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rockers and the occasional blues act. If you see Paul Geremia playing the Pelican, run and don't walk. Geremia, who lives right around the corner, will simply blow you away, and the times I've caught him there have been some of the most memorable gigs anywhere, anytime. The Pelican is more of a local hang than a tourist spot, especially in the fall. While the tendency toward blues and R&B has dwindled, the Pelican is worth the trip, and then some.

As far as taking chances with innovative and creative booking, no one can touch AS220 (71 Richmond Street, Providence, 831-9327). Sure, we've witnessed some clunkers, but the fact remains that if you're from Rhode Island and you want to perform original music (or theater or poetry), AS will give you a shot. Occasionally bringing in bands from New York and Boston, AS mixes jazz, rock and performance art in a way that is simply unmatched in the state. Alas, it's also become a scenester's paradise of late, but as long as there are Meatballs/Fluxus and their dizzying Sartre-meets-Steaven Wright-meets-Gillespie-meets-Gershwin-meets-Godzilla oeuvre, there will always be a place where you just never know what you're getting yourself into. And after all is said and done, it's a helluva lot better than knowing exactly what you'll hear and see. If we wanted that, we'd all be tuned into MTV, slowly becoming one with the upholstery. And every club would be booking the same kind of music, safe in the knowledge that no one cared about the bands...they were just there to drink and schmooze.

Frightening, isn't it?

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