

Tough choices to make June 2-9

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This is a week of tough choices if you like all types of music and entertainment.

On Thursday, Ray Lemelin and Bill Hills return to the Slice on June 4. They play thought provoking and energetic acoustic blues. On the other hand, if you are a “Spaceship Superstar” or just like Canadian rock n’ roll, Prism is at Average Joes Downtown. They have a plethora of catchy synth and guitar powered hits like “Spaceship Superstar,” “Take Me To The Kaptain,” “Young and Restless,” “ See Forever Eyes,” and numerous others. If you like jazz music, the Dave Renter Quartet is playing Henotic the same night. They are also hosting the open stage at the Slice tonight (June 2).

Friday night is going to be a night of really tough choices.

Not only are Dave McCann and the 10 Toed Frogs back in town to play heartfelt, energetic alt-country music at the Slice, but Henotic is going rockabilly with Bent 8, the Hurricane Felix and the Southern Twisters. “metal Queen” Lee Aaron is also back in town to play Average Joes downtown, Friday night.

For something a little more country, Karen Romanchuk begins a two-day run at the Mocha Cabana. James Oldenburg will be playing laid back singer songwriter material at the Cottom Blossom Lounge, Friday and Saturday as well. If you want to laugh, lispng, trucker-mouthed Cape Breton comedienne Nikki Payne is at HBs Lounge.

Saturday is going to be just as tough to choose between shows. The Shaela Miller Threesome, Treeline and the Record Holder are at the Front Row Pub, while downtown, the Slice welcomes back Axis of Conversation, a political folk duo along with Planet Telex and bass/drums duo Amelia Earhart. Also on Saturday, the 1010 is bringing the blues with the Blues Connection

Meanwhile Henotic has three exciting Calgary bands— American Flamewhip and the Brenda

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Vaqueros along with Meisha and the Spanks. On Wednesday they are bringing the punk with the Madcowboys and Carpenter.

For more mutant acoustic blues, Current Swell return to the Slice with Australian blues band Rogerthat, June 8 and Treeline returns to host the Slice jam, June 6. And at the 1010, up against a plethora of fantastic shows, a group called the Blues Connection play June 6.

A little further ahead Treeline hosts the open mic at the Slice, on June 9.

For your pop, local band the Darby and Joan Club will be playing with Laura Smith Music on June 12 at the Slice and Said the Whale return on June 12.

And if you missed the grand opening of the Ruin and Reclamation art show in the old Leo Singer building, don't miss it this week. It is Thursday though Saturday afternoons this week and next.

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