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Let the good times rock 'n' roll

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Concerts in the summer speak for themselves. What better time than during these warm, sunny days to experience one's favorite band in a great outdoor venue or to hear some new songs at a concert hall?

Bands are in overdrive during the summer, filling stadiums and amphitheaters and promoting new albums. In this issue, the Emerald staff has endeavored to bring you the biggest, the coolest and the nearest summer concerts. Take a few minutes to scan the listings, and then go buy tickets.

B.B. King comes to Eugene

Blues fans can get their fix this summer at the Cuthbert Amphitheater.

The B.B. King Blues Fest 2002 will kick off Aug. 3 at 6 p.m. On the ticket for the festival is the blues king himself, B.B. King, along with George Thorogood & The Destroyers, The Fabulous Thunderbirds and Joe Bonamassa.

B.B. King has a career rivaled by few artists — a feat that has earned him the nickname "King of Blues." King, who will turn 77 this September, has made a staggering 81 records in his career as a blues guitarist. His latest release, "A Christmas Celebration Of Hope," includes a collec-

tion of Christmas songs with King's unique blues style.

In 1970, King's hit "The Thrill Is Gone" gained mainstream success, an accomplishment blues artists rarely claim. King performed the song on "The Ed Sullivan Show" and "American Bandstand."

The B.B. King Blues Fest will hit major cities all around the United States, including the Gorge in Washington. Tickets for the show are \$47.50 plus \$2.00 city fee, available through the Hult Center.

— Jan Montry

He's a loser, baby

In 1994, he made being a loser cool again. He roused an entire generation of twenty-somethings with Dada-inspired lyrics. He released an album in 1999 that was just as funky as anything by Prince.

His name is Beck, he's legend to some and he's coming to Portland on Aug. 3.

Beck, born Beck Hansen in 1970 in Los Angeles, came striding confidently onto the scene in 1994 with a gangly, awkward attitude of "Generation X" cynicism for the music scene and a folk-blues-rock-alternative sound that cleared the air in the barren, post-grunge world.

After the spaciness of 1998's "Mutations" and the funkiness of 1999's "Midnite Vultures," many fans wondered where Beck

was heading next. The answer lies in his August tour and his new album, to be released Sept. 24.

Beck is revisiting his roots with a slower, folk-country sound and the melodic style fans first fell in love with. The 20-date tour kicks off Aug. 2 in Seattle, heads east until Aug. 16 and then returns west, finishing in Los Angeles on Aug. 30.

The Aug. 3 show at the Aladdin Theatre is sold out, but a search of the Internet may turn up some really expensive tickets. Samples of the new album, "Paper Tiger," are available at www.beck.com.

— Michael J. Kleckner

Springsteen celebrates 30 years of rock

Get ready to be ordered around, because the Boss is back.

Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band will perform 46 shows in 46 cities this year. The United States will host 39 of the concerts, while European fans can enjoy performances at seven locations. This concert will be just one more to add to the already behemoth-like list of summer concerts in our neck of the woods.

The Boss' performance in Portland's Rose Garden Arena on Aug. 20 begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets to the guaranteed-to-be-sold-out show go on sale July 20 at all

Ticketmaster locations. The tickets are a whopping \$75, but why not pay an arm and a leg to see someone who created "Born in the U.S.A." and refused to sing it for the president?

Springsteen and E Street Band's tour is promoting the new album "The Rising," which is set for release July 30. "The Rising" is Springsteen's 28th album. During this tour, he will celebrate his 30th year of rocking and his 53rd year of living.

For more information about the concert, visit www.ticketmaster.com.

— Jenni Schultz

'Q Fest' to feature Adema, Drowning Pool

Local new rock station KNRQ 97.9 FM will be holding "Q Fest" at the Cuthbert Amphitheater on Aug. 28. Performing will be hard rock bands Ill Nino, Down, Adema, Drowning Pool and Switched. Tickets are \$25 at any Fastixx outlet. Doors will open at 1 p.m. with the festival beginning at 2 p.m. The concert ends at 10 p.m., in accordance with Eugene's noise ordinance.

Down is a hard rock supergroup made up of members from Pantera, Corrosion of Conformity and Crowbar. Their second album, "Down II: A Bustle in Your Hedgerow," was released this year. Adema, whose lead Turn to **Concert**, page 12