

Body & Soul

The 11-member band will appear at a New Year's Eve party to celebrate 10 years of music

By Nicole Krueger
Entertainment Editor

New Year's Eve is often celebrated as the recognition and acceptance of change. This New Year's Eve, local band Body & Soul will enjoy its final gig before it changes forever.

In its 10 years of existence, Body & Soul has been no stranger to change. Valuable members have come and gone, including lead singer Linda Hornbuckle several years ago, but the 11-member band has adapted to the changes and continued to offer a unique mix of funk, soul, motown and disco to Eugene audiences. All the while, Body & Soul has managed to remain the top money grossing act in the area, commanding \$8-20 cover charges at exclusive clubs and other events. The band has outgrossed such local legends as Curtis Salgado and The Cherry Poppin' Daddies.

"We do have to charge a substantial amount of money for private parties so we can basically feed the band," said lead vocalist Tarshene Watkins. "But we've been around so long we've proven we're worth that amount of money."

According to Jim Jensen, the band's promoter, those who shell out the money to see Body & Soul receive more than just a musical performance.

"It's a show — a revue," he said. "They dress up and play the part. It's as much fun to watch as it is to dance to or listen to."

In the past, Body & Soul has played at a diverse range of venues, including Art and the Vineyard, the Filbert Festival and Good Times Cafe and Bar. Dec. 31 will mark the band's first appearance at the Eugene Hilton Ballroom, however, as they celebrate their ten-year anniversary with a New Year's Eve party.

The occasion will also mark a significant change in the band's membership.

"This could be their last gig as we know them,"

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CONCERT

■ **WHAT:** New Year's Eve party, 21 and over
■ **WHEN:** 7 p.m.
■ **WHERE:** Eugene Hilton Ballroom
■ **COST:** \$18



Tarshene Watkins is a lead vocalist for the local band Body & Soul.



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Steve Bailey & Victor Wooten

Bass players Steve Bailey and Victor Wooten will perform tonight at the Churchill High School Auditorium.

Tickets for the show are \$10 at the door. The show will begin at 7 p.m. and will include a 90-minute clinic.

The Sugar Beets

Local psychedelic-bluegrass group The Sugar Beets will perform tonight at Good Times as part of Hat Fest 3.

The performance will begin at 9:30 p.m. with Fiddlin' Big Sam, Uncle T and Johnny opening. Admission is \$4 with a hat, \$5 without.

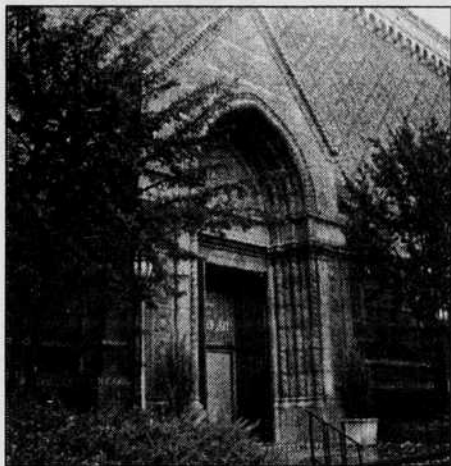


Charlie Hunter Quartet

The Charlie Hunter Quartet will perform funky, modern jazz at the Wild Duck Dec. 12.

During the show the group will sample songs from their new release *A Tribute to Bob Marley*.

"Be There" is a weekly column highlighting the week's top local entertainment events.



MATHEW STIFFLER/Emerald
The University Museum of Art is located near the Knight Library, across from PLC.

Music, Santa to visit UO Museum of Art

By Jesse Stephenson
Entertainment Reporter

Food, music, shows and that famous person in the red suit are all part of the annual Holiday Open House at the University Museum of Art on Dec. 8 from 2 to 5 p.m.

The event will include activities for everyone, from live music to hands-on exhibits for children. Performances will include the Motet Singers and the Oregon Tuba Ensemble as well as songs, skits and puppet shows by Sparky Roberts.

Also scheduled to appear at the

Holiday Open House is Santa Claus, allowing people of all ages to make gift requests and have photos taken. Santa will be on hand during the entire event.

A lucky individual will receive a gingerbread museum provided by The Sweet Life Patisserie as a door prize. The drawing is also part of the festivities and will take place at 3:45 p.m.

In the past, the open house has been considered a holiday tradition at the museum as well as a fun way to celebrate the season.

"This year's festivities will be fun and exciting for everyone,"

said Laura Aaron Sear, curator of education. She called the open house "a wonderful way to celebrate the season at the museum."

Sparky Roberts will perform for children twice in the afternoon, at 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. The Oregon Tuba Ensemble will begin playing at 4 p.m., and the Motet Singers will start at 3 p.m.

Admission to the Holiday Open House is free. The Museum of Art is located at 1430 Johnson Lane. Refreshments will be served during the event, which will also mark the final week of the exhibit "The New Traditionalists."

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