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## The BellRays - @the Barfly (DVD from Punkervision)

Some call them funky punk monkeys. Some look at them as art damaged hard rockers. You'll see this, wonder just what the hell is going on, and come away thinking: Aretha Franklin fronting the MC5. Yeah, it's like that, and that's the way it is. A Detroit combo steeped in rock history fronted by a saucy, sassy, sexy

soul stylist (Lisa Kekaula), who knows when to front it, and when to back it up and cool it down. When to ratchet it up, way up, and bring it down. Down to a fine simmer. The bass/drum combo provides a most awesome anchor, but a shout has to go out to lead guitarist Tony Fate, a man of a thousand influences. He's all over the place, willing to drop a feedback-drenched psych solo into the middle of a punk out, or interject some jazzy kernoodling into a perfervid JB-styled workout. You'll have fun listing the many influences, but you'll also come away impressed with how the 'Rays surmount and leave your head ringing with the notion of their being so much more than the sum of all the hot and groovy parts. Verily, this is one of the hippest, rockinest and avant-gardist bands treading the boards today.

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