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## Tuned In

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**A**ll jammed up

On Saturday, four bands from Buffalo's burgeoning jam-band scene team for "January at the Tralf," a great idea whose time has clearly come.

Bands in this scene are given to hanging together and sharing bills, an air of goodwill and, dare I say, brotherhood seeming to have replaced what can often be (and has often been) an unfortunate "cutting heads" attitude. Of late, it seems that the musicians have come to realize that accepting the fact that we're all on the same team in the independent music scene is a good idea.

It's fitting, then, that the folks at the Tralf Music Hall (622 Main St.) have gotten behind the idea of showcasing a handful of killer Western New York improv-heavy jammers, in the form of Free Henry!, Slip Madigan, Funktional Flow and the MKGs. All four will convene on the Tralf stage beginning at 8 p.m. Saturday.

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Expect a mix of funk, folk, psychedelia and serious musicianship. Tickets are \$8 advance, \$10 day of show (box office, **Ticketmaster.com**).

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#### Gig picks

A fundraiser for the 2012 edition of the alternative music showcase the Buffalo Infringement Festival takes place at 10 tonight in Nietzsche's (248 Allen St.). Slated to perform are the Sleepy Sparrows, Sparky Sings A Song, Poindexter, Gander, Sea Snake Vs., Jen Whitmore, Rad and Friends, and Scranton & Rory. A great opportunity to check out some new underground bands and support the Infringement Festival, which is a showcase of the arts and music worthy of some serious props and support. Tickets for the 21-and-over show are \$5 at the door.

Freeform Fridays at Merge (439 Delaware Ave.) continues today with hosts the Vinyl Retentives, spinning -- wait for it! -- vinyl records all night long. Well, OK, not all night. But the Retentives will indeed be spinning many a black circle between 10 p.m. and 3:30 a.m. Admission is free.

Free Music Fridays at the Hard Rock Cafe (333 Prospect St., Niagara Falls) carry on with the Rob Falgiano Band at 8 tonight. Singer/songwriter Falgiano will be joined by musical mates Mike Criscione, Jonathan Hughes, Katy Miner and Tim O'Connell. The Scott Celani Band will bat cleanup. Admission is free, as the event series title would suggest.

Failures Union, the Cosmos and Vox Humana play a free show at 9 tonight in Club 55 (55 Main St., Tonawanda).

The Shakti Lounge (133 Grant St.) presents the Andreas Kapsalis & Goran Ivanovic Guitar Duo at 8 p.m. Saturday. The two, guitar virtuosos both, will be performing a far-reaching fusion of world music, classical, Indian and jazz. A very cool and off-the-beaten path show. A suggested donation of \$10 for the musicians will be accepted at the door.

Aye Karou, Cinamon Aluminum, Slyboots and Ripe Audio team up at 9 p.m. Saturday in Slyboots Headquarters (350 Ellicott St.).

This (and every) Wednesday finds the venerable Jony James Blues Band at Four Aces Bar & Grill (3314 Lake Shore Road, Blasdell), beginning at 6 p.m.

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