

# Awards and Activism

Kirkpatrick, Tamaras bring mega-talent to town.

**B**oulder, Colorado based singer/songwriter **Libby Kirkpatrick** will perform Sunday at Sam Bond's Garage in Eugene. In addition to her Friday performance at the Oregon Country Fair, Kirkpatrick's 2003 West coast gigs include the Telluride Bluegrass Festival and the Oregon State Fair. This bright and talented performer won the 1999 Telluride Festival's Troubadour award for vocals and songwriting. She was a finalist and runner up in the 2002 John Lennon Songwriting Competition and her talents led her to a finalist position in the 2002 Lady Six String national songwriting competition.

While Kirkpatrick might not yet be a household name, several "adult contemporary" radio stations have recognized her talent and given her air time. Kirkpatrick debuted in 1999 with *Songs From The Ether*, which earned her "Best Album by a Female Vocalist" in the 1999 Boulder Community Media Awards. Her current release, *Winged*, will surely garner her many new fans with its refreshing melodies and heartfelt lyricism. The 10 songs on *Winged* are a mix of live and studio tracks. Her popularity will grow even more with her upcoming CD, *Goodnight Venus*, slated for an October 2003 release.

*Goodnight Venus* will feature Jerry Marotta, drummer for the Indigo Girls, Sarah McLaughlan and Peter Gabriel. Sara Lee, bassist for Ani DiFranco, Indigo Girls and the B52's, will supply bass rhythms. Mitch Watkins, guitarist for

Abra Moore and Lyle Lovett, will also join in.

The *Austin American-Statesman* describes Kirkpatrick as "an assured guitarist and songwriter with a dynamic, soaring voice. Kirkpatrick most clearly evokes Joni Mitchell, but comparisons to Rickie Lee Jones, Shawn Colvin or even Ani DiFranco wouldn't be unfounded."

**Tamaras** will be in town for a handful of shows this month. This Hollywood, California-based artist will perform at the Oregon Country Fair on Sunday, at Diablo's Downtown Lounge on Monday



**Libby Kirkpatrick**

toured across the country as well as in Japan.

A self-described purveyor of "jazz/grunge/funk," Tamaras uses her talents and energy in the "fight for positive social and political change." Fans love her cathartic lyrics and dynamic musicianship. Tamaras takes indie rock a step beyond, performing blues-edged, soulful, funky, even folksy rock. Tamaras is as comfortable and compelling performing frantic punkish rock with powerful vocals as she is showing her softer side. Imagine a hybrid of Alanis Morissette, Courtney Love, and 4 Non Blondes. If this sounds like your thing, check her out. **EW**

and again at Café Paradiso on Thursday, July 17th. So far this year Tamaras has

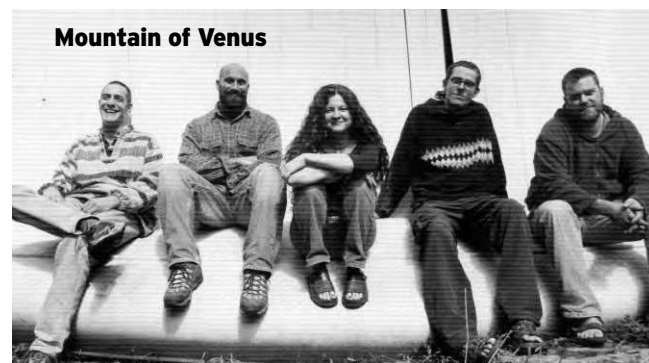
## Cozmic Hits the Strand

A grand opening for the newest music venue in town, Cozmic Pizza, happens this Sunday. Recently moved to The Strand at 199 W. 8th St., Cozmic finds itself in a gallery setting complete with couches, tables, booths and movable bars.

Originally opened in 1998 when Joel Thomas bought a recycled pizza oven from the old Solstice Bakery, Cozmic Pizza has evolved into the organic restaurant it is today. To celebrate its new incarnation, Cozmic will host a July 13 grand opening Full Moon Party.

The gala, featuring roving jugglers, magicians and of course plates of Cozmic delectables, also showcases **Mountain of Venus**, a "Dead-esque" quintet from Steamboat Springs, Co. Venus, featured in *Relix Magazine* and fresh from the High Sierra

Music Festival, will treat Cozmic attendees to sparkling vocals and instrumental virtuosity. Steve Kimock invited them to open on his 2002 tour, and the band was recently invited to play at the Berkshire Mountain Music Festival along with The Roots and the Greyboy Allstars Reunion. Joining Venus will be Portland's



**Mountain of Venus**

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Upcoming acts scheduled at Cozmic Pizza include Laura Kemp, Eagle Park Slim, Noah Peterson, Brian Chavalier and belly dancing with Americanistan, who should be able to work up some extra jiggle in The Strand's vast interior. Ryan Montbleau plays at 8 pm, Wednesday July 18. Cozmic opens its doors for business on July 11, and performers are invited to enjoy an open mic atmosphere that Friday and Saturday. — Ben Fogelson

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