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Roberts, quintet highlight school's Jazz Celebration

Marcus Roberts, world renowned pianist. will perform with his quintet at 7 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall. This performance is part of the music school's Oregon Jazz Celebration. General admission tickets. \$12, are available at the EMU Main Desk.

Calendar

Northwest Tap Consort, a 12-member company featuring Northwest tap dancers, makes its Oregon debut at 8 p.m. in Dougherty Dance Theater, located on the third floor of Gerlinger Annex. Tickets. available at the door, are \$3 students and

Nine Days Wonder, a local band, is performing at 9:30 p.m. in the Community Center for the Performing Arts. 291 W. 8th. Opening the show are the Mayther Brothers, a blues/R&B band out of Portland. Admission is \$5 at the door and

Eugene Symphony Superpops will conduct "A Eugene Christmas" at 2:30 and 8 p.m. in the Hult Center's Silva Concert Hall. For ticket information call the box office at 687-5000.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

Peter Erskine, jazz drummer, will play at 7 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall. The show, in which he shares the stage with the Oregon lazz Ensemble, is a part of the Oregon Jazz Celebration. General admission tickets. \$12, can be purchased at the EMU

Rabbit Choir, a six-member eclectic rock and roll band, will perform at 9:30 p.m. in the Community Center for the Performing Arts. 291 W. 8th. Opening the show is Mission District, playing its highly varied collection of original dance music. Tickets are \$5 at the door and doors open

"A Christmas Carol" will be performed at 2:30 and 8 p.m. in the Hult Center's Silva Concert Hall. Tickets are \$12, \$10 and \$8, and can be purchased by calling the box office at 687-5000.

The University Campus Band will perform at 8 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall. Ad-

Benefit for Justice in South Africa takes place at 7 p.m. in the EMU Ballroom. The event, to raise funds for a local group and for the African National Congress, will feature the music of Black Roses, Barbara Turrill, Glenno Falkenberg and Evan Belize. Fatima Meer, author of Nelson Mandela's biography, and Charles Dalton, president of Eugene's NAACP, will speak at the event. Tickets are \$5 students and

MONDAY, DEC. 3

A Composer's Forum concert. featuring original works by University music composition majors, begins at 8 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall. The show will premiere seven works, and admission is free.

Christmas Choral Concert, featuring the University Singers, the University Men's and Women's choruses and the University Chamber choir, takes place at 8 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall. Tickets, available at the door, are \$3 general and \$1 students.

The University Collegium Musicum, an ensemble devoted to the performance of early music, is performing at 3:30 p.m. in the Throne Room of the University's Museum of Art, 1430 Johnson Lane.

Dance Quarterly, an informal dance show featuring works-in-progress and short dance studies, takes place at 7 p.m. in room 353 of Gerlinger Annex. Admis-

The University Symphony, a 65-member ensemble, will perform at 8 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall. Tickets, available at the door, are \$3 general and \$1 students.

Open Showing, a dance recital featuring a one to two minute performance from each dance school class, takes place at 5 p.m. in room 354 of Gerlinger Annex.

The Oregon Wind Ensemble will present a program of symphonic band music at 8 p.m. in Beall Concert Hall. Tickets, available at the door, are \$3 general and \$1

VISUAL ARTS, CRAFT SHOWS AND READINGS

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

Nine Days Wonder recording first album

By Layne Lakefish Emerald Entertainment Editor

The story, or better yet the song, began many years ago.

ENTERTAINMENT

At a bring-your-own-instrument party in Eugene, five men joined forces. Five years later, Nine Days Wonder was

And by March, the band will have more to show for its music than local concert posters. It will have an album.

The recording of the band's first album (in the form of cassettes and com-pact discs only) has had its ups and downs, but the musicians are working long hours to create a professional, polished product.

"I'm going to listen to it in my earphones while I'm sitting on my couch and I want to like it," said Dave Coey. bass and vocals for the band. "I don't want to hear wrong notes."

