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Entertainment



Jim Graue, night manager for Face the Music, displays his store's CD selection.

Music stores strive to satisfy

Choice is what, not where, to buy

By Kelvin Wee Emerald Entertainment Editor

The choice is yours. Eugene offers the choosy music lover a vast number of options when it comes to where she or he can go to purchase that LP, CD or cassette.

Located closest to the University is Face The Music, 886 E.

13th Ave. Face The Music stocks thousands of LP's, CD's, cassettes, singles and more.

It's open from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on weekdays and on Saturdays until 5:30 p.m. On Sundays, it opens from noon to 4:30 p.m.

A little further away is **House** of **Records**, 258 E. 13th Ave. This store specializes in all types of music, from jazz to punk and alternative music, from country to blues to classical.

While most people think of House of Records as a resale music store, the idea is not true, said Charlie Simpson, who works there.

"Actually, that's not true," he said. "We're about half-new and about half-used."

House of Records is open Mondays to Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. A little ways away, in the Eugene Downtown Mall, is the Record Garden, 957 Willamette St. Record Garden specializes in music from the 1920s to the 1980s, according to its advertisements. The store stocks LPs, CDs, cassettes and also imported music:

"There's very little that we don't stock," said store owner Mike McAdams. "One thing that sets us apart from other stores is our selection of imports and our special order policy."

McAdams said because the store deals with many different agencies, special orders are usually filled within a week at Record Garden instead of the six to eight weeks other stores take to fill such orders.

It is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays to Saturdays, and noon to 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Located in the Fifth Street Market is **Balladeer Music**, 296 E. Fifth Ave., which is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

This store stocks new age, folk, pop, international and children's music in the form of LPs, CDs or cassettes. In addition, it boasts a unique tape listening center that lets customers "try before you buy" the tapes.

Call individual stores for more information about what they do and do not stock. This is not meant to be a complete listing of all music stores in this area, but a starting guide to the countless record and CD stores in the nearby vicinity.





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