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Ferris concert features Reel Big Fish, Finger Eleven

BIG RAPIDS – California band Reel Big Fish and the Canadian group Finger Eleven will co-headline Delta Chi’s annual January Jams concert at Ferris State University’s Wink Arena on Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.

The event is funded, in part, by the Student Activity Fund as allocated by Student Government, and was arranged with the assistance of Entertainment Unlimited. Tickets for Ferris students are \$8 and are limited to one per person with a student identification card. Admission for all others is \$12 per person. Tickets are being sold at the Ewigleben Sports Complex box office, Timme Center for Student Services and online at Starticketsplus.com.

Reel Big Fish is still thriving from “Sell Out” and “Beer,” two hits off its 1996 album “Turn the Radio Off,” that went gold. The group still sells out its tour dates nine years later with its own brand of entertainment.

“A Reel Big Fish show is like Kiss minus makeup and fireworks, plus horns and goofball antics and cover tunes and band and crowd alike enjoying themselves,” said guitarist Scott Klopfenstein. “We’re good musicians,” added lead vocalist Aaron Barrett. “There’s meaning in some of the songs that people can relate to, even if it’s told in a funny way sometimes.”

The group defined the Third Wave Ska Movement in the 90’s and has cultivated a solid fan base around the world with a non-stop tour schedule for the past 13 years. Its next album is due out this spring.

Finger Eleven, formed by mostly high school friends from Burlington, Ontario, first recorded in 1997. Its hit “Drag You Down” was featured in the second album, “The Greyest of Blue Skies,” released in 2000.

The group’s latest album (self-titled), which took 18 months of writing and rehearsing, has been certified platinum in Canada and certified gold in the United States. The hit single, “Thousand Mile Wish,” is featured on “Elektra – The Album,” the soundtrack for the new movie of the same name starring Jennifer Garner to be released Jan. 14.

Finger Eleven, which was chosen to tour Canada in 2003 with Ozzy Osbourne and Voivod, won best video at the 2004 MuchMusic Video Awards for its “One Thing” video.