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SPARE PARTS INTRODUCES AUGUST 83

JOEY GUERRA at 1:07 pm on August 17, 2010



August 83, clean-cut musicians born of a nasty hurricane: Amy Kidd Photography

Spare Parts is best known to locals for high-energy covers of everyone from Heart and Pat Benatar to Lady Gaga and Rick James. So when the band went in to record originals at Red Tree Studios in Magnolia, a change was in order.

"We felt like it was a good idea to separate the two bands," says vocalist Linda Lambert.

For original shows, the band will be known as **August 83**, an homage to the month and year guitarist Mike Lambert married Linda. It was just two days after Hurricane Alicia hit Houston. (They'll still perform cover shows as Spare Parts.)

"It was crazy — mismatched tuxedo shirts, water in the church and a very noisy honeymoon night at a nice hotel packed with families who were without power," Lambert recalls.

August 83's new disc, *Music From Bedrooms*, includes five originals "with a funky pop-R&B feel" and a cover of the Pretenders' Brass In Pocket. The band is hoping for a mid-October release.