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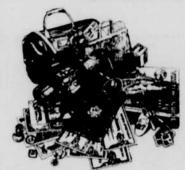
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The Crazy 8s will be performing in Eugene this weekend as part of the band's ninth anniversary celebration. The show will take place at 9:30 Friday night in the Community Center for Performing Arts (W.O.W. Hall), 291 W. Eighth Ave.

Crazy 8s' 'mutt rock' hits Eugene

By Layne Lakefish Emerald Entertainment Editor

It was nine years ago that the band came together. Since then, the Crazy 8s have become a favorite in Eugene, performing frequently at many local establishments, concert halls and fraternity functions.

This weekend they're coming back to celebrate. In the spirit of their ninth anniversary, the Crazy 8s will perform Friday night at 9:30 in the Community Center for the Performing Arts, 291 W. Eighth Ave.

"This show will actually take place one week before our ninth anniversary," said Marc Baker, Crazy 8s manager. "But since Eugene has been one of the best places to us, we decided to kick off the whole anniversary one week early so we can do it in Eugene."

"And one thing's for sure." he said. "If you're going to see the Crazy 8s live, you're going to see a killer show."

Friday's performance will represent nine years of making music together. It will represent both constants and changes.

"The band has grown up and expanded," Baker said. "By going out and seeing the world and seeing the different ways people live, the members have expanded their horizons and matured."

Over the years, the Crazy 8s have performed and perfected a style that comes close to avoiding labelling. Plainly stated, a concertgoer will hear music, all sorts and styles.

"It's not heavy metal or jazz or anything specific," Wanaka said. "There's something for everyone. Even if someone doesn't like all the songs, they'll probably like some of them."

"I call it mutt rock," Baker said. "There's so many influences and there's so much going on. It's like a mutt dog walking the street of rock.

"You can't say 'Oh, it's rock,' or 'Oh, it's new wave,' or 'Oh, it's punk.' It's just a little of everything."

It's this "little of everything" that makes the Crazy 8s such a big hit on college campuses. Baker said.

Tickets to the show will be on sale at the door for \$7.

