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## Local trio brings diverse sound to Pat's

### *Band's sounds range from blues to zydeco*

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Serving up a multi-course musical style, Billy Ebeling and the Late For Dinner Band, will be dishing it out in Aggieville tonight.

The blues-influenced band, based in Lawrence, has played many regional venues. Vocalist Billy Ebeling has played the guitar, harmonica and accordion professionally since 1985 and has appeared on 14 albums. He formed the band with drummer Paul Matthews and bassist Ben Shult four years ago.



*Courtesy Art*

The band has released two albums, "Filé Gumbo" and "Big as Dallas," with another album due out early next year. They offer a diverse sound that includes blues, zydeco (characteristic of Louisiana with accordion) and several other types of music.

The albums are rife with interesting bits of music such as a cover of "Whole Lotta Love" on accordion, and a faux mariachi tune called "Donde Esta Mi Cerveza?" Billy Ebeling and The Late For Dinner Band's free show will kick off at 10:30 tonight at Pat's Blue Rib'n Barbecue. Information on the band, including samples of music, photos, bios and a concert calendar, can be obtained at [www.billyebeling.com](http://www.billyebeling.com).

**Q:** How did you get started playing?

**A:** When I got back from overseas, I had booked a band gig, but I didn't have a band, so I made a few calls and we went from there.

**Q:** What do you want people to notice about your music and live shows?

**A:** One of the cool things about our band is there aren't many bands like us. We are very versatile, and we play everything from zydeco, blues, tex-mex and about anything else. I also feel our

#### Concert Information

Billy Ebeling and the Late for Dinner Band

When: 10:30 tonight

Where: Pat's Blue Rib'n Barbecue

Cover: none

Ages: 21 and over

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original stuff is very powerful.

And as for our shows, they're fun. When we come out and play, we like to have a lot of fun. We like coming to Manhattan because everyone knows how to party and have a good time. They aren't as reserved like the people at Lawrence.

Q: Is there a specific message that you like to express with your music?

A: Well, there's a lot of messages in our music, but mainly when we take stage, we get a feel for the venue and a feel for the night. Then we'll pick our music that we want to play and go with it.

Q: What makes you different?

A: I think it's our different styles of music and the depth of the original music we have. Some bands like to stay in a certain genre and stick with it. I get bored if I am at a show and the band keeps playing the same thing, so I like to mix it up and throw a lot of things out there.

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