

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Rap performer Too Short to do fairground concert

SONG AND DANCE

FRIDAY, OCT. 26

**Too Short**, a nationally famous rap artist, performs at 8:30 p.m. at the Lane County Fairgrounds. Opening the show is Criminal Nations and PD.2. After the show, Too Short will be at Eugene's Club Hollywood and concert-goers with ticket stubs are allowed to attend. Entrance cost to Club Hollywood is \$5, and more information is available by calling 342-7551.

**Old time contra dance**, hosted by the Eugene Folklore Society, begins at 8:30 p.m. and continues until 11:30 p.m. at Willard School, 2855 Lincoln. Cost is \$3.50 for EFS members and \$4.50 general. A workshop preceding the dance will be held at 7:30 p.m.

### Calendar

**Oliver Lake**, famed jazz saxophonist of the World Saxophone Quartet, performs with Northwest Creative Orchestra at 8 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall. In addition to the concert, he will offer a free program for minority youth on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 4 p.m. in Room 198 of the music school. In this discussion he will talk about and answer questions concerning himself and current cultural and educational issues pertinent to non-white youth.

SATURDAY, OCT. 27

**The Killing Field** performs at the Community Center for the Performing Arts, 291 W. 8th, at 9:30 p.m. This concert features the latest in Killing Field music. Opening acts are Now William and Prairie School. Tickets are \$6 at the door, and doors open at 9 p.m.

MONDAY, OCT. 29

**Faculty Artist Series concert**, featuring Leslie Straka, viola, and Barbara Palmer, piano, begins at 8 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall. The program includes four selections and will be assisted by Wendy Zarofisher, soprano. Tickets are available at the door for \$4 general and \$2 students and senior citizens.

**The Indigo Girls**, a Top-40 duo, will perform at 8 p.m. at the Hult Center. Tickets are \$17 and \$15, and all seats are reserved. For ticket information, call the Hult Center box office at 687-5000.

TUESDAY, OCT. 30

**"Octubafest"**, a festival featuring the mingling of tuba and euphonium sounds, takes place at 8 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall. The program contains a wide variety of music and will feature music students, faculty and selected guests. Tickets

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## 'Coppelia' opens city season

Children, dolls create mayhem

By Layne Lakefish  
Emerald Entertainment Editor

Visit the land of make-believe: It's a place where children play, toymakers create eccentricities and dolls come to life.

In the ballet world, it's called *Coppelia*.

The Eugene Ballet Company will bring *Coppelia* to the stage of the Hult Center for the opening ballet of the season Saturday night at 8. In addition, a matinee show is scheduled for Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

*Coppelia* is the story of a doll who comes to life when Franz, a Hungarian peasant boy, and his girlfriend Swanilda sneak into a toy shop owned by the eccentric Dr. Coppelius. What follows is an adventure filled with mix-up and mayhem, disguises and dirty tricks.

Franz first enters the toy shop because he has fallen in love with the doll, Coppelia. An obviously upset Swanilda follows him to the shop and when Dr. Coppelius returns, she disguises herself as Coppelia. In the meantime, Dr. Coppelius catches and drugs Franz while he attempts to bring Coppelia to life. And so the ballet goes.

"This is classical ballet," said Tamara Richey, Eugene Ballet Company Publicist. "It's magical, it's romantic, it's a fantasy and a fairy tale."

*Coppelia* was written by E.F. Hoffman, the same man who



Courtesy photo

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wrote the internationally known ballet *The Nutcracker*. *Coppelia* has achieved the same fame as *The Nutcracker* while sharing its theme.

"(*Coppelia*) is a very famous play," said Pat Cusick, assistant marketing director at the Hult Center. "E.F. Hoffman's fairy tales are very famous with the theme of dolls coming to life."

The ballet, which is expected to run for two hours, will be performed in two acts by the Ballet Company ensemble. Students from the Eugene School of Ballet will lend additional dance support.

The ballet ensemble, a group of about 18, just returned from a sold-out performance of *Coppelia* in Bellingham, Wash. Ticket sales for their Eugene performance are also going

well, Richey said.

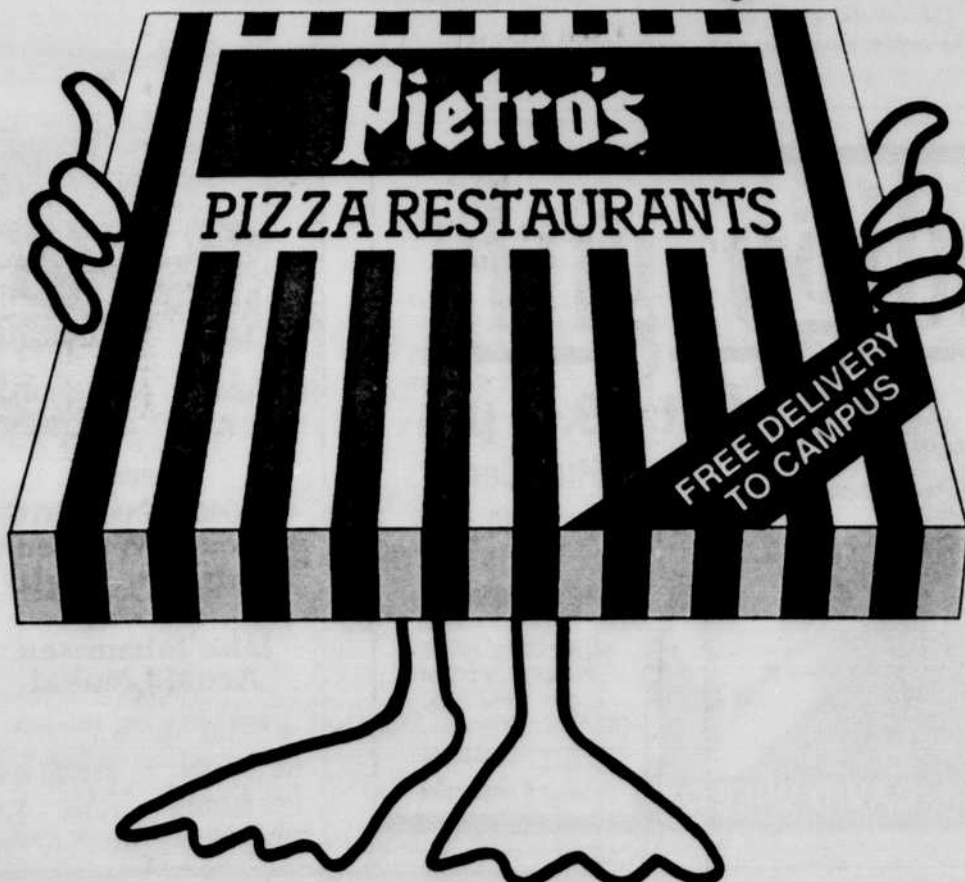
"This is a chance for people to see something new, see something classical and see something live," Richey said. "There's nothing like a live performance."

In addition to *Coppelia*, the Eugene Ballet Company will present three other productions this season including *Cinderella*, *The Nutcracker* and *Children of the Raven*.

Tickets for *Coppelia* can be purchased for \$6.50, \$12.50 and \$19.50. In addition, the Eugene Ballet Company is offering a student season pass, for entrance into all this season's performances, for \$19.50. For more information call the Hult Center box office at 687-5000 or the Eugene Ballet Company at 485-3992.

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