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Here's who you like to listen to

We asked you what your favorite indie acts were and you responded

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There's a band around Indianapolis called **Red Light Driver** (<http://www.redlightdriver.com/>). They have a great sound that harkens back to the '80s alternative acts like The Cure, Love and Rockets and New Order but still sounds fresh (think modern bands like Bloc Party). They're starting to get some traction and are apparently going to start doing quite a few shows out of state. You should go check out their site. Really good stuff. — *Michael Tressler, Indianapolis, Ind.*

The Shady Knights from New York — a wicked blend of late '60s garage rock with a touch of 80's metal. There is also a strong pop sensibility in all the songs. — *John, New York, N.Y.*

Drag the River are from Ft Collins, Colorado; they play what we call Country and Midwestern. Two singers who had fronted punk bands back in the day (All and Armchair Martian) now play Country, but don't call it alt-country. When you go see these guys play live, everyone is singing along to every song and drinking really tall beers. You can't ask for a better band. Check

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 The Sea and the Cake are four guys who are hungry to create; they reinvent pop note by note on their new album, "Everybody." By Paige Newman

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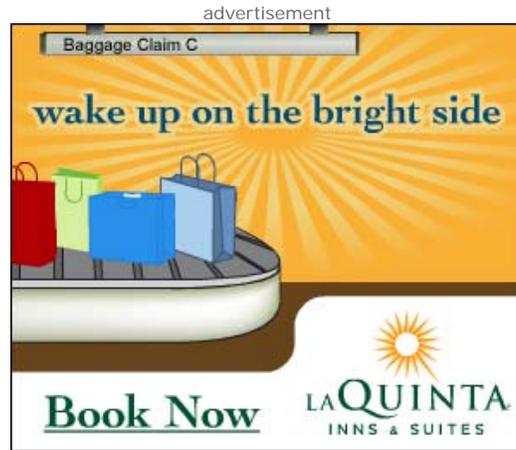
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them out at www.myspace.com/dragtheriver.—*Virgil Dickerson, Denver, Colo.*

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The Possum Trot Orchestra, they are the greatest. Kind of Americana/folk, mostly unplugged but do some electric. They play a lot around the Ft. Wayne, Ind. area, monthly at Borders. They have a huge following of fans. I'm a registered music therapist in Ft. Wayne, so I listen to a lot of music of all kinds. I wonder why these guys haven't hit the big time because they really are good. Another good band in our area is the **Legendary Trainspotters**. Sometimes the two bands have played together at shows around town. They both deserve a good listen and nationwide exposure. — *Jill Henderson-Coblentz, Ft. Wayne, Ind.*

Resident Hero is a great band that used to be from Austin, now they live in LA. They recently did a brief stint with Flyleaf, and Resident Hero was better than flyleaf! That's the reaction I had when I went to see Flyleaf last year. Resident Hero put on a way better show. They are such genuine good guys. The lyrics really speak to anyone that listens. That's why I love them so much! — *Sarah, Kyle, Texas*

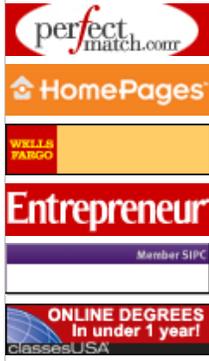
Cracker. I like them as they still play small venues, will play long sets, and are crowd friendly (will play songs that are shouted out). I have seen them many times and will always go when they are near my town. In fact, you may get to see them with a bonus, as Camper Van Beethoven often plays with them. — *Russell Troy, Stockton, Calif.*

the playIng mAntis — This band has an acoustic, rock side that will keep you wanting to know, "When are they coming out with new songs? We want more!" Located in Newport, Vermont, this band will also have you leaning back with your loved one with their softer side as well, and not only are they my local favorite band they are also in the top 40 at No. 26 in L.A., California, and gaining exposure in the Netherlands. Wow, keep on rollin for the good selves. www.myspace.com/theplayingmantis — *Robert, Newport, Vt.*

Outereach from Miami, Fla. They are a fantastic musical representation of the melting pot that is Miami. The local music is

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making a strong comeback and they are leading. Their sound is edgy and awesome with impressive songwriting and musicianship! They are definitely making a buzz down here and you should check them out!

www.myspace.com/outereach—*Nikki Novo, Miami, Fla.*

Roger Clyne and the Peacemakers. A bit country, a bit rock, "alternative" country is what they become labeled. RCPM has a fierce loyal fanbase and I've been a fan since Roger Clyne fronted "The Refreshments." I have never seen them live. Their music is so addictive I rarely switch my playlist and never to anywhere without their CDs in my car. <http://www.azpeacemakers.com/> – *Jeff Wilson, Seattle, Wash.*

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