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## Bands set to rock the Rockies

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Time is ticking away toward the launch of the inaugural Rockaganza event, featuring four bands playing five venues over seven days. Rock coordinator Lindsay Johnston began seeking out bands for the old school rock festival months ago, nailing down four solid up-and-coming bands of various music genres.

"Originally I contacted four bands that stuck out in my mind as bands that I'd seen that were awesome," she explained.

Sadly two of the bands originally on her radar, Jenn Militia and Urban Divide, were unable to attend, due to other commitments and travel constraints.

However, the music-loving Johnston found two other equally amazing bands to come headline the tour.

Satori Life (SL), a Calgary-based four-piece band, just released their first CD, Planet Music, this summer. Not your average pop-rock band, SL features Bill Zulak on the electric violin.

Last year SL won the Unsigned Vibe contest with Vibe 98.5, further adding to the band's fame and exposure.

"They're all about the live shows," Johnston said of SL, thanks to their wicked stage presence and high energy beats.

Hitting the stage with their edgy bagpipe filled rock will be the kilt-clad boys of McCuaig.

For anyone unfamiliar with the Scotty-themed rock band, once the bagpipes start, you know there's good times ahead.

McCuaig already has a legion of fans in the valley thanks to their larger than life performances and foot-stompin' tunes.

Jumping on board later in the game were Disaster Man and solo artist Kaesza. Disaster Man contacted Johnston expressing their interest in being part of the rock tour/rockumentary process, a throwback to a bygone era. Kaesza, the only solo performer of the show, is an accomplished musician, who has studied extensively and was recently offered a partial scholarship to Berkeley's music faculty.

The plan is to have all bands collaborating and jamming together throughout the week, each bringing their unique sounds to the table.

"It's gonna be a really, really neat lineup," added Johnston. "All the bands are stoked to be part of the production."

Johnston is still seeking anyone interested in helping with the Rockaganza experience to get on board, in any way possible.

Anyone wanting to get in on the rock experience and get their hands on a wristband to the exclusive kick-off party at Columbia Lake on June 29 can contact Lindsay at 250-342-0420 or visit [www.fundamental-events.com](http://www.fundamental-events.com) for the week of rock schedule.



A variety of art was on display for the annual David Thompson Secondary School's Reach! show at Pynelogs Cultural Centre. Above is Grade 11 student Kayla Luyendyk's sketch. Below are Emma Milligen (left) and Caitlin McDermot (right) with their 3-D pieces, which both won awards. Reach! is on display at Pynelogs until June 22.

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