

SPOTLIGHT

we love the '80s

By Eric Farwell

The band that once made you feel tempted by the fruit of another or something like that will return to offer black, possibly burnt, coffee in bed. **Squeeze** don't care about making new fans, as it'll just be another nail in their hearts if young people don't show up. Describing their sound as cool for cats and dogs, Squeeze

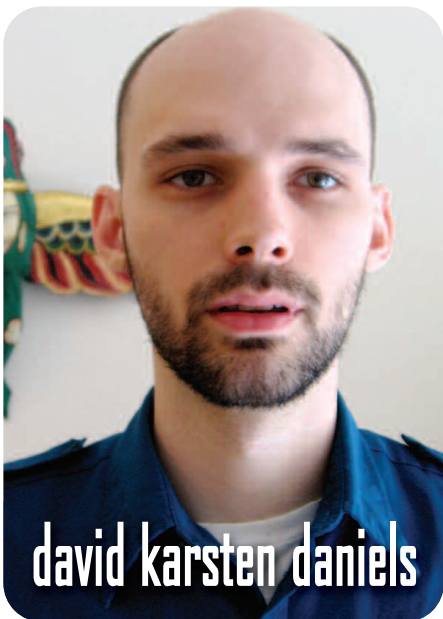
also makes music for humans as well. More song titles can be referenced after their **Radio City** show on **July 13** or **July 18** date at the **State Theatre**. \$35.00. All ages 7:30 p.m. squeezeofficial.com.

squeeze

transcendentalism on monday

by Dani Tauber

Singer/songwriter **David Karsten Daniels** is currently touring with Virginia nine-piece jazz band **Fight The Big Bull** in support of their collaborative album, *I Mean To Live Here Still*. The album, which was released digitally on June 22, is a folk/jazz fusion setting of ten poems by Henry David Thoreau. One of three US dates on the tour will be in NYC at **Le Poisson Rouge** on **July 12**. (Doors 7 pm; tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at door.) davidkarstendaniels.com.



david karsten daniels

canadian kaleidoscope

by Alicia Fiorletta

Canadian troop **The Acorn** creates a concoction of folkloric musings and indie-inspired jam sessions on their latest album *No Ghost*. The Ottawa-based group conceived the album's sound that splits natural acoustic elements and fuller, more driving tracks with ease. Their musical inspirations create a kaleidoscopic experience, gradually morphing from plucky guitars, swooning harmonies and

momentum-filled drum syncopation, to heavier tracks that combine violin, backwards electric guitar and humming feedback. The Acorn play **Maxwell's July 13**, **Mercury Lounge July 14**, and **Littlefield (Brooklyn) July 15**. \$10. myspace.com/theacorn.

the acorn

dad rock comes alive

By Eric Farwell

That band your parents love, **Huey Lewis and the News**, will be bringing their moth ball covered pop rock to Jersey. People have been known to wax philosophically when listening to their albums. This usually happens right before they commit murder. All crime will take place whenever Johnny Colla will decide to end his sax solo. Thin Lizzy's one time harmonica player

will take the stage with his band at **Caesar's Palace** on **July 10** and the **Wellmont Theatre** on **July 13**. \$45.00 all ages, doors 7.00 p.m. hueylewis.com.

huey lewis and the news

history with a twist

by Kathryn Bergin

Cello-driven chamber trio **Rasputina** have captivated listeners with their haunting melodies, historically-based lyrics and Victorian era costumes since the early '90s. Their latest effort, *Sister Kindhook*, released last month is a sonic return to their first album, *Thanks For the Ether*. Rasputina showcases the power of the cello and composer/vocalist Melora Creager's strange, yet beautiful, voice as she

sings about feral children, the Anti-Rent Wars of 1844, American portraiture and more. *Sister Kindhook* is the first album put out by Rasputina that includes a male cellist, new member Daniel DeJesus. They play at **Le Poisson Rouge July 10**. Tickets are \$15. rasputina.com.

rasputina

southern style heartbreak

by Alicia Fiorletta

With her mousey voice and sincere lyrics drenched in heartache, it's easy for listeners to fall in love with **Kate Tucker**. The Seattle-based songstress is taking a break from her indie-pop outfit **Kate Tucker and the Sons of Sweden** to explore organ-based southern folk rock. Her fragile vocals take subtle cues from Regina Spektor and Neko Case, but it's her haunting

storytelling and song arrangements that take power, paying homage to Fleetwood Mac and Neil Young. Kate Tucker plays **Lovin' Cup July 9** and **Rockwood Music Hall July 10**. katetucker.net

kate tucker

camping made easy

by Alicia Fiorletta

Music festivals have a reputation of being covered in filth and grime. **Camp Bisco 9** is taking the more sanitary route, holding the three-day camping and music fest at the Indian Lookout Country Club near Albany. Guests will get access to full bathrooms and showers, a general store and a full on site bar, creating a carefree camping experience. The rain or shine event hosted by trance fusion outfit **The Disco Biscuits** will feature other big names in the dance and experimental scenes like **LCD**

Soundsystem, **Ween**, **Girl Talk**, and **Wu Massacre**. **Camp Bisco 9** is also taking a hint from **Bonnaroo** and is hosting its first **Silent Disco**. Each night, concertgoers can put on wireless headphones and flip between two DJ sets, creating the ultimate cerebral dance party. **Camp Bisco 9** is **July 15-17**. \$155 advance, \$175 day of. campbisco.net.

camp bisco 9



pop punk misery

amber pacific

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by Alicia Fiorletta

Seattle-based quintet **Amber Pacific** is continuing to make their usual fun, bubblegum pop-punk after finding a new lead singer and joining **Victory Records**. Between their catchy hooks and juvenile lyrics about surviving post-breakup life, the band creates the musical

setting of the ultimate manic-depressive frat party. **Halifax**, **Life on Repeat** and **City Lights** join the band as they tour in support of their newest album *Virtues*. **Amber Pacific** plays **School of Rock July 11** and **The Studio at Webster Hall July 12**. Both \$12. myspace.com/amberpacific.