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Singer-songwriters Robyn Hitchcock (left) and Bruce Cockburn will perform in Eugene back to back next week. Hitchcock will appear with The Egyptians at the EMU Ballroom Feb. 24. Cockburn will appear at the Eugene Hilton Ballroom Feb. 25.

Cockburn, Hitchcock play Eugene

By Meg Dedolph
Emerald Contributor

Bruce Cockburn and Robyn Hitchcock and The Egyptians, two performers whose music has been described as defying classification will be performing in Eugene next week.

Jason Miller, National Music Coordinator for the EMU Cultural Forum, said these two performers were chosen with the University's diverse population in mind.

"I try to bring forth to the community and University the best music we can," Miller said, adding that both performers were "stellar artists in their respective fields."

Robyn Hitchcock and the Egyptians will be appearing in the EMU Ballroom Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. Tickets for this performance — \$11 for students, \$13 for the general public — are available at the EMU Main Desk.

Hitchcock is a popular performer on college radio and has a solid and diverse following among students, Miller said.

"The people who go (to Hitchcock's performance) are going to know all his work by heart," Miller said.

Hitchcock, Andy Metcalfe and Morris Windsor (The Egyptians) have played together on and off since the late '70s, first as a group called the Soft Boys, and have made music of-

ten hard to classify due to the literary aspect of Hitchcock's songs, whose writing has been likened to Noel Coward as well as John Lennon.

The trio's newest album, *Perspex Island* is their third release on the A & M label. Hitchcock calls it his first "adult" record because it doesn't put anything in terms of insects, sea-food and vegetation. It's not seeing life through the science-fiction filter that small boys like to use, Hitchcock said.

Perspex, Hitchcock said, is the English term for Plexiglas, and was used in World War II fighter cockpits.

"In England you can buy these little Perspex paperweights with a sea horse or something like that inside of them," he said.

Hitchcock described his songwriting on *Perspex Island*, saying, "If you believe that music is a form of magic and a form of imprecation — which I've always believed, well ... my songs used to be curses. Now, they're prayers."

Matthew Sweet, another singer popular on college radio, will open for Hitchcock, Miller said.

Canadian singer-songwriter Bruce Cockburn will be bringing his music to the Eugene Hilton Ballroom Feb. 25 at 8:00 p.m. Tickets (\$15

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