

Sept. 6 is Student Night with Echosmith

Echosmith will perform on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at UT Martin Student Night, int Festival Park, at 9:30 p.m.

Sonic Voodoo will be the opening act at 8 p.m.

What a difference a year makes. In 12 short months, Echosmith has gone from little-known Los Angeles alt-pop gem to Warped Tour's undeniable breakout band. Basking in the glow of a summer spent playing to thousands of fans all over the country, the quartet — which consists of Sierota siblings Jamie (vocals/guitar), Sydney (vocals/key-board), Noah (vocals/bass), and Graham (drums) — is even more excited to share their music with all the people who weren't able to see them on the annual punk-rock summer camp.

"We were super excited when we found out we'd be



playing Warped Tour," remembers Jamie. "So many bands grow from that and come out with tons of fans." Adds Sydney, "Going into it, I was totally nervous because we were so different, style-wise and age-wise, from almost every other band and

I wasn't sure if that was going to work against us, but it ended up being the exact opposite." The band was originally slated to play just the first half of the tour, but the reaction was so overwhelming, they were invited to stay until the end, which meant

more people would get to hear music off the band's upcoming debut album, "Talking Dreams," to be out Oct. 1.

One song that seems to get the loudest crowd response is "Cool Kids," a dreamy Smiths-esque strut that encourages people embrace their differences because that's actually what makes each and every one of them cool. With lyrics like, "I wish that I could be like the cool kids / 'Cause all the cool kids seem to fit in," it's no wonder fans of all ages are relating to the sentiment.

"I think it's really cool to be the same age as our fans," explains Sydney, "because when we meet each other and start talking, it's like we're friends already."

The concert is free to the first 2,000 UTM students with valid student ID, \$5 general public admission.



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