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## STREET SCENE

## Diablos edge into national music scene =

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From the outside, the Bear's
Den looks inconspicuous with its
yellow awning and brown brick,
nestled within "downtown"
Berkley. On Sundays, however,
it's anything but inconspicuous.
Inside, fans are dancing on
chairs and the floor, or standing
on their toes to get a glimper of
one of the Detroit-area's hot up
and coming bands, the
funk/blues outfit the Howling
Diablos.

Within the past few years, the
Howling Diablos have built up a
following by playing around
town relentlessly. Now it's starting to pay off.

The Howling Diablos captured
the attention of Nick Butsicaris,
a vice president at the powerhouse William Morris Agency in
New York, after his former DMA
booking agency partner and current Diablos manager Dave
Leone took him see the band.
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ris. coo Goo Dolls, among car-ers.

"They kicked (butt)," Butsi-caris said about the New York shows, one of which included fel-low Michiganders The Verve Pipe. "Everyone went crazy for them. We needed opening act for the tour) so I gave the Mid-western dates to the Howling Diablos."

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Diablos."
By the time the Diablos, Alice By the time the Diablos, Alice Cooper and Scorpions show hits Pine Knob tonight, they will have played for crowds in Indianapolis, Chicago, Columbus, Cleveland and Cincinnati. Tickets for tonight's show, which starts at 7:30 p.m., are \$25 pavilion and \$12.50 lawn. For more information, call (810) 377-0100.

"It's like a cool bill at the drive-in," said Howling Diablos singer Martin "Tino" Gross of Royal Oak. "You see the first movie's Easy Rider' and then the second movie's "Frankenstein," and the third one is "Das Boot."

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The rare to be on something like that without a record deal. They're treating us as good as we could possibly hope. A lot of times, if you're third on the bill you're just kind of left to flounder. But they're treating us

Making their mark: The Howling Diablos play the WRIF/Budweiser Rock 'n' Blues Festival at Greemead Park (On Newburgh at 8 Mile Road), Livonia on Saturday, July 27, with Black Market, InDrama, Mimi Harris and the Snakes, Mudpuppy, Robert Noll, Corey Stevens and Texas Flood, Humble Pie and Edgar Winter The New With Edward February 111 ter. The show, which runs from noon-11 p.m., is free.

After five years together, the Howling Diablos have finally found their niche. Their blend of funk, hip-hop and blues, as well as Gross's laid-back yet charismatic stage presence, have attracted guest players like rapper Kid Rock, the Black Crowes' Eddie Harsch, and bluesman Robert Bradley to the Bears Den. Former members include Sponge lead singer Vinnie Dombroski and Joff Fowlikes of Bradley's Blackwater Surprise, both on drums.

"That's turned into a great thing for us. It's been a place where we can experiment a lot, find out what works and what doesn't work. It's a place where people can see us all the time. We've pretty much built a core following out of that bar. It's been really off the hook up there for over a year now. It's just total musical excitement, There's great vibes in there too," Gross explained.

The collaboration between the Diablos and Kid Rock (whose real name is Bob Ritchie) has paid off personally and professionally for Gross.

"He's become one of my best friends. Basically, we're a reck 'n' roll band but we've got a lot of funk. When you have a funkthing goin' on , you're dealing

with rhythm. A rapper, for example, can fall right in with that. It was just kind of a natural hook-up.

Although record labels are watching the Howling Diables. The band is planning on releasing a live album on Kid Rock's. Top Dog Records in the fall.

We want to come out with a real street-level underground thing. That's all we concentrate on. Let me just say this, I'm sure we'll get signed one day. It's gonna happen in the right way for us. We'll have our own vibe and fan hase happening. A record label will step in and help us do what we're already doing. ... All I concentrate on are the fans in front of me. The live thing. Those are the people we care about. Pears the Rowling Diables will also perform at 746 p.m. Friday, July 26, as part of Rockester's Dancin' in the Streets series, at Walnut and West Fourth streets; From 2-3 p.m. Schurday, July 27, at the WRIF! Bludweier Rock 'n' Blues Festival at Greenmend Park in Livonic. For more information about the Howling Diablos, visit their web site at http://www.user.aol.com/HowlingDo@ool.com.

## ART BEAT

Artheat features various hap-penings in the suburban arts world. Send news leads to: Mary Klemie, Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009, or fax (810) 644-1314.

mer art classes for children in grades 2-6. Her "Young Artists' Painting Palette" begins Mon-day, July 29. Call (810) 851-8215 for information, or (810) 433-0885 to register.

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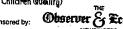


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