The group has also recognized the other end of the spectrum, calling the recording experience tiring, tough and

"We're a live band." said Mike Walker, the band's Hammond B-3 and piano player. "In the studio, the whole mentality is different.

"On stage, you try new things and take chances, but in the studio you can't do that." he said.

The group has been in the studio since the beginning of November and will wrap up the whole project at the end of January after taking a month off in the middle to tour the Rocky Moun-

The cassettes and compact disks. when they hit the stores, will tell the whole musical story.

In the beginning, the band called itself Help on the Way. Within the first nal rock 'n' roll." year, it had a earned itself a gig at Taylor's, lost a member, gained a member,

Krause Gallery will open a photography

and sculpture exhibit featuring the works

of University students Krishna Kasse-

baum and Devin Field. A free public re-

and changed names.
"Taylor's always gets credit for giving us a chance," said Phil White, drummer, "even though four of the five

of us were only 18 years old."
"We were the Wednesday bar band at
Taylor's." said Ben Sturgill, guitar and

Because Taylor's opened its doors for Help on the Way. it's only fitting that Taylor's was an inspiration on other lev-

'We were sitting outside the bar on the sidewalk making posters for our show, and we said 'OK, fine, we'll do Coey said. From that moment on. the band became known as Nine Days Wonder, and the group started gaining fans all over Eugene.

'We were pretty much an instant hit in the college community." said Peter Bach, guitar and vocals, "People were looking for a band they could relate to."

Nine Days Wonder spent the next few

years impressing audiences in Eugene and Portland, and then split for a year in 1985. With the break, the members weren't sure if they would ever get back together. Luckily for their fans, they

In 1986 they reunited, started finetuning their style and started to practice seriously. Then, last summer, the band finally stepped out of the Eugene/Portland area and booked dates through the Rockies and into Colorado

Now the group has a reputation across the country for its indescribable sound. And with dates booked all the way through March, it shows.

'We have a fresh, original West Coast sound," White said. "I'm talking origi-

For Coey, it's a slightly different type of rock. "We play organic, western boo-

EMU Winter Craft Fair opens today and

Room from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The fair

to release its first album in March.

even larger conglomeration of sounds. "There's an element of country in it." he said. "but its not twangy. It's more

and then move up to in-your-face psychedelic jams." Sturgill said. 'We're very dynamic.

So it's a veritable melting pot of musical genres. But there's even more to it

"Our music is honest," Bach said, explaining the psychological end of their music. "It's not a lot of show. It's a lot of integrity.

"Overall, it's intellectual rock 'n' roll with a hell of a lot of soul," he said. Whatever it's called or however it's defined, it will be available soon at local record stores for individual analysis.

will be served and admission is free.

University Museum of Natural History. 1680 E. 15th Ave., will open an exhibition of bird nests and eggs from various habitats in Oregon. The museum is open from noon to 5 Wednesday through Sunday, and a \$1 donation is suggested.

Ken Babbs, author of On the Bus, will be runs through tomorrow in the EMU's Fir in the EMU's Ben Linder Room at 2 and 4 p.m. for booksigning. Admission is free will feature local artists with unique and copies of the book will be available handcrafted items. Free hot apple cider for purchase.

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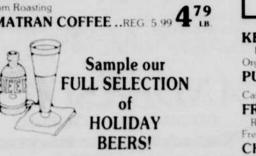
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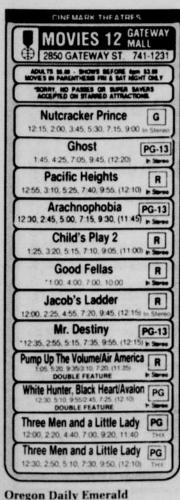












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Oregon Homecrafters Association, will be p.m. in the gallery, Room 101 in Law-

held at the Lane County Fairgrounds from rence Hall. The gallery is open from 9

9 a.m. to 7 p.m. today and Saturday, and a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Fri-

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