

Best Cover Band: The Rainmakers

Throughout the '80s, back in the days of New Wave, Larry Brewer ruled the regional music scene with his band The Windows. Since their Jubilee Jam! performance in 1995, Larry has performed more than a dozen times a month either solo or with his classic rock 3-piece, The Rainmakers. Serving at Jackson's classic dives like McB's and Shucker's, you'll find classic rock honed by decades of experience. The Rainmakers deliver Tom Petty, Beatles, INXS, The Cars and The Police like no one else in Jackson.

— Herman Snell

Second: Dr. Zarr and the Funk Monster / Third: United States Good showing: The Pates

Best Rock Band: Storage 24

With a wall of sound made of hard riffs and a solid backing band, Storage 24 is this year's Best Rock Act. This hardcore rock band based in Jackson has an upcoming album for 2007 called "The New Rock Era." The five-man band is fronted by the singer with a voice coated in drive, Baby Fred. Fred's smooth delivery is a perfect match with the heavy guitars of Mackin and Jeff and the rhythm section courtesy of Anthony and Ronnie. Storage 24 brings energy to their shows unmatched by any other rock band in the area, and their audience soaks in it and gives it right back. Their fans have nothing but love for their live shows. Speaking of performances, your next chance to see Storage 24 is Feb. 3 at Left Field Sports Bar. If you've been missing some hard rock in your life, Feb. 3 is your chance. Don't miss these guys. They are a Jackson star on the rise.

— Neola Young

Second: Living Better Electrically / Third: Jonezetta; Colour Revolt

Good showing: Rainmakers; Tuff Luvs