

# The Silverteens light it up with 'TV On Fire'

The Silverteens, a Minneapolis-based garage/powerpop band, will release a four-song EP, *TV on Fire*, on July 10. With their first release since November 2023, the Silverteens firmly establish their own unique sound — still rooted in garage and power pop — but reflecting a modern aesthetic, emphasizing strong harmonies that remain grounded by crunching/searing guitars and a hard-driving rhythm section.

Long known for their eclectic mix of cover songs — ranging from obscure '60s garage rock to late '70s punk and power pop — the Silverteens began focusing on original material in 2022, releasing a self-titled LP in 2023.

Guitarist **Terry Isachsen** performs with several other Minneapolis bands, including the Flamin' Oh's. His band Nip and Tuck gigged regularly at Minneapolis' legendary Punk/New Wave nightclub, Jay's Longhorn.

Bassist & backing vocalist **Steve Olson** was a member of Laughing Stock, a post-punk band that often played at Minneapolis' 7th St. Entry and First Avenue. Olson also is a member of the Minneapolis band Hot Pastrami!

Drummer & backing vocalist **Jerry Johnson** has played bass and drums in several Minneapolis bands, including Mezzo Fist and No Apparent Reason.

Vocalist **Mark Engebretson** performed at Jay's Longhorn with the MORs and at the 7th St. Entry/First Avenue with The Whole Lotta Loves. He produced and directed the 2019 documentary film, "Jay's Longhorn."

Olson has emerged as the primary songwriter and his three songs anchor the EP. *Don't Burn Your Bridges* is about offering a friend or loved one words of wisdom — "even though it can be hard not to do, depending on the situation," Olson says. *Brought You Down* is a story about a bad relationship. Says Olson: "Change the antagonist from she to he if you like. Whatever works for you." The title track, *TV On Fire*, opines on our busy, high-tech modern world. "Sometimes you need to disconnect from high tech and go low tech," Olson says. "Get outdoors, fire can be your TV."

The one cover is *Cupidation*, an obscure garage rock classic originally performed in 1966 by Italian garage rockers, The Bumpers. Backing vocals by Olson and Johnson reminds one of a Gregorian Chant, an ironic twist since the Bumpers were excommunicated from the Catholic Church after performing a popular but controversial rock "beat" mass at Rome's Borromini Chapel in 1966



1. Don't Burn Your Bridges (2:55)
2. Brought You Down (2:56)
3. TV On Fire (4:08)
4. Cupidation (2:36)

"TV On Fire" was recorded at Mere Kat Manor in fall 2025 and spring 2026 and produced by the Silverteens and Paul McFarland.

**Release Date:** July 10, 2026.

**Release Show:** July 10, 7p.m., at the Parkway Theater, featuring d'Lakes, Faith Boblett, and the Silverteens.  
**Tickets:** \$25 in advance.

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