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Invite

On the evening of May 28 2022 location St-Therese, Quebec Canada, something unexpected happened. I got invited to an event in a bar called **Montecristo!**

What I saw and heard that night was unexpected and wonderful. An atomic bomb went off and radiated the crowd with joy.

When a band steps on stage and delivers way more than you expect, a rush of energy fills the room, we get electrified by it and in an instant, you are sucked into the show!

That's what happened to me and everyone else that very night in question at **Bar Montecristo**.

What happened was an **Atomik Train** rolled in and stepped on the stage! From the first guitar riff and first lyrics of the song "*Never Again*" the **Atomik Bomb** ignited!

Energy

The mass surge of energy that expanded through the venue got greater and greater. **Atomik Train** never let up, even after the end of the show! After **PlayHouse** finished their set, **François Babin**, **Atomik Train** lead singer and rhythm guitarist kept the show going with **Junior Bourcier** lead guitarist, by parading around the bar and kept on going unplugged, singing to the crowd. It is something I've rarely seen before, it was a wonderful experience.

Now let me go back a bit and explain how this all got to be.

My friend Danielle had sent me a text asking me if I have ever heard of **Atomik Train**. My response was "*No, sorry, are they any good?*" She sent me a YouTube video. I automatically loved it. Thumbs up! I immediately sent the link to the CGCM boys and I got positive feedback From there, I made it my duty to show up and represent **CGCM Rock Radio**, and write up a revue! I have to thank Danielle greatly for the introduction!

When I got to **Bar Montecristo** Danielle was accompanied by Stephane Desjardins. Stephane is the photographer for **Atomik Train**, Also a great friend of lead singer **Bobin**. He introduced me to every member of the band, and I have to say what a great bunch of guys. Afterward, **François** introduced me to **Peter Cat**, lead singer of **PlayHouse**, as well as lead guitarist **Eric** "The Freak" **Westergard**. Two amazing dudes that grew up in the same era as I did! Already the night started great!

Atomik Train

Atomik Train was the first act of the night. and they wear their name very well. Let me introduce you to the members:



At centre stage is lead singer and rhythm guitarist François Babin



François Babin's right hand man! Lead guitarist and backing vocals Junior Bourcier!!!



The man they call the Magician The rhythm keeper on bass!! Yves Maltais



And last but never the least the timekeeper they call The Rock on drums: Alex Guilbault!

Atomik Train were formed during the pandemic in 2020 by **François** and **Junior**. These two guys are gasoline and fire, they work well together both having the passion and love of music equally with the same goal in mind. In 2021 **Yves** and **Alex** joined the band and the **Atomik Train** started rolling out ready to take on the world and prove to the world that rock is well alive and gonna never die!

Debut

Their debut album, if all goes to plan, is scheduled to be released in Sept. 2022. I will for sure purchase it after what I witnessed that night. The one thing that stands out with **Atomik Train** is the absolute love and passion that they have for rock n' roll! They understand it and make it their own. the sheer energy alone that comes off the stage will intoxicate you in a very positive way. Like a Tesla coil you can see the electricity jumping from the stage to the audience. It's a beautiful thing to see everyone smiling and having a wonderful time.

Setlist

"Never Again", "Reborn", "Deal With it", "Everlong", "Slither", "Psycho", "1000hp", "Back On Earth", "Desire", "Destination" and "PlayGround"!

All songs were performed on high octane on a 1/4 mile runway. no question about it. It was a great experience. I especially loved their cover of **Velvet Revolver's** Slither. Anyone who knows me, knows I'm a huge **Slash** fan! **François** did an amazing job covering **Scott Weiland's** amazing vocals.

I can say this, there is no stage big enough for **Atomik Train**. They feed off the energy from the crowd and give it back tenfold. From the first song to the last one pedal to the metal!



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