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## The Burn Ins rock out

## Music For the Birds



Kristine Lyall, lead vocals and bass guitar, rocked the Union Hall. Photo by E. Filipe

By Eriki Filipe  
 For The Free Press

Elkford's own garage rock band, The Burn Ins, celebrated their first debut album with a CD release party, performing and showcasing their songs at the Union Hall in Elkford on Friday night.

By Megan Cole  
 Free Press Staff

The winners of a Vancouver-based talent search are headed to Fernie to play their three part harmonies at the Brickhouse.

Aspen Switzer, Genevieve Rainey and Elaine Ryan, who are For the Birds, were in the top three of Vancouver's Lilith local talent search, an online songwriting contest geared towards drumming up new talent for Sarah McLachlan's 2010 Lilith tour.

The three women present their songs in a round format, in which all three are on stage, taking turns singing lead vocals from their original songs.

For the Birds blend their unique styles to create soulful harmonies, backing each other up on the guitar and ukulele.

Switzer is a Nelson-based singer/songwriter whose second album, Humble but Bearing No Apology, won two awards at the 2009 B.C.

Interior Music Awards. Since releasing her first album in 2006, she has toured from Victoria, B.C. to Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Rainey has been playing in Toronto clubs since she was a teenager. She has released three full-length albums and two EPs.

Her latest album was recorded in Austin, Texas with members of The Dead Horses.

She now lives in Vancouver, B.C. and has played festivals like Victoria's Rifflandia in 2010.

Ryan released her debut solo album, Songs from the River, in May. She has shared the stage with Pat Simmons of the Doobie Brothers.

She has won songwriting contests, busked across Europe, and played at festivals in Austin, Montreal, Toronto, Maui and B.C.

For the Birds will be taking the stage at the Brickhouse on Saturday June 18.

For more information on For the Birds visit their website at [www.ourstage.com/epk/forthebirds](http://www.ourstage.com/epk/forthebirds)

## Tune in to Stellar Choir Radio

By Megan Cole  
 Free Press Staff

A Golden based three-piece garage, rock and roll band that describes itself as sounding like your dad's record collection is playing in Fernie and Elkford.

Stellar Radio Choir will be playing at The Central in Fernie and Sneaky's Pub in Elkford with local Fernie band Mobina Galore.

With influences like The Velvet Underground, The Black Keys, The Rolling Stones, The Pixies and even Fleetwood Mac, Stellar Radio Choir combines hooky bass lines, a strong back beat and psychedelic, washed out guitar for a unique result.

They are touring off their debut EP, "Attack of the laser tiger."

The legacy of rock and roll is present in every performance, from the music itself to the moustaches and fur scarves.

Stellar Radio Choir and Mobina Galore play at Sneaky's in Elkford on June 14 and at The Central in Fernie on June 15.

For more information on Stellar Radio Choir visit their Myspace page at [www.myspace.com/stellarradiochoir](http://www.myspace.com/stellarradiochoir). And for more on Mobina Galore visit [www.myspace.com/mobinagalore](http://www.myspace.com/mobinagalore)

### Reconnaissance, restitution et réconciliation

Lors des premières activités nationales d'internement au Canada en 1914-1920, des milliers d'hommes, de femmes et d'enfants ont été stigmatisés comme étant des « ennemis étrangers ». Plusieurs furent emprisonnés. Dépouillés du peu de richesses qu'ils possédaient, forcés d'effectuer des travaux difficiles dans l'arrière-pays du Canada, ils ont également été privés de leurs droits et soumis à d'autres censures sanctionnées par l'état - non pas à cause de quelque chose qu'ils avaient fait, mais uniquement à cause de l'endroit d'où ils venaient et de qui ils étaient.

En mai 2008, des représentants de la communauté ukrainienne du Canada ont conclu un accord avec le gouvernement du Canada qui a mené à la création d'un fonds de dotation pour financer des projets commémoratifs, éducatifs, académiques et culturels ayant pour but de rappeler à tous les Canadiens cet épisode dans l'histoire de notre pays.

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During Canada's first national internment operations of 1914-1920 thousands of men, women and children were branded as "enemy aliens." Many were imprisoned. Stripped of what little wealth they had, forced to do heavy labour in Canada's hinterlands, they were also disenfranchised and subjected to other state sanctioned censures - not because of anything they had done but only because of where they had come from, who they were.

In May 2008 representatives of the Ukrainian Canadian community reached an agreement with the Government of Canada providing for the creation of an endowment fund to support commemorative, educational, scholarly and cultural projects intended to remind all Canadians of this episode in our nation's history.

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