

## Pick of the week

**Beginnings:** Singapore-based rock band Always July (*below*) launches their second album *Beginnings*, which has been in the making for seven years, in support of the Children's Cancer Foundation (CCF). All proceeds from the album sales will go to the CCF.

The band is known for giving back to charity through their music (all proceeds from their debut album *The Changes* went to the Singapore Children's Society) and their second release is no different.

*Beginnings* waxes lyrical about the band's musical past, their achievements as well as what lies ahead in their journey.

The band creates their own style of rock music,

blending the rhythms of U2 with alternative rock bands of the 90s.

They also convey the struggles, the sufferings of loved ones and the hopes of the band members, while being determinedly encouraging listeners to be positive and optimistic.

The group was formed in 1995 and comprises bassist Bani Rahman, drummer Mohd Shahferi, lead guitarist Wil Kolen as well as lead singer and song-writer Brinal Chua.

*'Beginnings' by Always July will be launched today at The Hood Bar & Cafe with a performance at 8pm. The 'Beginnings' album costs S\$20*

