

---

## The Daily O'Collegian

*Lotus ready to rock Cain's*

By KYLIE ETHRIDGE

General Assignment Reporter

Published: Thursday, October 21, 2010

This Friday at Cain's Ballroom, 423 N. Main St., Lotus will be making a stop on their tour to bless the ears and eyes of Tulsa with their instrumental songs and phenomenal light show. Cain's will be the eighth stop on their fall tour, with New York-based electronic DJ Mux Mool as the opener.

On this tour, Lotus will debut two EPs, "Feather on Wood" and "Oil on Glass," so the show tonight is guaranteed to be fresh with new tunes. Each EP has its own feel, Jesse Miller, bassist and sampler for the band, said, with "Feather on Wood" taking influence from music of a "somewhat cinematic scope," like Explosions in the Sky and Sigur Ros, and "Oil on Glass" using more influences from hip-hop and electronica, mixed with instrumental rock.

These influences don't stray far from the bands that the members of Lotus have been inspired by for years Miller said, like Talking Heads, Underworld, Can and Herbie Hancock's fusion records. Newer music they have been listening to include bands like Eskmo, Caribou, Flying Lotus and Deerhunter.

When listening to Lotus, you can pick up on some of the band's influences, but their sound is all their own. The overall feel and vibe of the band is "dance music that has emotional content," Miller said. "(It's) post-rock that you can dance to. Independent and unique without being pretentious."

Bands like Lotus are hard to describe unless you have been to one of their shows. If tonight will be your first time, expect to feel the bass thumping under your feet, to feast your eyes on the beams of the insane lights from their big light show and for your body to start involuntarily grooving to the beat.

"Lotus has a reputation for connecting with the audience," Chaz Fontenot said, Oklahoma State University sophomore. "Every show I've been to of theirs has been a great experience and I'm expecting no less for Friday."

So if you're in the mood to dance and can stand to miss out on one night of homecoming activities, head up to Cain's Ballroom for a great show. And if you decide to stay in Tulsa for a bit, keep an eye out for the members of Lotus biking around town. Miller said one thing that made being on tour easier was fold-up bikes.

"They fit under the bus," he said. "You can get around town or at least further than a few blocks from the venue or hotel, and you get some extra exercise to boot."

Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. For more details about the show or Lotus, visit [cainsballroom.com](http://cainsballroom.com) or [lotusvibes.com](http://lotusvibes.com).

---