New to States, Rush is off to flying start

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The topic today is heavy metal. Loud, screaming and sensual, thigh-compressing and neck-bending, heavy metal. The group that is drawing this attention is Rush, a trio of young men who have released a debut album, "Rush," under the pseudonym "Mercury." The album includes such hits as "Wish You Were Here," "Shes Not There," and "Leaving It All Up To You." Rush is an integral part of the current heavy metal scene, drawing inspiration from the likes of Led Zeppelin and Black Sabbath.

Rush began as a trio formed by Geddy Lee, Neil Peart, and Alex Lifeson in Canada in the late 1960s. Their music is characterized by powerful guitar riffs, complex drum patterns, and Lee's signature bass lines. The group's early work was influenced by progressive rock, but as they gained popularity, they embraced the heavier sound that would define their later albums.

The album, "Rush," was released in 1975 and features a mix of hard rock and progressive rock elements. It includes hits such as "Wish You Were Here," "Shes Not There," and "Leaving It All Up To You." The band's success led to a string of hit albums and tours, cementing their status as one of the most influential heavy metal bands of all time.

Rush's longevity and influence on the heavy metal genre are due in part to their willingness to experiment with different styles and their ability to create a sound that was both powerful and accessible. Their music continues to inspire new generations of rock musicians, and their influence can be heard in the work of many modern bands.

Rush have been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and have sold over 40 million albums worldwide. They remain active, with recent releases and tours that continue to showcase their enduring talent and influence on the heavy metal genre.