

Red Rider Rides Into Sacramento For Concert At Galactica 2000

"They were alot better than I thought they would be," said Greg Cannon of Orangevale as rock group Red Rider was leaving the stage after a recent performance at the Galactica 2000 in Sacramento.

"Red Rider is definitely one of the bright spots in the crop of new bands that are sprouting in today's industry," Cannon added.

Based in Toronto, Red Rider is a five-man group that cranks out a sharp, high-energy style of music that is gaining popularity at a rapid pace, as is witnessed by their amount of recent radio airplay.

Red Rider performed a fairly short, one-encore concert that included a sprinkling of songs from their first three albums. Easily the most infectious tune of the evening was "Lunatic Fringe," which was one of Red

Rider's first big hits and also a big crowd-pleaser. They also offered the predominately teen-age audience of around 500 a number of songs from their latest album entitled "NERUDA" — "Light In The Tunnel Power," "Can't Turn Back," "Napoleon Sheds His Skin," and "Walking the Fine Line."

Lead vocalist Tom Cochrane did his best at energizing the audience with his urgent style and brief, well-meaning dialouges, while lead guitarist Ken Greer illustrated his talents with a number of tight, well-executed riffs.

Red Rider is a finely molded group of talented musicians who have yet to reach their peak. But given a little time, they should emerge as one of the top rock groups around. So keep an eye on them, rock fans!



Red Rider lead guitarist Ken Greer, left, and lead singer Tom Cochrane.

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