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# Her Sliminess is ready for reign

■ Accordionna, the acting 2000 Eugene Celebration Slug Queen, shares some royal thoughts on entertainment

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You might have seen her performing with her troupe of accordion addicts, frolicking in her intricate green royal garments, or holding court this past Saturday during the Eugene Celebration parade.

Queen Accordionna, the crowned ruler of the Eugene Celebration, captured the title after an intriguing routine of accordion playing, belly-dancing and bubble-blowing. The S.L.U.G. Queen governs over the Eugene Celebration parade and makes appearances representing the entertainment community throughout the year.

As Queen of Eugene's entertainment highlight of the year, and proclaimed representative of the Eugene scene, the Emerald took a moment with the zany ruler to cipher what entertainment in Eugene is all about.

**Q: How do you plan on entertaining the city during your S.L.U.G. Queen reign?**

A: I plan to learn to ride a unicycle and play the accordion at the same time. So I'm looking for a unicycle and a coach.

I also plan to play a lot of accordion, which is a lot of entertainment in itself. Whatever else unfolds, who knows.

**Q: What do you recommend people do to entertain themselves on a Friday night?**

A: I have to say Air Jamaica comes to mind. It's a wonderful



Photo courtesy of Queen Accordionna

Queen Accordionna is the unofficial entertainment guru for Eugene

reggae show on KLCC. Sit back and relax and listen. And sleep! (*Snoring Sound*) Just relax, go to the park.

**Q: How should we go about expanding the cultural-activity base in Eugene?**

A: Oh boy! Wow! One idea I came up with today was I'd like to see the Eugene Celebration be much more locally driven. Local artists getting a chance to show their work. And local singers and dancers. It'd be more fun and get people involved.

Also, workshops and hands on culture instead of spectator sports. I love seeing acts from out of town but we have a huge three day block

party. It's an opportunity for us to do things for ourselves.

It would be nice to see an event where everyone doing theater, music, art and dance could show and share their work. We need to have more places where people can show their work.

If you want to expand art in the community, put it in the schools. It helps kids in so many ways. And it's just fun!

**Q: How does having a university in Eugene help the entertainment scene?**

A: It's a wonderful resource. You have music students, lots of them, who are very dedicated. You have  
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