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Former professor releases album 'You and I are Brave'

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A dark blazer, light-wash jeans and a worn-in pair of sneakers walked onto the stage at the Monongalia Arts Center as former West Virginia University statistics professor, Philip Turk, celebrated the upcoming release of his album, "You and I are Brave," Saturday night with a release party.

Joining Turk was Juliana Yap on keyboards, Chris Audia on drums and Duncan Lorimer on bass guitar.

For \$5, audiences were treated to a live show and will be mailed a copy of the CD after its final mastering in early July.

About 50 people came to hear the 40-minute set, most of

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whom were Turk's colleagues, friends or former students. There was a sense of ease in the air despite some minor technical difficulties, perhaps elicited by the audience's familiarity.

As Turk first strummed his guitar and looked into the shadows of the audience, he seemed at home.

Turk has had a long love affair with music, starting from his time at Western Illinois University as a student. He said he was in a band in college and then moved to Chicago to kick start his music career.

Ultimately, though, the hard rock band he later joined began worrying more about "which eyeliner to wear" and less about the actual music. The music was why Turk was there in the first place.

"I really don't care if this is the apex of what I do musically," Turk said. "If I sell two CDs, that's fine. I just want to make a contribution to the universe in some meager, small way."

The album title was inspired by a conversation with a graduate student Turk advised. The student said what separates Turk and she from others is that "you and I are brave."

"I thought about that quite hard actually. and I meditated on that every day," Turk said. "I thought about it, and I realized, moreover, everyone is brave."

During his younger days, Turk said he felt like he was conforming to what the world expected and wanted from him. As many know, this isn't the best way to live life.

"Everyone deserves to have a song to know they belong," Turk said.

Of the songs Turk performed, he sounds like he belongs the most in "The Finish Line."

The song was inspired by a close friend who helped him finish a 100-mile marathon in Colorado. Turk, preparing for over two years for this race, tripped during an ultra marathon and had to have his entire knee rebuilt.

After recovering, Turk was able to ultimately run the race, his friend meeting him at every aid station to give him water.

"I just remember at that last aid station, she was just in tears," Turk said. "I remember her saying, 'You've just got a few more miles to go, just a few more miles.' I heard her call out to me, 'Finish line, finish line.'"

As the song come to a crescendo, a heavy drum beat gives the listener a sense of charging head on into battle.

Another gem from the album is "All There Is to Say." Turk's voice feels the strongest in this song. But despite what you might think after hearing it, it's not a love song.

The lyrics are dedicated to a special friend of Turk who he's since lost contact with but is "wishing them the best in life."

It's clear from his interactions with the audience, the way he speaks of his friends and his entire perception of things, Turk is a true musician looking to experience life to the fullest.

For more information or to purchase the album, email Turk at philip.turk@gmail.com.

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