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Details: The Shannon Tower Band is comprised of three artist. SHANNON TOWER: Is a singer, songwriter and guitarist with her own unique style of music that crosses between alternative and folk. With her unique vocal style and writing abilities, her songs are both haunting and energetic. Her message is as much politically relevant as it is personal. Shannon Tower was raised in Eugene Oregon, where at the young age of nine she performed her first solo at a school concert. When she saw the tears in the eyes of many audience members during her performance, she knew at that moment the stage was her home. Ever since she was a little girl she used a journal to write down her deepest thoughts and feelings. As she approached her high school years she realized her power to communicate intimate thoughts and ideas was through her ability to write. She left home at eighteen and moved to New York to explore and find her voice and after two years moved to Portland Oregon. Self taught guitarist since the age of 23, Shannon started to combine her talent for lyrical poetry with songs composed on her guitar. Using a unique rhythmic pulse of the music, her unorthodox playing technique appears both fluid and percussive. Shannon writes about many different lifes situations, these include the Iraq war in her song POWER PLAY. Homelessness, poverty and the real consequences that are incurred in her song THINK ABOUT IT. BEHIND CLOSED DOORS is a song that stems from personal experience with a mothers abusive behavior and neglect. Music has always been apart of Shannon's life. Such artists as Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell, Paul Simon, Peter Gabriel, Natalie Merchant and Ani Difrancio have influenced her. Shannon Tower has been playing music in the Portland area for years with a variety of different musicians. In 2004 she met lead guitarist Grant Warrens, who later introduced her to electric violinist Jeff Sullivan. The three

of them played as a trio for a greater part of a year then started playing with a variety of drummers and bass players. GRANT WARRENS: Has played in bands in California, where he grew up, as well as in Texas, Japan, and now with Shannon Tower Band in Portland. Primarily a lead guitarist, he also writes music, and regularly co-writes with Shannon and the other band members. JEFF SULLIVAN: Was born in the San Fernando City Hospital and grew up in Los Angeles. He studied music and violin until the age of twenty. He began to improvise and played with local musicians forming a band in 1985. He briefly died in 1987, and returned to life as a struggling but dedicated musician. He's worked with many artists in the studio and on stage. Bands include Sex and Violins, Baghdad Nadsat (Eye of Newt), Brand New World, Leonardo's Bag, Ron Kat the Soul Disciples, Jon T Howard Band and Melissa Flannigan. His influences are Hendrix, Floyd, Pretty Things, Zappa, Bowie, Beatles, Crimson and all the great electric violinists: Pappa Creach, Suzana Harris, David Cross, Jerry Goodman, Jean Luc Ponty, David something and Stephanie Grappelli.

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