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Another new band hitting the market is The Thieves. The British band started out playing gigs in its native Oxford, but soon found the shores of America to be more inviting to its infectious brand of indie rock. Borrowing heavily from the harder rock influences of acts like AC/DC, The Thieves capture the essence of classic rock bands. However, this act adds techno studio touches to create a modern blend of hard-driving tunes.

"We grew up as kids in England listening to rock n' roll, and over the years The Thieves have created their own organic, very real kind of music. Our management suggested that we move to California, so we've moved slowly up the ranks playing various concerts and gigs in the U.S.," said guitarist Hal Stokes.

However, the glitz and glamour of Southern California didn't immediately pay off for The Thieves. The band settled in the remote desert, and had all its belongings either stolen or damaged in a series of heavy rainstorms. The Thieves luck finally changed after songwriter/producer Linda Perry (Pink and Gwen Stefani) let the band make its record "Tales from the White Line" at her studio.

"We still have a long way to go in America," admitted Stokes. "Being an English band in America makes it more interesting and different -it's also changed our music. We used to play more prog rock and now we're more of a modern rock n' roll band."

The word on The Thieves is growing. Check out the British group at Bender's in Denver Monday.