

Back to the future: vinyl offers new spin on music

by Robin Scott

Are records making a comeback? Or have they never gone away? It seems that records never really fell out of style, but were merely being pushed to the back of the mainstream listener's mind due to technological updates.

It appears that younger generations still enjoy vinyl records even though they didn't grow up with them. The overall feeling they have towards records is that they like the feel of vinyl in their hands, the look of the artwork on the sleeve and knowing they are listening to that whole album instead of listening to only one song at a time, or skipping through to certain singles.

For some, listening to vinyl is an experience more than just listening to music. It's not just something there in the background, it surrounds their whole world.

"You listen to it when you're in any sort of mood and the graininess of



People wait in line outside Music Millennium on 30th and Burnside for Record Store Day.

the record takes you away to another world," Corey Herron said.

"You can hear the instruments better," Marissa Saban said.

For some, buying rare albums on vinyl is the draw.

"For me it's kind of fun to try and

find a copy that not as many people will have," John Fenton said.

Robbie Smith explained that most people who enjoy vinyl buy it as often as they can. If a band they like is putting out a new album but only a few will be pressed onto vinyl, they will

pay that extra few dollars to get the album on vinyl, instead of getting the instant gratification of downloading straight to their phone or iPod.

Not only do people purchase new records, but many go to thrift shops, trade shows and used record stores searching for the perfect records.

"I like to find them in and out of town thrift shops, oddity shops, what have you," said Jakob Grimm.

Some buy albums after they see a band live and will purchase them at the show.

Vinyl is not a lost medium; vinyl never went anywhere, but was merely overshadowed by MP3s with this new, younger generation.

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