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Get lost in splendor of Bronze Fawn

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Some things just come together and you can't help but wonder if some higher power had something to do with it.

That's the case with Bronze Fawn. The four-man instrumental band is absolutely brilliant on their first album, *Lumber*. Drummer and former Tri-City dweller Jim Acquavella and guitarist Bryce Shoemaker are at the forefront of every song, with bassist Stephen Becker and keyboardist Joshua Robertson deeply enhancing their dreamlike sound.

With a plethora of distortion pedals, their instrumental sound is so perfect, you sometimes cannot tell where one instrument comes in and another leaves.

The group also has an occasional fifth member, Daniel Wilk, who does live visuals during concerts.

Their sound is what one would hear in a movie such as *Vanilla Sky*. Their title track *Lumber* is upbeat, taking listeners on a journey through their minds with not so much as one word uttered.

Coolidge vs. Rutledge is the edgy foot-tapper. The guitar and drums almost battle it out. The climax is spread throughout the entire track, giving it boundless energy, yet evening it out with ambient breaks. The overall tone of the song is ever the same, yet slightly transgresses as the track progresses.

The group achieves a melodic storytelling aura in *Ten is the New Five*. It is the type of music that one would pop into their car and listen to while driving around downtown Seattle through all the city lights.

The gem of the album is *Does this Battle Armor Suit Me*. The track builds in suspense, never overdoing it or giving you too much of one distinct style. The guitar sounds like twinkling stars, and at the end the song leaves you feeling relaxed.

Bronze Fawn, the instrumental band with a singer sold separately, is playing at 7 p.m. today at The Red Room in Kennewick. If you're in the mood for a tranquil rockfest, I would highly recommend this band.

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