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GUEST POST: UNDER THE RADAR: INDIE BANDS TO KEEP AN EYE ON

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The music scene is constantly changing. Artists are always trying to one up each other. However,

when it comes to the indie scene, musicians are simply trying to break-in. Each year, a standout group of bands breakthrough, evolving beyond their indie label. Bastille, The 1975 and Passenger are just a few indie musicians to hit it big in 2013. This raises the question, what's in store for 2014? Here are five indie artists worth staying in-tune with in 2014.

NONONO



With this Swedish trio's first single "Pumpin' Blood" topping the US charts, they're ready to commit world domination – of the music scene of course. Their sound, self-described as Urban-Indie, fills the listener with pure joy the second it blasts through the speakers. Keep an eye on them in 2014, they are sure to have massive success.

Kodaline

This group of Irish lads found their band's single "All I Want" climbing the charts after playing softly in the background of "The Vampire Diaries." With the release of their album "In a Perfect World" in late 2013, the band is gearing up to make it big in the new year. For a group of guys who refer to music as therapy, their album is a must-hear.

Vance Joy

Hailing from Australia, Vance Joy (Joyné James Keogh) has been taking the US by storm since iTunes featured his hit single "Riptide" as the free single of the week. Vance Joy is the folk singer/songwriter to watch in 2014. Having debuted his EP a few months ago, keep an ear open for when his first album drops; it's sure to be emotionally riveting.

Haerts

An international foursome, Haerts' electro-pop sound perfectly captures the feeling of being young, wild, and free. Their debut EP "Hemiplegia" proves that this band is a force to be reckoned with. Just wait until it warms up a bit, this will be the soundtrack to those hot summer days and cool moonlit nights.

Banks

A Los Angeles native, Jillian Banks – known only onstage by Banks – brings a new flavor to classic rhythm and blues. Her fresh sound and soothing vocals bring the listener to a whole new level. Banks may be new to the music scene but she will revolutionize it with her unique and powerful sound in

2014.

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