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Chicago musician Joel Simpson joins Margo Jean & The Rubes for special TAMMIES performance

Margo Jean & The Rubes have music in their bones, in their genes, and especially in their hearts. All the members of Tucson's newest Roots-Rockin' band hail from extremely creative families that encouraged talent development at an early age.

Rubes Drummer Brian Kessler followed in his father's footsteps becoming a skilled guitarist years before discovering his talent on a trap set. "Even as a 3-year old kid, as far back as I can remember, my brother and I would play 'music' for hours, making sounds with just our mouths and hands. The thing I enjoy most about playing drums with the Rubes is that we feature almost all original, really-hot music and I love that exciting creative energy."

Rubes Bassist and Songwriter Sean Sandefur has worked in theater and filmmaking since grade school, and shares his parents' passionate appreciation for a wide variety of music. Like most teenage boys, he got his first guitar before high school. "Bass was actually my first choice, but I got talked into an electric guitar instead. I still get a lot out of playing guitar, but for me playing bass is like coming home."

Singer-Songwriter Margo Jean says she was musically the late-bloomer of the family. "I always loved to sing, but I hardly ever played guitar until I moved away from home. I thought my dad was god with a guitar, and my brothers started very young. I missed all-day live-music when I moved to Tucson. As kids, my brothers and I spent more time at rock-band rehearsals and gigs than most folks ever do before reaching the legal drinking age. My younger brother Joel had written ten times more songs by age 16 than I had by 21. I never will catch up, but I did catch on."

Keeping it in the family, Margo Jean and the Rubes will be joined by her brother, Chicago-based Performer-Composer Joel Simpson, for a very special show at the Tucson Area Music Awards Showcase, TAMMIES, on Saturday, April 18. Joel has a B.S. in music business and will be featured on lead guitar for the all-original set which includes some of his early and current songs. "I think Margo is my biggest fan, and I'm her biggest fan. Margo has a totally unique style in both songwriting and singing. She claims that every word she sings is true."

Catch this whirlwind of original roots rock during the TAMMIES Showcase on Saturday, April 18th , 10pm at the Rialto Cabaret, 201 E. Broadway (the blue building at the corner of 5th).