

Local Bands Move Beyond Local Appeal

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Regardless of your involvement, the Triangle has one of the best music scenes in the Southeast. With many fantastic music joints (the Brewery, Cats Cradle, and dozens of small clubs, cafes, and bars), hundreds of bands come through the area annually. Even better than this, the Triangle has plenty of its own talented bands with genres ranging from bluegrass to rock to electronica. The following bands are part of this great mix—all local, talented musicians.

Bowerbirds: Bowerbirds is a trio of musicians from Raleigh, NC that has been garnering local and national support (having just performed at SXSW). Composed of three locals that sing, play guitar, and dabble in accordion, Bowerbirds has toured in support of local legends The Mountain Goats. I suggest listening to "My Oldest Memory," with lyrics as poetic as "And I don't know whose land were on. Is this an island that plots like a villain, Or an old ghost friend we don't believe in?" how can you not appreciate their talent.

You can see Bowerbirds live April 9th at Cat's Cradle.

I Was Totally Destroying It: This four man, one female band from Chapel Hill have been on the local music scene for a few years now (I first saw them in 2007), and they've slowly been gathering national and even a bit of international attention (Brazilian cell phone service provider Vivo just used a IWTDI song in an ad campaign). They have a good rock and indie sound, tempered with Rachel Hirsch's (the one female's) light vocals, a bit of brass, and some tinkering piano. I'd suggest listening to their single "Come Out, Come Out," and their song "Teeth" from their most recent album, *Horror Vacui* (which literally means fear of empty space), for a taste of their current sound, and if you'd like to check out a bit of their history try "To Nomenclature" from their first album. A lyric: "And when I think about it, this is just nomenclature. I have a name for you, and you have a name for me."

You can see IWTDI live April 1st at The Pinhook in Durham or April 20th at The Reservoir in Carrboro.

The Beast: The Beast is an entirely



I Was Totally Destroying It, photo courtesy of Jason Arthurs, via the myspace.com/iwtdi

different kind of band than the previous two. Deemed "hip-hop/jazz/soul" on their [myspace page \(myspace.com/thebeastreality\)](http://myspace.com/thebeastreality) and "cool, ambient hip-hop" in the News and Observer's recent article "The Great Eight," this sound has a unique, rhythmic, unstoppable danceable sound. Their song "Translation," has Spanish-jazz undertones and their lyrics are tight

and intelligent. This band is definitely going to make something of themselves.

You can see The Beast live April 9th at Local 506.

Other local bands worth checking out: Luego, Hammer No More Fingers, Lost in the Trees, and Embarassing Fruits

Ask Gigi

Dear Gigi,
I won't tell you my class year, but I've been here at MereCo long enough and I still haven't figured something out...WHERE ARE THE BOYS?!?
Sincerely, Single and Searching

Dear Single and Searching,
There may not be much testosterone at Meredith, but never fear: that does not apply to all of Raleigh! Remember this rule of thumb: when there is a large co-ed university across the street, there are fraternities full of eligible bachelors with hearts to steal. Because fraternities project many different "personalities," there are multiple varieties of guys to be found in them, so pick the one you click with. If you're skeptical of all frat boys, you're not out of luck; one need not walk farther than The Brickhouse sports bar; across the street in the Royal Plaza, when a basketball game is playing, or perhaps down the strip that contains East Village, Katmandu, PB's, and The Farmhouse. Like fraternities, bars and restaurants also tend to attract different personality types so choose wisely! If all else fails, plan a stake-out at Cook-Out between the hours of 1:00 and 4:00 am on Friday or Saturday night and befriend cars full of college cuties - one of them might just be your soul mate. Happy hunk-hunting!

Yours truly,
Gigi

What's Up In Raleigh

- ArtSource North Hills presents "Eva Carter + Debbie Martin: Expressions in Color" March 18 - April 15, 2010.
- 03/31/2010 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM, Ladies in Red: this is NCSU's premier female a cappella group!
- Thu Apr 1 at 8:30 PM - Dave Coulier at Goodnight's Comedy Club
- Tao Drums: Progress Energy Center, 04/01/2010 8:00 PM
- North Carolina Museum of Art Grand Opening: April 24