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# Dress up, get down at the Hilton

■ Costumes, music and fun fill the bill for House of Funkenstein Halloween Ball

By Yael Menahem  
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Looking for a Halloween party with class? Then check out the House of Funkenstein Halloween Ball at the Eugene Hilton's Ballroom on Oct. 30th. Local favorites Satin Love Orchestra, The Groove Juice Special and Freedom Funk Ensemble supply the music.

Local music promoter Brendan Relaford has put together the annual event several times, and he promised "old school funk merged with Frankenstein and Dracula" for this year's crowd.

He also said that attendees can expect several sideshows, including a costume contest — grand prize is one night of lodging and a dinner at the Hilton.

Not all of the fun and funk happens inside the music hall, however. The lobby has come to be a favorite place for the partiers who want to show off their costumes, Relaford said.

Satin Love Orchestra has headlined this event before and band members guaranteed a spectacular concert this time around. The group performs its shows fully decked-out in costume.

"Get ready for one big adrenaline rush," Satin Love leader Regis Funk said. "We have created a sizable budget for special effects alone."

Leading off the night of music



The Groove Juice Special plays funk covers with tongue firmly planted in cheek. Courtesy

is The Groove Juice Special, an up-and-coming local funk band making its first appearance at the Halloween extravaganza.

"We'll take our audience back to the roots of funk and soul," lead vocalist Ben Thomas said. "Our live shows are a fire-pit of funky grooves, dance moves, crazy out-

fits, original tunes and covers with tongue firmly planted in cheek."

The House of Funkenstein is a 21-and-over event. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$17 the day of the show. They're available at all Fred Meyer Fastix outlets and the Wild Duck, as well as at the door. The music begins at 9 p.m.

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