

Lots of live music for September

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School's back and so is the live music, even on a long, Labour Day weekend.



But end August with a whole lot of laughs at the Owl Acoustic Lounge stand up comedy open mic, Wednesday Aug. 30.

It begins at 9 p.m. There is no charge.

There is a special event at the Owl Acoustic Lounge the next night, Aug. 31 as they host Busted Up: A special fundraiser for scenester Derek Hoyle who had a serious workplace accident. There will live music and a silent auction, with all proceeds going to help out Derek Hoyle while he is off work.

Admission is \$10.

The Slice opens September with Calgary based progressive metal band Anti-Pattern with a touch of jazz courtesy of local jazz rock band the Groove Apostles and a new Edmonton based "math-jazz" band called Red Litmus, who have two shows this week. Red Litmus are also playing the Owl Acoustic Lounge on Sept. 2 with Swift Current progressive rock band the Moon Runners.

The Slice finishes August on a rock and roll note as they welcome back Regina based desert rock band Snake River along with local rockers Biloxi Parish and experimental ambient musician An Ant and an Atom. Admission is five dollars.

Club Didi opens their new season with a couple of events. The first episode of improvised soap opera Starship Gammorah is September 1.

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The monthly improvised soap opera brings the cast on an interstellar journey fraught with scandal and intrigue and most likely a lot of laughs. Admission is \$10 for the show, which begins at 9 p.m.

The next night Club Didi features Meet The Queens, which is a chance to meet some of Didi's drag performers who will be featured every month.

The first open mic of the season is Sept, 5 at Club Didi as well from 8-10 p.m.. Come and hang out with hosts Jeff and Rylan and bring an instrument. Cover is by donation.

On a country note, local country/roots singer Karen Romanchuk returns to the Mocha Cabana on Friday, Sept. 1.

For something a little more mainstream, "Hold My Beer" as Average Joes hosts country star Aaron Pritchett, riding high on his latest hit "VW Bus." Craig Moritz will be opening the show at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 on the day of the show.

But the biggest event of the week is part of the university of Lethbridge's 50th anniversary celebrations.

There are three big days of events at the university of Lethbridge, Sept, 1-3, with the biggest show happening on Sept. 2. the Shine on Music festival runs all day long from noon with a variety of performers including alternative rock band Doublejack, Trevor Panczak, DJ Millz Skillz, Vancouver indie rock band Mother Mother, up and coming Vancouver based roots and country band Washboard Union, local country musician Corb Lund and Vancouver based superstar Dallas Smith.' Admission is \$65 for U of L students and alumni, \$75 for the general public.

The next day the fun continued with a free festival featuring a battle of the bands with the Youngbloods, country band Alyssa McQuaid and Coyote Junction, hip hop group the AWD fellows with funk rock trio Adequate, Nevada Place, young rock band Diversified and local rock band Scotch Whiskey Limousine. There will also be a two rugby games, a craft market, food trucks, an inflatable obstacle course, round dance, cultural demonstration and a beer gardens.

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