

# Forward Beat

## TOUR TRACKER

### Bon Jovi, Rock/Pop/Metal

With those unmistakable vocals and original, pristine acoustic/electric guitar riffs, these are the classic rockers of my time. Catch Bon Jovi on their Lost Highway Tour at these ExpressJet destinations:

April 4, 5 Anaheim, CA (Long Beach or Ontario)  
 April 9 Los Angeles (Long Beach or Ontario)  
 April 15 Oklahoma City  
 April 17, 22 Kansas City

[bonjovi.com](http://bonjovi.com) or [myspace.com/bonjovi](http://myspace.com/bonjovi)

For all the big rock tracks of the 80s turn to XM Channel 49.

### Avril Lavigne, Rock

Of all the pop-icon female artists over the last 10 years, Avril has truly impressed me with her passionate, natural ability to rock out hard on stage. See her perform live when you visit these ExpressJet cities:

April 30 San Diego  
 May 3 Anaheim, CA (Long Beach or Ontario)  
 May 4 Universal City, CA (Long Beach or Ontario)

[avrilavigne.com](http://avrilavigne.com) or [myspace.com/avrilavigne](http://myspace.com/avrilavigne)

See who's topping the charts on XM Channel 20.

## JOIN ME

### The Hotel Café Tour

The Hotel Café, my favorite little live venue for watching national-level acts, is currently touring several of their regular artists together across the country. Join me for the big finale show at the Henry Fonda Theatre in Hollywood on Saturday, April 12.

Visit [thehotelcafetour.com](http://thehotelcafetour.com) for complete location details and tickets.

### The Pirates Charles Tropical/Acoustic/A Cappella

"Yo ho...a rockin' pirate band for me!" – J.K.

Arrr! A treasure fleet of new pirate bands are on the horizon. After listening to several CDs provided by my local pirate store Enchanted Deva's in North Hollywood, The Pirates Charles stood out from the rest. They have two live albums, were a featured performer at PyrateCon 08 and the Shipwrecked Pirate Music Festival. Check their calendar as you can catch them live, performing regular weekly shows in Los Angeles.

[myspace.com/theiratescharles](http://myspace.com/theiratescharles)

Cast your sails to tropical music on XM Channel 94.



### Asmodeus X Dark Electronica

"Experience their morphing form of live electronic music." – J.K.

Over the past several years, Texas-based Asmodeus X's electronic music has gained popularity in the underground all over Europe and the UK along with a growing fan base in North and South America. Check out Asmodeus X's latest album "Sanctuary" (Kreislauf Records) on iTunes and explore a darker side of trance and techno-inspired music with vocals. After attending several of their shows, I recommend experiencing Asmodeus X live when they perform in your ExpressJet destination.

[asmodeusx.com](http://asmodeusx.com) or [myspace.com/asmodeusx](http://myspace.com/asmodeusx)

Electronica and trance from around the world is on XM Channel 82.



### Fast Otto Rockabilly/Blues

"A must for every road trip." – J.K.

When I listen to Fast Otto, I see a movie-like vision of traveling down an old back highway, going from town to town. Dust everywhere...and the occasional tumbleweed crosses my path. The mechanical dial on the radio in the flame-painted pickup truck can only tune in the theme song. True to the blues, with a little swing, jazz and country, Fast Otto sings their short stories to a musical style they call "Bluesabilly Deluxe." Check out this hot unsigned band!

[myspace.com/fastotto](http://myspace.com/fastotto)

The 50s sound is still king of the road on XM Channel 5.



## feature review

### Val Kilmer Folk Rock

"True words of an artist that gives back from his heart." – J.K.

As a fellow artist, I've always thought of Val Kilmer as inspiration to my life and career. My friends and I have enjoyed his works together for over 20 years. Yes, he played the role of Jim Morrison in the movie "The Doors." Until I recently heard his song "True Friend," I had no idea that he has the real raw vocal and poetic talent that I love.

Val Kilmer donates all proceeds from his music "demos" and poetry books (that are available online) to several charities. He has worked with the Wildlife Center in New Mexico for over ten years. Over 100 wild animals, rehabilitated by Dr. Kathleen Ramsay, DVM, have been released on the wilderness retreat. I hope someday I have the opportunity to sit around the campfire under the stars singing and playing guitar with Val, family and a few very happy, furry friends.

For more about Val Kilmer's charities and music visit:

[valkilmer.com](http://valkilmer.com) or [myspace.com/valkilmermusic](http://myspace.com/valkilmermusic)

Listen to more great acoustic rock artists on XM Channel 50.



### 900 Pound Gorilla Punk Rock

"This award-winning band has the talent to make it big." – J.K.

I first met 900 Pound Gorilla at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Los Angeles Music Awards (they won "Punk Rock Group of the Year") in December 2007. They gave me their new self-titled album which ended up living in my car CD player on repeat for the next month. Several of their songs have a lot of commercial potential. The music is really tight, as these guys have been friends since childhood. 900 Pound Gorilla performs frequently in the Los Angeles area.

[900poundgorilla.com](http://900poundgorilla.com) or [myspace.com/900poundgorilla](http://myspace.com/900poundgorilla)

More new alternative music is on XM Channel 47.



### Forward Beat by Jonathan Kramm, Music Editor

Hear the hottest live musical talent around the ExpressJet route map with the insights of Jonathan Kramm – producer, composer, performer, publisher and songwriter (SESAC). Read more about Jonathan and his noteworthy knowledge at [jonathankramm.com](http://jonathankramm.com) or [myspace.com/jonathankramm](http://myspace.com/jonathankramm).

For more information about these artists, their music and show times, please visit the Web sites listed.