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Nightcats to bring blues, swing to cafe

Little Charlie and the Nightcats will play the Good Times Cafe tonight

By Carl Yeh
Freelance Editor

A California swing band that "mixes everything from deep Chicago blues to Western California swing (a bouncy dancy rhythm)" will perform in Eugene today and tomorrow, according to Marc Lipkin, director of publicity at Alligator Records, the label for the group.

The group boasts two superstar players, Lipkin said. "Charlie Baty, who is known as Little Charlie because of his short stature, is the leader of the band, and he is an extraordinary guitar player," he said. "You know who the guitar players are at each concert because they're near the stage staring at Charlie's fingers trying to figure out how he does it. He's that good."

The other member of the superstar duo is Rick Estrin, who matches Baty's ability with the harmonica, Lipkin said. Baty and Estrin have performed together in one way or another for the past 20 years, he added.

The Sacramento-based band has produced many albums, the most recent one named "Straight Up!" The band plays mostly original music or obscure blues songs, Lipkin said. "One of their trademarks is that they write original music."

Little Charlie and the Nightcats will be busy after their concerts in Eugene. They will tour with John Hammond, a famous



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The Sacramento-based band includes Charlie Baty and Rick Estrin.

acoustics jazz player, in the Midwest and on the East Coast in April.

The band will probably play some songs from their upcoming album, which is currently untitled.

"There's no better way to

work out a song than in front of a live audience," Lipkin said.

The concert, which "won't leave you feeling bad," will take place at 9 tonight and tomorrow night at the Good Times Cafe, 375 E. 7th Ave. Admission is \$10 at the door.

'Mozart ... nothing but Mozart'



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Special guest conductor Giora Bernstein will lead the "Mozart, All Mozart, Nothing but Mozart" concert on Saturday and Sunday. Bernstein is the founder and music director of the Colorado Music Festival and receives national and international recognition for his work.

The Saturday performance will take place at the Soreng Theatre in the Hult Center at 8 p.m. The Sunday performance will take place at the Ebbert Memorial Church in Springfield at 2:30 p.m.

The all-Mozart concert also features Eu-

gene's local Oregon Mozart Players. This program will be their fourth major concert this season. The program features two of Mozart's symphonies and two shorter works.

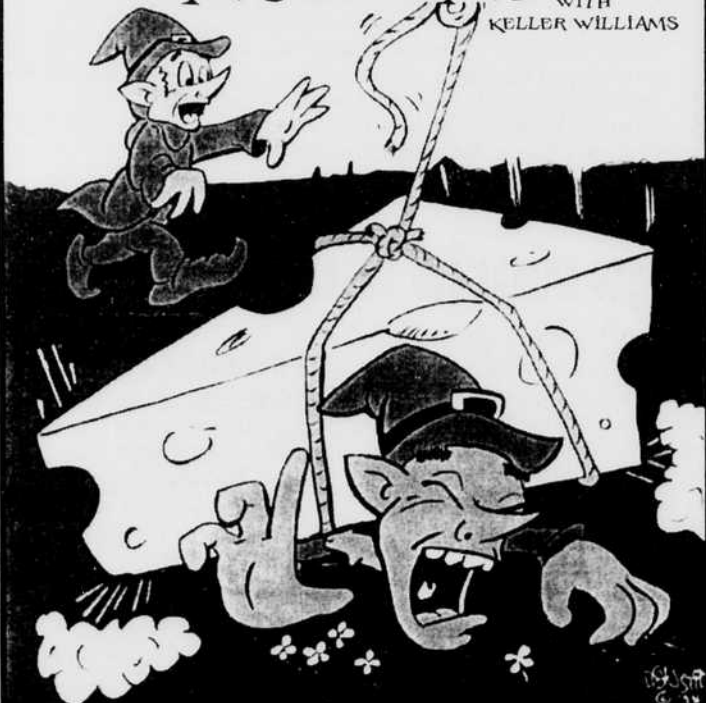
Opening the program will be the Serenata Notturna, containing two ensembles. The first is a solo quartet made up of two violins, a viola and a double bass. The second is made up of strings (without the double bass) with the addition of the timpani.

Tickets are \$10-32 at the Soreng Theatre and \$6-12 at Ebbert Church. They may be purchased at the door one hour before the performance. Tickets are also available at the Hult Center Box Office.

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