## Rocket brings their hard driving edgy punk pop to The Dragonfly



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On Sat. Jan 31, Rocket opened for Missing Persons at <u>The Dragonfly</u> in Los Angeles, an unassuming club in Los Angeles, not exactly the place you'd expect to see Missing Persons, who we recently caught at the Canyon Club in Agoura, but the house was sold out, so we'll digress.

Based out of Los Angeles, Rocket is an alternative/ pop punk blend in the vein of bands like Paramore and Stone Temple Pilots. They've recently released a new music video single "Hey Baby" as a follow-up to their current EP "The Singles." Voted best rock band of 2013 by the LA Music Critic Awards, their song "Hey Baby" has been described as "hard driving beat" and "catchy melody." Yeah we'd say that's about it in a nutshell plus paired with a powerhouse vocalist, Janelle Barreto, this is the type of band that grabs your attention.

The members of the band are Eric Wibbelsman (lead guitar), Bill Luna (bass), Paul De Patie (drums) and front-woman Janelle Barreto, who also plays guitar, but didn't the night we caught them. Rocket comes on stage like a fireball and never let's down. Their edgy alternative rock combined with a set of well-structured songs makes this band more than marketable in today's ever changing world.

At the helm, Janelle has a commanding stage presence with impeccable vocal control and unwavering pipes. With over 10-years of singing-songwriting-recording experience in the professional world she's no newcomer when it comes to performing and it shows. Solo albums, awards, and tours, she's done it all. Additionally, the band is outstanding with lead guitar work by Eric Wibbelsman and Paul De Patie on drums and the addition of Bill Lunas on bass, the group is a sweet cohesive unit. We think the band is ready for larger venues and would not be surprised if we hear their music placed in TV commercials and movies very soon.

You can catch Rocket on April 17 at the Whisky a go-go where they'll be opening for Bow Wow Wow and Gene Loves Jezebel. This is going to sell out, so get your tickets now.



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