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LAKE WO ... BE GONE, HERE COMES 'LIVE WIRE!'

Robyn Tenenbaum and Kate Sokoloff are close friends. So close that, man-wise, they share the same fantasy. There's the guy. Kind of like Garrison Keillor. The strong, unsilent type. But younger. Hipper. And a lot less Lutheran.

The two radioheads — Tenenbaum used to produce "West Coast Live" for public radio in San Francisco and Sokoloff has her own "Katharine Wheel" production company in Portland — are currently considerably pregnant. The baby they hope to deliver is "Live Wire!" — a one-hour radio show, staged live Saturday nights at the Hollywood Theatre. Sort of "A Prairie Home Companion" for cultural creatives, people who are grown up but may not yet have actual jobs.

The women recorded a demo that Oregon Public Broadcasting liked so much that it signed on to co-produce. The first show, being recorded next week before an invitation-only audience, will air at 7 p.m. March 27 on all OPB stations. If sponsors rise like fat trout, OPB plans call for a series of "monthly specials" leading to a weekly rollout come fall.