

"You must thank the gods for art, those of us who have been fortunate enough to stumble onto this means of venting our craziness, our meanness, our towering disgust."

R. CRUMB | Artist



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Like some kind of lunatic carnival, "Spike & Mike's Sick & Twisted Festival of Animation" returns to Eugene every year, filling the Bijou Art Cinema screens up with an

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Eugene gets animated with the often offensive Spike and Mike's annual cartoon festival

EVENTS MOVIES BOOKS MUSIC

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Today

Cheryl Wheeler
w/ Kenny White
Café Paradiso
8 p.m., \$19

Folk singer/songwriter

Friday

SoundAsylum
John Henry's
9 p.m., \$3
Dance/electronic

Saturday

This Day's End
WOW Hall
7:30 p.m., \$5,
\$15 at the door
Rock 'n' roll show

Sunday

The Clumsy Lovers
Sam Bond's
Garage
8:30 p.m., \$8
Canadian celtic rock



TOP 5 MOVIES

- 1: "Sin City"
- 2: "Beauty Shop"
- 3: "Guess Who"
- 4: "Robots"
- 5: "Miss Congeniality 2"



NEWYORKTIMES BEST-SELLERS

- 1: Dan Brown, "The Da Vinci Code"
- 2: James Patterson, Howard Roughan, "Honeymoon"
- 3: Ian McEwan, "Saturday"
- 4: Time LaHaye, Jerry B. Jenkins, "The Rising"
- 5: John Grisham, "The Broker"



BILLBOARD TOP 5

- 1: 50 Cent, "The Massacre"
- 2: Various Artists, "Now 18"
- 3: Frankie J., "The One"
- 4: Green Day, "American Idiot"
- 5: Queens of the Stone Age, "Lullabies to Paralyze"

In my opinion



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BUDGET RACK

Nothing 'Rejected' at 'Spike and Mike's'

What with the release of the latest "Spike & Mike" festival, I've decided to do an examination of the work of animator Don Hertzfeldt. Don't know who Don Hertzfeldt is? He's the guy who does the psychotic little stick figure cartoons that make you cringe with bittersweet delight. Yeah, that Don Hertzfeldt.

I was first introduced to this man's work at my first "Spike & Mike" fest back in 2002. I was just a lowly freshman with no friends and nil in the way of social life, a pathetic dorm rat who spent every available moment watching movies (by myself) or feeding my "Diablo 2" addiction (for which I have since entered a 12-step program). I had been hitting the Bijou pretty often, getting to know the insanely large cat who lives in the lobby and

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Audra Kubat, "Since I Fell in Love with the Music": It took just a week for Audra Kubat to record the album "Since I Fell in Love with the Music" near her hometown of Detroit, Mich. It was there she developed and honed her skills in the folk music genre early in her life. With obvious influences from fellow folk artists, such as Joni Mitchell and Nick Drake, Kubat uses her voice as a instrument to complement the other instruments featured throughout the compact disc, such as the guitar, flute, violin and piano — all of which Kubat plays herself. She also penned every one of the 11 tracks, which include "Garden" and "Already Gone," two of the best songs on the CD. Most of the other songs sound similar to each other, with Kubat's smoky yet smooth croon slurring the majority of the lyrics. It serves as a great CD for background music while cleaning the bathroom or conversing with friends, but it isn't the best choice to sit down and listen to. The experience borders on boredom when listening straight through.

"Since I Fell in Love with the Music" will be available April 19.

—Amy Lichty



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