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## LEYDEN ZAR

**L**EYDEN ZAR has been working up a name for itself and its music since 1978 when the quintet formed in Quebec. Now, A&M Records is proud to release Leyden Zar's debut album.

In 1979, Leyden Zar placed as finalists in the powerful Montreal FM station CHOM's L'ESPIRIT contest celebrating local talent and were included in the album produced by CHOM FM.

This recognition compounded the interest of producers ANDRE PERRY and NICK BLAGONA who subsequently recorded the group at LE STUDIO at Marin Heights in the Laurenti Mountains.

Leyden Zar achieved acclaim at Montreal's famed L'IMPREVU and performed so impressively for TV's L'ETE SUPER SHOW, featuring MICHEL PAGLIARO and MAHOGANY RUSH among others, that the producers devoted a full hour to the band's music.

Leyden Zar are: JACQUES NOEL (guitar), PASCAL MAILLOUX (Keyboards), SERGE GRATTON (drums), PAUL GRONDIN (bass), and BRIAN WILSON (guitar). Their credits include performing with artists like ROBERT LEROUX, FRANCOIS GUY and ANDRE GAGNON while drummer Gratton has graduated with distinction from the Montreal Conservatory of Music.

Late last year representatives from several major labels attended Leyden Zar's showcase performance at Toronto's Headspace. A&M's MICHAEL GODIN and BOB SCHULMAN quickly firmed a worldwide agreement with the group. The debut single from Leyden Zar is "Backstreet Girl."

What does Leyden Zar mean?

"We invented those words because we like the way they sound," explained a spokesman for the band. "It will mean whatever becomes of us and of our music. By associating the music with the name, people will give their own meaning to Leyden Zar."

