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Old-Time Rock and/or Roll

Andrew "Panda" Galante, a typesetter in BU's Office of Creative Services, has been a fixture at local ska and rockabilly shows for more than a decade. Since 2003, he has rocked and alarmed crowds from Boston to Brooklyn as frontman for the **Alrighters**, a '50s-style R&B and rockabilly act often compared to Screamin' Jay Hawkins. Backed simply by drums, upright bass, and baritone sax, Galante sings, roars, banters, leaps, leaves the stage and leaves the club, returns with props or new audience members, and generally raises a ruckus. He also dances with unerring rhythm.



The Alrighters' singular sound has been called "scream-o-billy," "roots music," and "old-timey howling hyper-bop."

The Alrighters play the **Midway Café**, 3496 Washington St., Jamaica Plain, on Friday, November 17, at 9 p.m.

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