



SEEING GREEN

The lead singer, songwriter, arranger, producer and overall mastermind behind the project See Green is the openly bisexual and clearly multitalented Courtenay Green. Her infectious, upbeat indie power pop will have you tapping your toes and smiling. With strong yet quirky vocals, Green is a welcome addition to the music landscape. The wise yet peppy "Are You Happy" has hit written all over it and is reminiscent of New Wave and the likes of The Go-Go's. Green's new EP, Ultramarine, is out this summer and we can't think of a sunnier girl-power sound to bop along to. (courtenaygreen.com)

SONIC SOUTH

It may surprise you that the Sunshine State could ever produce a band that writes about a weird array of dark subjects, from stalkers to teenage angst, but the Sleepy Vikings, who hail from Tampa, do. Compared to Sonic Youth their debut album, They Will Find You Here, finds the comparison to be an apt one. For those of you too young to have experienced the alternative rock of the early '90s, here's a very cool Viking voyage redux—complete with three out lesbian band members this time around. (sleepyvikings.com)

WILD AND COMING

FIVE ON-THE-CUSP QUEER ACTS TO KEEP AN EAR ON. BY MERRY N JOHNS

KELLEY JACKSON (SLEEPY VIKINGS), SNAPPED BY LAM, LOST (LINDSAY WHITE)



### GIRL WITH GUITAR

The bittersweet, sincere vocals of **Lindsay White** make her sound like the lovechild of Hope Sandoval and Regina Spektor—and we love it. The San Diego-based musician is newly out, having separated from her husband after realizing she was gay. She's played San Diego Pride and embraces her new visibility, feeling that coming out can help other women in the situation she was in. "I went to hell and back trying to get my life together and finally had to own up to who I really was," explains White. She's flourishing now, having just released her first solo album, *Tracks*, and enjoying a musical life with her partner, musician Veronica May. ([lindsaywhitemusic.com](http://lindsaywhitemusic.com))

### HOT ROCKERS

The U.K. all-girl foursome (three are lesbian) **JOANovARC** has rocked music festivals all around Europe this year including supporting Uh-Huh Her. Their big sound has elements of everyone from Heart to U2, and should satisfy those craving anything from hard core rock 'n' roll to power pop. Yes, get ready for a little fist pumping or dare we say air guitar because these British ladies can certainly shred. And after a busy year rocking it live, they return to the studio to record their first full-length album. In the meantime, grab their EP. ([joanovarc.co.uk](http://joanovarc.co.uk))

### SHE IS KING

Shawnee, lead singer of **She King**, is an aboriginal two-spirit singer/songwriter with what it takes to make it big. She's sexy, with shades of Joan Jett, and is about to make her mark on her native Canada's music map. Recently sponsored by Carparelli Guitars, Shawnee also received a record label offer while working in Toronto with producer Michael Hanson, best-known as a former member of Canadian rock band, Glass Tiger. Shawnee's singles "Freak Show," "Psycho" and "Shut Down" already have a cult following, but stay tuned for the album which is sure to make a splash this summer. ([shekingband.com](http://shekingband.com)) ■



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