

WHAT'S happening

The Oregon Festival of American Music's "Now Hear This" 2003-2004 season opened in September with Jason Moran. Upcoming events include the John Zorn Festival, Randy Newman, the Dianne Reeves Trio and the **Tim O'Brien Band**. O'Brien was a leader in the roots music revival long before *O Brother* was a gleam in the Coen brothers' eyes. Rising to fame with the 1980s bluegrass band Hot Rize, and in the '90s with albums exploring American mountain music and its Celtic roots, O'Brien emerged as a strong folk music songwriter, his tunes covered by Nickel Creek, the Dixie Chicks and others. He plays at the Shedd Concert Hall. See Tuesday Calendar.

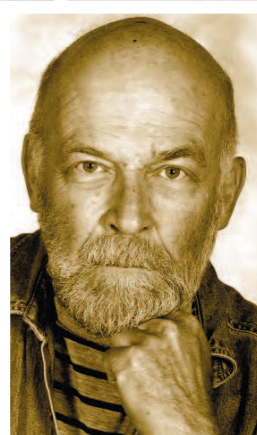
Gillian Welch (pictured), a singer/songwriter armed with a voice and sensibility far beyond her years, is known for her evocative resurrection of musical styles associated with rural Appalachia. Welch was born in 1968 in California and grew up with parents who scored the music for the Carol Burnett Show. As a young child, Welch became fascinated by bluegrass and early country music. Touring in support of her newest album, *Soul Journey*, Welch plays at the McDonald Theatre. See Thursday, Oct. 9 Calendar.

One of America's premier stand up comedians, **Jerry Seinfeld**, performs at 7 and 9:30 pm Oct. 3 in the Hult's Silva Hall. Celebrating the release of *Comedian*, a documentary on the re-making of his career, Seinfeld tours his material across the country in 2003. See Friday Calendar.



Eugene poet and teacher Joseph Millar will host "**The Blue-Collar Special**," an evening of poetry by West Coast poets who know a bit about work, at Tsunami Books. Stephan Torre (*Iron Fever*), Clemens Starck (*China Basin* and a new chapbook), and George Hitchcock (*One-Man Boat: The George Hitchcock Reader*) will read. Both Torre, who has read at Tsunami before, and Hitchcock's work include elements of the surreal, Millar said. See Friday Calendar.

First Friday Artwalk features a free guided tour of downtown art galleries and visual art attractions. The walk begins at 5:30 pm with the *2003 Mayor's Art Show* at the Jacobs Gallery. At 5:50 the walk moves to Scan Design, for work by Anne Teigen and Faith Rahill. Then at 6:10 it's *Images of Mexico*, paintings by Ellen Gabehart at Circle of Hands: Inner Circle Gallery. The last stop, at 6:30, features the Salon des Refusés. Here's work by Faith Rahill, at Scan Design. See Friday Calendar.



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