

Whole lot of rock leading up to Thanksgiving weekend

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There is a whole lot of rock happening this week.



Open things up with Keith Woodrow's A Slice of blues jam at the Slice, Oct. 8. Come out and play the blues.

But first, the Geomatic Attic features two big shows with Nova Scotia musician Jimmy Rankin. Rankin is "moving west" on his Songs From Route 19 tour in support of his most recent album "Moving East." Rankin plays the Geomatic Attic, Oct. 9 and 10. Jimmy Rankin plays the Geomatic Attic, Oct. 9 and 10 at 8 p.m. each night. Tickets are \$42.50 for members and \$47.50 for non-members.

In a similar vein, the Windy City Opry features Quebec born, Calgary based folk musician Emily Triggs and Calgary country folk musician Carter Felker. The Opry begins at 8 p.m. sharp. Admission is \$10.

For the complete opposite to that, The Owl Acoustic Lounge features a big stoner rock night on Oct. 10 with Calgary's Chron Goblin and Edmonton/Vancouver trio Black Mastiff who both have brand new albums out. Local band Facecut is also on the bill. They play the Owl Acoustic Lounge at 9 p.m. for a special ticketed event. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door.

The Slice rocks on Friday, Oct. 11, with the Northern Pirate Radio Metal music bash featuring Calgary metal band Syryn, local Celtic metal band Nyghtblead, Local rock band Quick Draw and Eons of Earth. Admission is \$10.

For something a little more low key, Cal Toth and Katie LaRoque's Dueling Pianos returns to Average Joes, Oct 11 as well.

Go country at Casino Lethbridge with Ryan Lindsay, who is performing there, Oct. 10 and 11.

For something a little weirder, dark country band Makiisma and Ghostwoman plus Kamloops psych-pop band Mother Sun will be at the Owl Acoustic Lounge, Oct. 11. Admission is by

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The Lethbridge Folk Club's monthly open mic is at Casa, Oct. 11 as well. There are lots of opportunities to play in front of people this week. Ian Morrice hosts the Slice's Thursday open mic. And Honker's Pub has open mics on Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Good Times has an open mic on Monday nights too.

And Gabe Thaine's High Level variety show is on Tuesday, Oct. 15. Michael Bartz is the host this week. Admission is by donation., The family jam returns to the Owl Acoustic Lounge at 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 12. The Owl Acoustic Lounge has another big rock show, Oct. 12 with Regina one man rock band Tyle and local alternative rock duo Cope.

I hate to drop a C bomb, but last week's snow reminded me that Christmas is coming.

So get a head start on Christmas shopping at the Handmade Market at Exhibition Park, Oct. 12 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. In addition to hand made crafts, there will also be local music with Chris Ryan Drew playing bright and early at 9 a.m., Corduroy Brown at 11 a.m. and Wendy Colby at 1 p.m. Admission is five dollars.

For your laughter fix, teacher turned comedian Ken Valgardson performs two shows, at Good Times, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Or just celebrate Sunday with the Bravura brunch at the old Firehall, where the Bridgette Yarwood will be performing, Sunday, Oct. 13. from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 per person.

The University of Lethbridge drama department opens their main-stage season with Sam Shepard's *A Lie Of the Mind*. It runs Oct. 8-12 in University Theatre at 7 p.m. each night.

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