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Psychedelic noise at Sultan show

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Mark Sultan loves a good melody.

He'll even admit to lifting a few classic ones from songs of rock 'n' roll's golden era.

"I do so out of reverence and tradition," he explains.

"For me, the (stuff) I love from the '50s and '60s had such an outpouring of suffering and then celebration that it affects me deeply and makes me wanna just be a part of the tradition of it all. It just makes me happy."

The Montreal singer -- who also goes under the moniker BBQ -- is playing a solo set at Tubby Dog tonight at 9:30 p.m. as well as a gig with gonzo garage rocker King Khan at Dickens Pub at midnight.

Sultan describes his solo work as more noisy and psychedelic than the stripped down garage rock/doowop punk of The King Khan & BBQ show.

"Musically, I am influenced by many genres and many artists," says Sultan, whose voice has been described as a mix between Sam Cooke and The Sonics' Gerry Roslie.

"I love '50s and '60s R&B and rock 'n' roll, gospel, punk, hardcore etc. But I also like free jazz, old country, early country and classical music. But I don't have the capacity or capabilities to touch upon a lot of the (stuff) I would like to do."

Sultan and The King Khan & BBQ Show are just two of the shows worth checking out before Sled Island ends on Sunday. Here are a few more of my picks of the week:

Tonight:

- All-Ages Outdoor Show (4 p.m. to 11 p.m., Olympic Plaza)

Sled Island's centrepiece features a fantastic lineup of acts, including Malajube, Biz Markie, Anvil, Liars and The Breeders.

- Dragon Fli Empire (11 p.m., Local 522)

Calgary hip-hop duo is starting to get some positive recognition outside of the province for its clever lyricism and wicked beats.

- Tricky Woo (12 a.m., The Palomino)

Recently reformed group is sure to shake the foundations when it unleashes its straight-ahead rock 'n' roll on the Palomino's downstairs stage.

Saturday:

- Sub-linguals (9 p.m., The Warehouse)

Led by inner-city luminary, Kamil Krulis, the Sub-linguals visceral live show has made them a favourite on the local scene.

- Michael Rault (10 p.m., Tubby Dog)

Prodigious Edmonton singer and guitarist has won lots of Calgary fans with his exciting brand of garage rock blues.

- The Main Drag (11 p.m., Lord Nelson Pub)

Boston pop-rock group recently named Best Unsigned Band by Salon.com.

- Novillero (1 a.m., Marquee Room)

Blending soul and R&B with '60s-era British pop and modern rock, Novillero is one of the country's most interesting bands. And they put on a rockin' live show to boot.

Sunday:

Screening of Anvil: The Story of Anvil (9:30 p.m., The Plaza Theatre.)

See them live and then see the documentary that gave these old-school metallers a second shot at success.

The 30th annual Calgary Jazz Festival winds down this weekend with two great outdoor shows at Olympic Plaza.

Starting at noon and running through the evening tomorrow and Sunday, Party in the Plaza features some of Calgary's best jazz acts.

Tomorrow's bill includes Rubim de Toledo & Joyce, Simon Fisk Trio and Lynn Olagundoye while Sunday sees The Bow Djangos, Polyjesters, Urban Divide and Brickhouse take the stage.

There will be a Wild Rose Brewery beer garden and local vendors will be set up selling arts, crafts and jewelry. Family friendly event is free. For info, visit calgaryjazz.com

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