

Name your tune!

Area offers a little something for every musical preference

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Because the music scene of Chapel Hill and the rest of the Triangle offers such a variety of styles, almost every music lover can find a place to listen to his favorite type.

Music in Chapel Hill begins with Cat's Cradle. The place hops five to six nights a week hosting everything from reggae to blues to acoustic to plain and simple rock 'n' roll. Local acts can be found performing here as well as college radio or independent record label artists.

Some acts that have graced the Cat's Cradle stage in the past year include Let's Active, The Golden Palominos, Fetchin Bones, Scruffy the Cat, Meat Puppets, Camper Van Beethoven and Soul Asylum. The Cradle, which has been reopened for 10 months, has done an excellent job providing local music fans with various types of music, both house brand bands and the imported kind.

Other places to go in Chapel Hill include La Terresa and The Cave. La Terresa is a brand spanking new music spot that features blues, while The Cave hosts folk music.

There are two spots in Raleigh that are also worth checking out. The Brewery has brought in such artists as The Screaming Blue

Messiahs and Modern English in the past, but now the club is concentrating on showcasing local talent now that the Raleigh Pier is open.

The Pier is the most spacious and comfortable club in the area. In the short time that it has been open, the club has hosted such artists as the Long Ryders, The Del Fuegos, Suicidal Tendencies, World Party, The Saints and Steve Earle and the Dukes. The Raleigh Pier is a private membership club, but don't let that prevent you from seeing some of the best music that comes through the Triangle.

Although the drinking age is 21, most of the music clubs in the area do allow people between 18 and 21 in as long as they wear an orange wristband and sign a pledge agreeing not to attempt to purchase alcohol. Cat's Cradle is especially strict on checking on IDs — so play by the rules and nobody will get hurt.

Artists that can draw more people than the Pier can hold performances in UNC's Memorial Hall or Duke's Cameron Indoor Stadium. Memorial Hall has hosted Lone Justice, The Bangles, General Public and Husker Du, while Cameron has held R.E.M. and Elvis Costello.

The big-name artists either play the Dean E. Smith Student Activity Center — hereafter referred to

as the Smith Center — or the Greensboro Coliseum. The Smith Center has hosted such artists as Lionel Richie, Neil Diamond and Genesis.

Possibly the greatest concert in the history of North Carolina will take place October 25 when Pink Floyd comes to the Smith Center. You'll have to buy a scalper's ticket, though, because tickets went on sale July 11. U2 has not played the 20,000-plus arena yet, but join the gang and start praying they do. The Bon Jovi and Huey Lewises of the world usually come as close as Greensboro, which is good.

Don't think you have to wait for the big names to come to town to hear good music, though. There are plenty of good local bands around.

The hottest Chapel Hill band

right now is HEGE V, a little bit country and a whole lot of rock 'n' roll. They are currently touring the country in support of their new LP, "House of Tears," which is getting a lot of praise from the press.

The band of Chapel Hill is The Pressure Boys. They have been playing rock 'n' roll ever since they went to Chapel Hill High School and their live shows should not be missed. They recently became the first band to turn down a Miller Beer sponsorship.

For hardcore fans there is Raleigh's Corrosion of Conformity, which just received a favorable review in the London music mag "New Music Express" for their "Technocracy" EP.

Raleigh's other great band is The Connells. Their guitar pop sound has earned them oodles of

local and national recognition.

Young bands on the rise include The Veldt, Teasing the Korean and Light in August. These are just a few of the bands that you can hear at the Cradle or any of the other area clubs. There are many, many others — so listen to WXYC and go out to the clubs and discover what the town has to offer.



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