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Guitar hero Michael Schenker plays Victoria

By Steve Newton

Local fans of Marshall-driven '70s rock may want to book a ferry ride for April 14. That's when former UFO and Scorpions guitarist Michael Schenker brings his trusty Flying V to the Element Nightclub in Victoria. According to his website, the German-born hard-rocker will be accompanied by longtime MSG vocalist Gary Barden, as well as bassist Robbie Crane (Ratt), drummer Chris Slade (the Firm, AC/DC), and guitarist-keyboardist Wayne Findley.

Schenker was only 16 when he played on Scorpions' 1972 debut album, *Lonesome Crow*, but he really captured the attention of guitar freaks two years later when his incredibly fast, clean, and melodic soloing stole the show on UFO's *Phenomenon*, especially on the prime cuts "Rock Bottom" and "Doctor Doctor". In the early '80s he hooked up with Barden to form the Michael Schenker Group, which kept headbangers happy with such earbusting discs as *Built to Destroy* and *Assault Attack*.

Tix for the Michael Schenker Group are on sale now, \$25 at www.hightideconcerts.net/.

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