

Music: Jedi Mind Tricks produce controversial tracks

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"Shadows." Two songs to avoid are "Aquarium Man" and "Galactic."

For chill and pleasant beats tied in with loud, powerful and controversial lyrics, check out "Legacy of Blood," the third album from the Philadelphia-bred underground rap duo Jedi Mind Tricks.

In an album that focuses on religion, violence and the like, Jedi Mind Tricks offers more for a listener to contemplate than just the redundant hoes, cars and money, which

are the relevant topics in today's urban music scene.

With Wu-Tang Clan as their biggest influence, the duo, which consists of Vinnie Paz and Stoupe, provides 19 tracks of hard-core rap with a hint of turntablism.

While most of the album's tracks flow smoothly and appeal to the ear, the ones that especially stand out are "On the Eve of War" (featuring GZA), "Saviourself" (featuring Killa Priest) and "The Worst."

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Lovelies: Indie band known as 'best kept secret in rock'

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"We're not looking to become superstars," Wooten said. "We just want to be able to do this for a living for as long as we can. Keep on making music that we believe in, and as long as we don't have to hem in our sound to please anyone else, I think we'll be happy."

As will fans. This indie band has a heavy following and has even been called the "best-kept secret in rock-and-roll" by MP3.com music director Rod Underhill. With more than 110,000 downloads from MP3 radio for a song entitled "Ceiling," the Bloody Lovelies have proved they're here to stay.

Throughout the tour they've had some crazy experiences and learned some valuable lessons.

"Eric learned the hard way not to

share political views during an election year," Wooten said. "He almost got his ass kicked in Wyoming."

And although they've traveled all over the country, Wooten said their favorite show has been one played in L.A.

"All of your friends coming to the show and singing along, knowing all of the lyrics. It's great," Wooten said.

The Bloody Lovelies will be performing at the Samurai Duck on Oak Street today at 10 p.m. This will be the first performance in Eugene for the L.A.-based band and the musicians' hopes are high.

"I hear that it's great," Wooten said. "Everyone has really positive things to say about it."

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How to Throw a Responsible Party

Information for students hosting parties: The ASUO, Department of Public Safety, Eugene Police Department, and University of Oregon Office of Student Life have developed these ten steps to help you have a successful party in campus neighborhoods.

1. Invite your friends. Make sure you control the guest invitations so you don't find yourself with 300 people showing up, saying they have been invited by someone who was invited by someone you invited. Don't put up fliers, poster, etc. about your party. A moderate-sized party is one at which you can have fun. A party that grows out of control is one where you will spend all your time dealing with problems instead of socializing and having a good time yourself.
2. Keep the planned size of your party in line with the size and capability of your facility, including bathroom facilities. Remember that your party cannot use your neighbors' yards or city streets.
3. Find ways to celebrate that do not involve alcohol. If you choose to serve alcohol, ensure that you are only serving to people 21 years of age or older.
4. Determine who will be the party's designated non-drinking monitor; those persons can do a lot to keep things under control and should be the ones to interact with the police if they get called to your party.
5. Remember that if you host a party that gets out of control, you may be legally liable for criminal and civil action or restitution for police and other city services.
6. Remember that if you host a party, you are legally liable if persons under 21 drink alcohol or if someone drinks until they are intoxicated.
7. Control access to your party. Have a door monitor with specific instructions about whom to admit. Don't let random people into your house who are walking around looking for a party.
8. Notify your neighbors of your party plans. Let them know what you plan in terms of size, hours, music, etc. Tell them they can contact you if they have problems created by your party.
9. There are several circumstances that will draw attention to your party:
 - a. Loud noise.
 - b. Admitting people under 21 years old.
 - c. Letting people carry beverages outside from your party.
10. Be cooperative with neighbors, police, or other concerned persons who come to you during the party to discuss a problem. Being cooperative will keep the problem from escalating to a higher level response (e.g., an arrest!).
11. Your neighbors may be more tolerant of your next party if you clean up promptly after your party. Clean up all debris your guests have carried outside and left in your yard, in other people's yards, or in the street.

