

## Windy City Opry features youthful roots rock band Denim Daddies

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I only caught the end of the Windy City Opry, April 11 at the Slice. I completely missed Vancouver folk duo Chicken-like Birds who always entertain when they are in town.



I caught the last few songs of youthful Edmonton band the Denim Daddies. They played '70s style country rock along the lines of Gram Parsons and the Flying Burrito Brothers.

So there was plenty of twanging guitars, steel guitar and Shooter Mac's keyboards along with a few multi-part harmonies.

They played a catchy highlight, which won them a songwriting contest in their home town.

Just because, they also turned Rob Zombie's 1998 hit "Dragula" in to a pretty spooky country song.

They wound things down with a slower, spooky number which was reminiscent of some of the Sadies' more sinister moments.

The rhythm guitarist / vocalist Rudigier Metsin noted that was their spaghetti western song. He was alternating lead vocals with bassist Rick Visser. Drummer Merv Campbell added extra background vocals as did steel guitarist Bo Winchester.

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