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Artist of the week



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Universal You

THIS week on the Fife Free Press MySpace we will be listening to Universal You.

The five piece band, fronted by the small Kazakhstani lady with a huge voice, Gulzhan Ibrayeva, have already been compared to female-fronted bands like Garbage and The Pretenders, and are proving to have massive potential.

Rising from the ashes of Gulzhan and her husband Paul Finnie's previous band, Kinky Durakee, Universal You combine pop and rock with Gulzhan's amazing voice and foreign accent to make funky, off-the-wall music.

The bold and brassy tunes made the band one's to watch last year, and 2008 is so far going just as well for the band, who have recently recorded at Rosyth's Sub Station Studio - the same studio that kick-started the careers of KT Tunstall and Snow Patrol.

The band have been described as 'Madonna with balls' and "more skilful than Dido", but the band have more rock 'n' roll flair than both of these famous ladies. With the kind of power-pop that will get stuck in your head all day and original tracks that break the mould, 2008 looks set to be a good year for Universal You. visit myspace.com/universalyouband

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