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MT. ST. HELENS VIETNAM BAND RETURNS FOR MISSOULA CONCERT

MISSOULA –

Seattle indie rockers the Mt. St. Helens Vietnam Band will return to Missoula for a concert Friday, Oct. 9, at The Palace downtown.

Doors open at 9 p.m., and the show starts at 10 p.m. with three opening bands: Mosquito Bandito, The Infernal Machine and The Racquet. Tickets are \$5 at the door. The concert is presented by KBGA College Radio at The University of Montana in conjunction with the Missoula Independent.

The Mt. St. Helens Vietnam Band comprises members Benjamin Verdoes, Marshall Verdoes, Matthew Dammer, Jared Price and Traci Eggleston. The elder Verdoes brother, Benjamin, encouraged now-13-year-old Marshall in his drum lessons by promising they'd start a band once he got good enough – and Marshall would have naming rights.

The classic rock quintet first performed in July 2008 and released its self-titled debut album on the Dead Oceans label this spring, garnering notice from local and national media, including Spin's "Buzzcatcher" column. The album at first blush recalls Wolf Parade, with its frayed melodic sensibilities and Benjamin's urgent, driven vocals. Also apparent in the band's lineage are Modest Mouse, the Pixies, Queen and Thin Lizzy.

More information about the Mt. St. Helens Vietnam Band is available on its MySpace page at <http://www.myspace.com/mtsthelensvietnamband>. For more information about the concert, visit KBGA at <http://www.kbga.org> or call 406-243-6758.

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