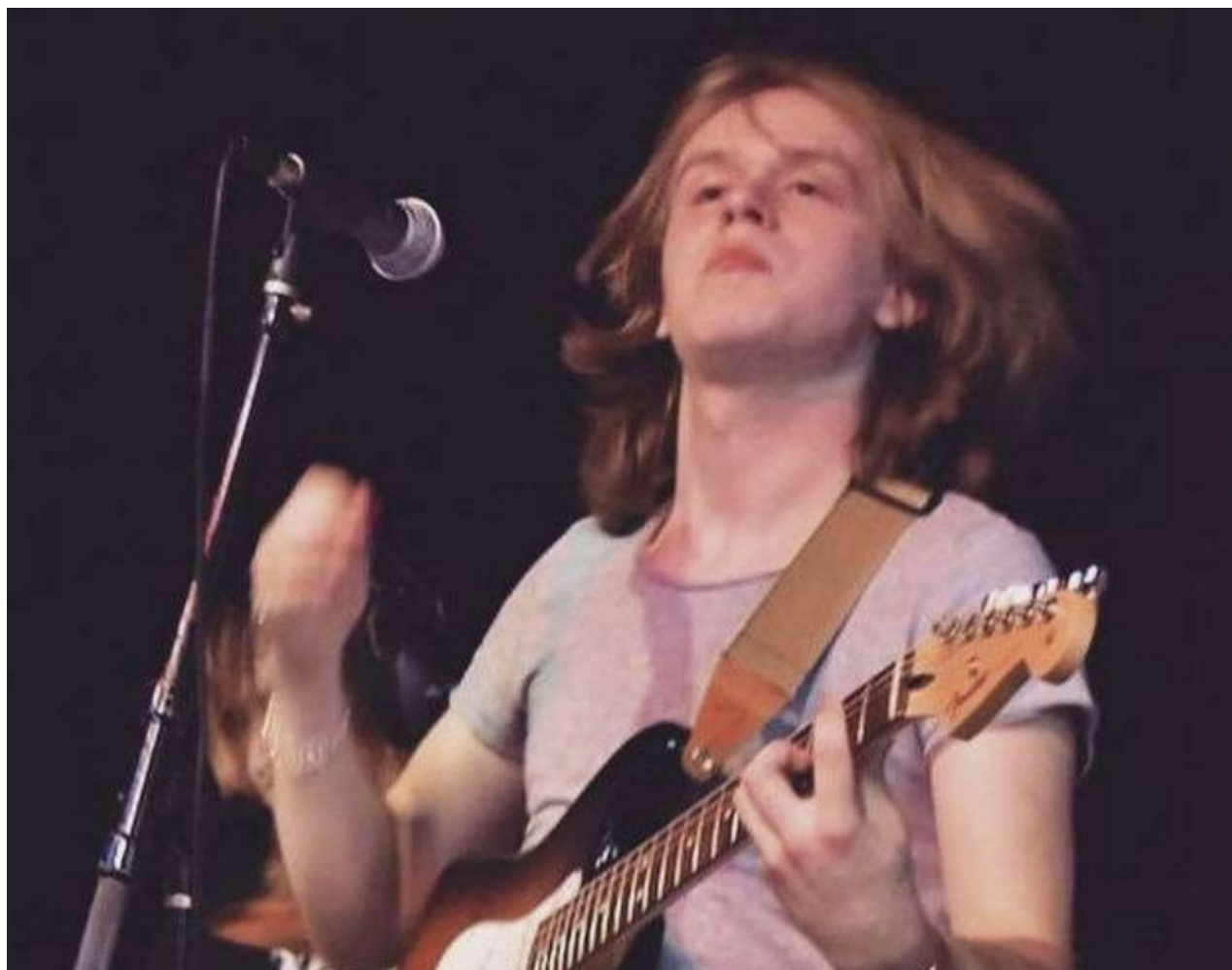
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**D**ONOVAN EIDEM is a third-year senior majoring in music composition and education. He is involved in a number of ensembles including Christus Chorus, Concert Band, Percussion Ensemble, Vox 9 Jazz Ensemble, composition lessons, and also is a tour guide for CSP. Music has always been a foundation in Eidem's life. He comes from a musical household and two musical parents who helped to encourage and influence him. His dad was in a band and his mom also worked for radio stations where she was able to meet countless musicians and international artists. Eidem has always been inspired by music. More than just his family background, music has become a philosophy and way of life for him.

Eidem has also been with a band called The Carnegies for the last two years. The band originally started in 2011 with twins named Roman and Royce Mars. They also have a drummer named Bradon Cox. Eidem met them through a mutual friend and it was instant harmony for this group. Eidem plays the electric guitar, sings, and writes songs for the band. There is not just one front man. Eidem said, "We have three lead singers and we all play. I like working in a band that is dynamic, cohesive and collecting where everyone is sharing equal ideas without conflict." The band plays locally at different bars around the St. Paul area such as Amsterdam Bar & Hall and White Squirrel Bar. For the longest time, they were affected by COVID and couldn't perform live. Eidem is proud of his band because they managed to stay together, whereas other



The Carnegies at Amsterdam Bar, August 6, 2021. Photo Credit: Sean Becker



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bands did not because--of course--not a lot of shows were being opened up for people.

On campus, Eidem makes his own music. He composed, and recorded an entire album right here on campus called *Later Never Comes*, and it is worth a listen. It can be found on most music streaming platforms. On this album Eidem was on all instruments, all vocals, and all his own ideas. He doesn't just keep the music to himself, though. Eidem is involved in regular jam sessions with his friends, and he encourages them to pursue their musical goals and he helps in their journey by being supportive, open minded, and enthusiastic about everything everyone has to offer.

Eidem is a very relaxed, confident, "go with the flow" kind of guy. No plan is set in marble, and that is how he likes it. After graduating from CSP, he wants to be part of a touring band and travel all around the world playing music venues. Eidem said that living life to the fullest without having a required life plan seems to be the best way to live freely and without restraints. Another possible career that he also was thinking about was teaching elementary school music.

Overall, Eidem is prepared for the windows of opportunity after CSP and is confident about his future with new perspectives. With the help of his inspirations such as his family and band, he will continue his musical journey after graduation. In addition, with all of his involvement on campus and his band, he has surely made his mark both at CSP and in his community.