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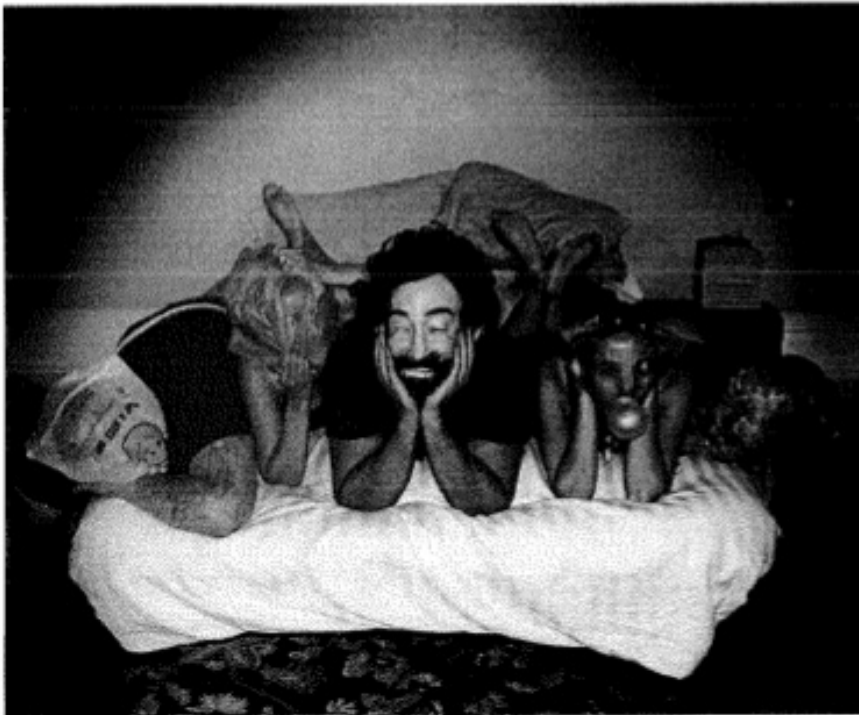
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# Black Moth Super Rainbow flutters to town

## Experimental electronic band to perform at Club Downunder Nov. 1

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Black Moth Super Rainbow uses instruments to create a unique, ambient sound. / Photo courtesy of Pitch Perfect PR

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On Thursday, Nov. 1, Club Downunder will present Black Moth Super Rainbow, an experimental electronic band from Pittsburgh, Penn.

Black Moth Super Rainbow has a distinctive sound often difficult to describe. Songwriter Thomas Fec, known by his stage name Tobacco, has trouble characterizing the band's sound.

"They're just songs with weird sounds," said Fec.

Black Moth Super Rainbow combines elements of pop, electronica, psychedelic and funk. The band uses a vocoder, which is a

synthesis system that encodes voice to reproduce human speech. The device has recently been used in electronic music. Fec sings through the vocoder to control the pitch of his voice.

The band also uses the Rhodes piano and the Novatron. The Rhodes piano is an electro-mechanical piano that uses hammers to strike metal prongs, and is then amplified by electromagnetic pickups. The Novatron is similar to an electro-mechanical keyboard, but with one big difference: it is used to record and then play back sounds that have been created on the keyboard. When used simultaneously, these three analog electronic instruments create a distinctive sound unique to Black Moth Super Rainbow.

Fec has been playing music for about 15 years. From 1996 until 2000, he led a band called Allegheny White Fish. From 2000 until 2002, he released three albums with Satanstompingcaterpillars.

"[Black Moth Super Rainbow] has been a band since 2003," said Fec. "It's been almost nine years, maybe."

All of Black Moth Super Rainbow's band members use stage names. The band likes to remain a mystery—the keyboardist and monosynthist go by The Seven Fields of Aphelion, the drummer goes by Iffernaut, the guitarist goes by Ryan Graveface and the bassist goes by Bullsmear.

All of the music the band creates is written and recorded by Fec. Black Moth Super Rainbow's fifth album *Cobra Juicy* was released on Oct. 23.

Fec draws inspiration from a variety of unlikely places.

"I'm not inspired by musicians," said Fec. "I'm inspired by sounds and sights. When I was a kid, it just really inspired me to make my own music."

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