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Rock Band Canon in Free Concert, Saturday, at Union Station

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(Sept. 5, 2007) The progressive rock band Canon will be featured in a free concert, Saturday, Sept. 8, in Union Station's Old Ticket Room. The concert begins at 8 p.m.

Metro employees and patrons who show a valid Metro pass, Metro Rail ticket or proof of Metrolink fare will be admitted to the free concert.

Metro's partnership with Los Angeles-based Canon is a unique opportunity to promote public transit and draw attention to environmental concerns. Metro patrons will be rewarded with a free evening of entertainment in a distinctive, transit venue.

During the concert, the band will debut "The Hourglass," a song dedicated to raising environmental awareness.

Critics say the band's music reflects a wide range of musical influences, including such 1970s rock bands as "Jethro Tull," "King Crimson," and "Yes." Their sound also has been compared to such contemporary bands as "Radiohead" and "Muse."

Canon's release "WIDE AWAKE" is described as a mix of '70s rock and Renaissance poetry.

"We are honored to have been chosen by Metro to help raise awareness on alternative, more efficient ways to protect our environment through our music," said Jason Turbin, Canon's front man. "About 5.7 billion gallons of fuel are wasted due to congestion in the United States' largest cities. More and more commuters are realizing that Metro is the way to go not only to save time and money but to protect our planet."

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