

ENTERTAINMENT



CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS TODAY:
Bandleader Doc Severinsen is 78. Drummer Ringo Starr is 65. Actor Billy Campbell, left, is 46. Singer-songwriter Vonda Shepard is 42. Actress Jorja Fox is 37. Actress Cree Summer ("A Different World") is 36. Actor Troy Garity ("Barbershop") is 32. AP



LARA FLYNN BOYLE GOES TO 'VEGAS'
For the third season, Lara Flynn Boyle, left, is going to join the cast of "Las Vegas." Boyle will play the flamboyant owner of the Montecito Casino. "She will add even more story potential and star power to what is already a super-charged cast playing against the backdrop of a dynamic city," says Gary Scott Thompson, the show's creator. METRO

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Simply Red

Red Masque doesn't want to be boxed-in by genres

METRO INTERVIEW

THE RED MASQUE is working on the follow-up to its 2004 CD, "Feathers for Flesh," but the Philly avant rockers will take a break to host a show tonight at the Allens Lane Art Center featuring the Belgian band Present. Metro chatted with founding members Lynnette Shelley (vocals/lyrics) and Brandon Ross (bass) about the show, the band's direction, and whether they could be labeled "progressive rock."

- ▶ How did you connect with Present?
- ▶▶ LS: I'm online a lot and network with people in the scene, and I'm on this one message board, progressiveears.com. The drummer

from Present, Dave Kerman, is also on there. ... Present is playing at the North East Art Rock Festival in Bethlehem this weekend and since they're coming over from Belgium, he asked if I could set up a show in Philadelphia.

- ▶ Are you guys working on some new stuff?
- ▶▶ LS: So far we have two new songs. We haven't recorded them yet but we'll be playing them at the show. They'll be on the new album, which we're hoping to complete this year.
- ▶▶ BR: One song has to do with tar pits and insects, and the other is about an insect revolt against the human race. But they both sort of have double mean-

If you go

• "A Midsummer Night's Madness," featuring Present and the Red Masque, takes place at 8 p.m. tonight at the Allens Lane Art Center, Allens Lane and McCallum Street. Tickets cost \$20. Call 215-248-0545 or visit www.allenslane.org for more information. The Red Masque is on the Web at www.theredmasque.com.

- ings.
- ▶ You two are the founders of the Red Masque?
- ▶▶ BR: We set the groundwork for the aesthetic of the band. The bass is very up front, and Lynnette, of



THE RED MASQUE (from left: Vonorn, Brandon Ross, Lynnette Shelley and Kiarash Emami) will open for Belgian band Present at the Allens Lane Art Center tonight.

- course, is the front person, but I do think it is very much a collective effort.
- ▶ And you guys were in other bands together?
- ▶▶ LS: Yes, we've been in a bunch of bands together.
- We're actually engaged, so we kind of stick together.
- ▶ Do you consider yourselves "progressive rock"?
- ▶▶ LS: I tell people it's avant-psychedelic-prog music. I hesitate to say pro-
- gressive rock, just because there's a whole spectrum of music underneath the umbrella of progressive rock. We don't like to get boxed-in by parameters.

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DJ getting into the '80s groove

METRO INTERVIEW

MARILYN THOMAS, aka DJ Pussy Galore, has a deep love of all things '80s. Metro talks to her about the decade that won't die.

- ▶ So what is it about the '80s that holds so much appeal to you?
- ▶▶ I grew up as a child and young teenager in the '80s. It just holds a lot of special meaning for me. There's a lot of fantastic music that came out during that decade.

- ▶ What is it about '80s that differentiates it?
- ▶▶ Every decade and every period in time has a fashion movement that has something to do with it. But in the '80s, obviously, it was way out there, with the advent of MTV, with the videos and fashion and being seen.

- ▶ Of course, a lot of these



MARILYN THOMAS
bands were British.
▶▶ It was pretty much the second British invasion, if you will. But there were actually some good local and American bands that did very well. The Hooters were from Philly; Robert Hazard had a minor hit

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• Marilyn Thomas aka DJ Pussy Galore, spins at Sex Dwarf every last Tuesday at Fluid, 613 S. Fourth St., Philadelphia, Tickets cost \$5; and every Thursday at '80s Night at L'Hexagone, 1718 Sansom St. Tickets cost \$5.

- with "Escalator of Life" but he also wrote "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" for Cyndi Lauper.
- ▶ What are some of the fads of the '80s that you loved the best?
- ▶▶ Obviously, there are certain things that stand out. Like Atari, Nintendo, the Rubik's Cube, the toys. The Cabbage Patch Kids — I demanded a Cabbage Patch Kid when I was a girl. It was such a decade of consumption, you know.

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CLUBPICKS

a weekly guide by Ed Condran

THU Veteran pop-jazz vocalist Kenny Rankin kicks off a three night stand at Odette's Cabaret in New Hope.
FRI Psychedelic Canadian rockers Do Make Say Think will

play the First Unitarian Church.

SAT Veteran South Jersey singer-songwriter John Eddie will perform at Havanas.
• Intense Philly rockers

Zelazowa will play the North Star.

SUN Angst ridden punk rockers Bane and Canadian hardcore act Cursed share a bill at the First Unitarian.

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