

# MUSIC CALENDAR

## THE SHORT LIST

### WEDNESDAY JANUARY 3

#### The Sun-Ups + Belle Epoque + the Royal Bear

Power-pop is happening in Seattle right now—it even got its own non-Three Imaginary Girls blog this summer, at [seattle-powerpop.blogspot.com](http://seattle-powerpop.blogspot.com). Since June, it has covered the Long Winters, the Lashes (though their power-punk status is debatable), and plenty of others including Visqueen, who would be fantastic on a double bill with local quartet the Sun-Ups. Guitarists Brandy Foltz and Lucinda Kruey also harmonize beautifully with each other as vocalists, belting it out like a much cooler Belly-era Tanya Donnelly. And while their songs on *The View From Above* follow the power-pop status quo in terms of examining heartbreak, these women also have more on their minds: "Smooth your wrinkled forehead/Change your attitude" they holler between woo-oo-oo's on "Your Face Will Freeze Like That." It's about time someone around here said it. RACHEL SHIMP *Crocodile Cafe, 9 p.m. \$6*

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 5

#### Head Like a Kite + Hypatia Lake + the Prids

Just as the dearly departed Seattleites (to New York, not the afterlife) Trachtenburg Family Slideshow Players drew their musical inspiration from vintage slides found at flea markets and thrift stores, local duo Head Like a Kite grew out of main man Dave Einmo's fascination with his family's old Super 8 films. His music—as heard on HLAK's appropriately titled debut, *Random Portraits of the Home Movie*—is an utterly absorbing and (OK, I'll say it) occasionally cinematic journey during which bright-but-skewed guitar pop is bisected by disembodied voices and odd samples from those old films; charming analog synth wobbles, whooshes, and bleeps; and head-bobbing beats that sound halfway between the minimalism of DJ Krush and Krautrock pulse of Stereolab. Live, Einmo is assisted by drummer/keyboardist Trent Moorman and a projectionist that plays those Super 8 movies as HLAK catches its grooves. I give 'em a thumbs way up. MICHAEL ALAN GOLDBERG *Chop Suey, 9 p.m. \$6*

#### Welcome + Go Fever + the Turn-Ons + Jerry Peerson

SEE FEATURE (the Turn-Ons) P. 44. *Sunset Tavern, 9 p.m. \$7*

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thrash, stoner sludge, and classic Brit-metal. And that's nothing compared to Akimbo's legendary live show, where you might consider yourself lucky to escape with all limbs and internal organs intact. Forget about your hearing, though. MICHAEL ALAN GOLDBERG *El Corazon, 9 p.m. \$6*

#### The Blakes + Spook the Horse + Partman Parthorse + the Vomiting Unicorns

From Wolf Eyes and Wolfmother to Wolf Parade, AIDS Wolf, and, um, Fuckwolf, the almighty howler at the moon has been the animal of choice for many indie band names over the

head down to Neumo's tonight and catch Mercer in an intimate setting while you can. Plus, the show benefits muscular dystrophy research, so you can't go wrong. Good music + good deed = clean conscience. BRIAN J. BARR *Neumo's, 8 p.m. \$25*

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

#### Sleepytime Gorilla Museum + Secret Chiefs 3

Over six years ago, more than an hour before the Oakland-based art-metal freaks Sleepytime Gorilla Museum came



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