



The UO Cultural Forum brings Deep Banana Blackout, with its funky attitude and even funkier sounds, right into Agate Hall tonight for a dance party that could last until the final dancer drops. Showtime is 8 p.m. and tickets are available at the EMU ticket office.



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Funky Deep Banana peels into Eugene



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Deep Banana Blackout, a band from Connecticut, has big plans tonight to show Eugene how to party, Cultural Forum's music director Josh Burt boasts.

The band has shared the same stage as musical greats Maceo Parker, Taj Mahal, and the king of funk, George Clinton & his P-Funk All-Stars. Tonight's show takes place in Agate Hall, Burt said, because the campus venue doesn't receive much exposure and he'd like to preserve its uniqueness by bringing in bands to play there. He added that the acoustics are worth checking out.

Burt also said to expect more than just good music. A variety of ASUO organizations will be on hand, in addition to a few surprise acts that will be revealed once the show gets underway.

Deep Banana Blackout has a following of dedicated fans known as "The Funk Mob," which travels wherever the band plays to help promote its sound. DBB recently released a double live CD called "Rowdy Duty." That recording followed the band's debut "Live in the Thousand Islands," which came out in 1997 and introduced listeners to their soul, funk and jazz sounds.

If that doesn't make you interested enough in the oddly-named band, maybe its stamina will encourage you to attend. Last New Year's Eve the band played from 11:30 p.m. until 6:30 a.m. on Jan.1, to a crowd of almost 1,100 in New York City.

Tonight's show begins at 8 and tickets are \$7 for students, \$9 for the general public. Purcahse tickets at the EMU Ticket Office, CD World and the House of Records.



