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**New Pornographers / The Young and Sexy****Tools:**

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When: **Thursday, August 21, 9:00 PM**

Where: **The Bottleneck**, 737 New Hampshire, Lawrence

Cost: \$10

Age limit: 18+

Categories: **Rock**

**Description:** The New Pornographers are full-frontal power-popsters arranging an oft-climaxing orgy of organs, strings, keys, and all manner of percussion. Ah, and menage-à-quatre harmonies that leave even the most experienced tastes satisfied. We'd love to call them 'barely legal' but, in fact, these are veteran all-stars, likely making their last stop in Lawrence at a venue as intimate as the 'Neck.

Zumpano's Carl Newman, bassist John Collins of Thee Evaporators, multi-instrumentalist Daniel Bejar of Destroyer, keyboardist Blaine Thurier, Limblifter/Age of Electric drummer Kurt Dahle, vocalist/guitarist Neko Case (on vacation from her Boyfriends) and recently acquired multi-instrumentalist Todd Fancey.

The New Pornographers formed in Vancouver in 1997 as Newman's big idea, recruiting his favorite local talents to realize his grand vision. One of the first songs they recorded was "Letter From An Occupant," featuring the wildly soaring twang-free vocals of Neko Case, which stands as one of the greatest Canadian singles ever. Mint Records released 'Mass Romantic' in 2000, and when, at the 2001 SXSW festival, Ray Davies hopped on stage with the band and performed "Starstruck" for the first time ever live, well, things started rolling.

With 'Electric Version', rather than recording in pieces here & there and working songs out in the studio, the Pornographers went in with an arsenal of new songs, many of them already live favorites, and having been playing as a band for years. The result is much fuller and more confident than 'Mass Romantic', absolutely classic power pop on par with the best of the genre. Carl Newman is probably the shrewdest songwriter working today, with a surreal edge and tricky wit. Some say he is a tyrant, but he is merely self-assured. Dan Bejar, who also enjoys a

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**More or less midnight movie at Liberty Hall** :: The nine-year reunion shows for Liberty Hall's all-time longest running movie: Tarantino's instant cult classic Pulp Fiction. The movie that drew crowds for 43 weeks in a row makes its encore appearance as part of Liberty's experiment in late night shows a la brews and loungey tables set. If this experiment does well, more movies will follow. Possibility of specials on sodies, corn, and/or rooskers. Save a buck by dressing up as your favorite Tarantino character. ... [More info](#)

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career as Merge recording artist Destroyer, flies into a lesbian rage on "Chump Change," and also offers "Testament To Youth In Verse" and "Ballad Of A Comeback Kid." On the first single, "The Laws Have Changed," Neko gleefully introduces "for the first time, Pharaoh on the microphone" and elsewhere, as on "Miss Teen Wordpower," she goes for the throat with unabashed emotion. Check out this [slightly outdated band history](#).

Event posted Jul. 29, 2003 and updated Aug. 21, 2003.

**[Split Lip Rayfield](#)** :: Holy hell yeah ... Split Lip is back. And if, you couldn't get in to their first round of shows this summer, you could yet catch the boys this time 'round. 2 shows, this time but damn! Get on it. The day of the show is too late to buy tickets. For those of you without a Split Lip clue -- what? Pick up their discs and marinate on that, and then pray to your god or devil or meatloaf that these guys don't move to Virginia or 'Orleans or anywhere but Wichi-f'in-ta ...

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