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**Rock band Rooney to perform at the University of Minnesota, Morris**

*Summary: The group has toured with the Jonas Brothers and Kelly Clarkson, and performed on Letterman, O'Brien, and Kimmel shows.*

(April 15, 2011)-Critically acclaimed Los Angeles rock band Rooney will perform at the University of Minnesota, Morris on Friday, April 15, 2011.

Named after Principal Ed Rooney, a character in "Ferris Bueller's Day Off," the band's music has impacted modern rock and alternative radio. Rooney has performed on television shows such as "The OC," "The Today Show," "Late Night with Conan O'Brien," "The Late Show with David Letterman," and "Jimmy Kimmel Live." The group has toured with fellow artists such as the Jonas Brothers, Kelly Clarkson, Weezer, and The Stokes.

Since the release of the group's debut self-titled album, Rooney has grown a strong fan base and impressed critics. Spin, Details, Entertainment Weekly, Alternative Press, Nylon, The New York Times and Rolling Stone Magazine hail Rooney's music with descriptions such as "elaborate sunny vocal harmonies." "Calling the World" released in 2007 and "Eureka" in 2010 followed the 2003 "Rooney" album. Rooney is listed as a VH1 You Oughta Know Artist on the Rise.

Doors open in Edson Auditorium in the Student Center at 7:30 p.m. with the opening bands Voxhaul Broadcast and Skybombers beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Student Center Information Desk at \$5 for UMM students and \$15 for the general public.

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