



# Beck

from 'Loser' to national star

Alternative musician Beck will sing to a full house next week in the EMU Ballroom

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The road to success has taken Beck from his years of obscurity to international stardom. On Feb. 10, it will bring him to Eugene for a concert in the EMU Ballroom. Tickets for the show are sold out.

"Tickets went on sale Monday, a couple of weeks after school started, and they were sold out by noon Tuesday,"

said Benjamin Samrick, national music coordinator for the EMU Cultural Forum.

It's not often that Eugene gets a visit from a performer as important and acclaimed as Beck.

He recently managed to grab the spotlight as *Spin's* Artist of the Year, and his latest album has been ranked as Album of the Year in various magazines, including *Rolling Stone's* Readers' Poll.

"[Beck] is probably one of the hottest artists on tour right now," Samrick said. "His is one of the most requested tours in the country."

Beck has been selling out 4,000-ticket venues across the country, so it's no surprise the EMU Cultural Forum's 1,000 tickets went so quickly.

"I think it's really cool that people get to see him in a smaller venue," Samrick said.

Beck hails from Los Angeles where he was born. As a teenager, he played the acoustic guitar and was influenced by traditional folk and blues legends such as Woody Guthrie and Fred McDowell.

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## Luscious Jackson

Luscious Jackson will perform at 8 p.m. Feb. 11 at WOW Hall. Tickets are \$15 in advance.

The band is on tour in support of their current release, *Fever In Fever Out*, which was recorded in New Orleans. The album has sold 140,000 copies since its release Oct. 29.

## Joe Goode Group

The Joe Goode Performance Group, which weaves dance, theater, music and text into their performance, will visit the Hult Center Feb. 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16, and student discounts are available.

The group will also sponsor several workshops at the University. Call 682-5000 for more information.



## Tuvan throat singers to sing at Beall Hall

Huun-Huur-Tu, a group of throat-singers, will perform at Beall Hall Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Throat-singing, also known as khöömei, is an art in which each vocalist sings two or three distinct notes simultaneously. The vocals often imitate animal cries or the sound of wind.

The members of Huun-Huur-Tu are from Tuva, a small, former Soviet Republic located between outer Mongolia and Siberia.



## 'Grease!' revival to visit Hult

This popular Broadway musical has been touring the country since its revival opened in 1994

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Leather jackets, bobby socks and skin-tight pedal-pushers will dominate the stage at the Hult Center this weekend when one of Broadway's longest-running musicals visits Eugene.

The sounds of the 1950s will echo through the theater when "Grease!" is per-

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COURTESY PHOTO  
A transformed Sandy Dumbrowski leaves Danny Zuko "All Choked Up" in "Grease!"

## Eels

The Eels will open for Luscious Jackson at WOW Hall Feb. 11.

The Eels released their debut album, *Beautiful Freak*, last summer.

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