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Songwriter puts six years of music into CD

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Singer and songwriter Jeremy dePrisco of Harrisburg is emerging into the music scene in Central Pennsylvania with his debut CD, "Mandala" — and he's doing it by sticking to his beliefs and having fun at the same time.

dePrisco, 26, is the producer of "Mandala," a 12-song cycle of original folk, rock and pop music. Mandala features dePrisco as singer/songwriter and instrumentalist, with

guest appearances by Full Tilt drummer Joe Schrum, Psycho Candy guitarist Jim Nowak, Lee-Damon Band guitarist Lou Damon, and bassist Matt Homiak.

dePrisco said he created the CD without any studio assistance, using his skills of producing, managing and engineering, a process he believes can be difficult for someone without good organizing skills.

He was assisted in York with the mastering of the CD by Professor Ed Debes, who teaches at York College and Millersville University.

"The process is not glamorous in any way," dePrisco said. "I wanted to do it this way at first to save money. But it was still a fun and rewarding process. "I call myself a songwriter first before calling myself a performer," he said. "I've been trying to get away

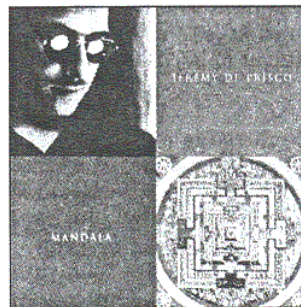
from writing about my own personal life to writing about more broad ideas — such as political ideas. There are things going on in the world right now that I'd like to use my arts to convey."

Proud of the CD: The CD, "Mandala," is a collection of songs written from 1992-98, which dePrisco said he took the best of the best. Now, 16 months later, dePrisco said he is delighted with the results.

"The last track sums up what I was going through writing and recording music," he said. "Regardless of what we do in our lives and what exterior illusions lie in front of us, our potential is overlooked and we don't give ourselves credit to how far our abilities go."

For more details about Jeremy dePrisco or his debut CD, "Mandala," visit the Web site www.mindspeak.com/mandala.htm

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