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**Melbourne indie band Spearmint Fur's new song *Juno* makes it's worldwide debut this past week on board the *Intrepid Aircraft Carrier* in New York City for the NASA scientists working on the Juno Mission to Jupiter which launches August 5, 2011.**

This past week Melbourne's own indie rockers Spearmint Fur got the surprise of their lives when they received awesome news from the people over at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at NASA where they are preparing the Juno space probe which will be making an historic 5 year journey to Jupiter launching August 5<sup>th</sup> 2011.

Spearmint Fur's song *Juno* which was inspired by the mission made its debut on board the Intrepid Aircraft Carrier in New York City where it was played for all the scientists at NASA working on the Juno mission. This is such exciting news for the band especially since space has always been a big fascination.

One scientist said, *"Well, I think this is an interesting example of how there are many ways to relate to a space mission. Some people enjoy just watching; some people feel compelled to be musical."*

Spearmint Fur's singer Zadia Lenders had heard about the space probe while doing a radio interview on community station 3RPP last year and was inspired by the magnitude of the mission. While trying to finish the song she was stumped as to how to end the song because she didn't know what was going to happen to the Juno probe once the mission was over so she wrote to NASA to find out.

Not expecting to hear anything back from NASA she was completely surprised when they wrote back to her almost immediately to tell her that the Juno space probe would be destroyed once the mission was over by being purposely being crashed into Jupiter so that it would not accidentally crash into one of Jupiter's moons. She was able to complete the song and over the last few months the band recorded the song *Juno* which was mixed and mastered at Armstrong Studios in Melbourne by multi-award winning engineers Doug Brady and Martin Pullan.

The band wrote back to NASA telling them the song was completed and sent them a copy. The Jet Propulsion Laboratory staff wrote back immediately saying

*"Thank you for sharing your song with us and for paying tribute to this mission on which we've all hung so many hopes and dreams. I'm going to share this with the scientist who heads up the mission. He has played as a professional musician himself, and I think he'll be thrilled. In fact, I have a feeling everyone on the mission will appreciate it. You even got a sense of the science and the*

*mission that's really not far from the truth. Maybe we can play it for everyone at our upcoming science team meeting? "*

They did not disappoint, and *Juno* the song made its world-wide debut on board an aircraft carrier in NYC for all the NASA Juno Mission scientists. A fitting song debut to honour the Juno space probe "an intrepid adventurer"

*Juno* the single will be launched to coincide with the Juno space probe launching on August 5th, 2011 but for an extra special sneak peek you can head to [www.spearmintfur.com](http://www.spearmintfur.com) join the bands fan list and be the first people besides the band and the people over at NASA to hear the song.

Learn more about the Juno Mission to Jupiter here at <http://missionjuno.swri.edu>

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