

Best of Eugene



LAURA KEMP
★ Best Musician (Female)

Best Male Musician: Dan Schmid

Strangest job: Being in the Cherry Poppin' Daddies. Everything about it is strange, from the hours you keep to the places you travel, to the people you meet — mostly the people you meet. Largely, it's the lifers in the music business, like the crusty old stagehands. They've mostly lived late at night around drugs and alcohol and around others who do the same thing. That gives you an overall skewed perspective — your worldview morphs dramatically. For four years that's how I made my living.

Best out of body experience: Many years ago, on tour in Aspen, Colorado. I was having an asthma attack that was really profound

and I thought I was going to die and had sort of given up after many hours with no relief in sight. I had been sick for days. People around me were bumbling, not knowing what to do and I finally managed to tell them to take me to the hospital. I had to climb up these stairs to the street outside where it was snowing hard, and get into a van with a door that took forever to open, and no one thought to help me walk or climb in. When I got into the van, everything turned an orange/black color and I thought, 'This is it; I'm dying now and that's fine. It's better than this.' I gave up the ghost and completely relaxed and within two minutes was almost completely over my attack.

Wildcard: Why after all the success are you waiting tables at High Street in Eugene?



DAN SCHMID
★ Best Musician (Male)



DAN HITCHCOCK
(Top right) with Mae Hitchcock and Al Hendrix (Jimi's father)
★ Best Fine Artist

I needed to do something to pay the rent. Plus, my manager is really nice and I can take off days when I need to play music (with the Daddies, the Visible Men and Mood Area 52) — which is the focus of my life.

Best Fine Artist: Dan Hitchcock

Strangest job: I was the first male stripper in Dallas, Texas. It's true. It was at PT's, a female topless club and they decided to put male dancers out. There were 15 of us and I got the second highest money that night. My wife, May, says the most interesting job I ever had was painting a mural on the Ruth Hall Museum of Paleontology on the Ghost Ranch in Abiqui, New Mexico.

Best paranormal experience: Living in physical reality. I'm one of those subatomic people; we're all waves resonating.

Who

Best peacemaker

1. Ibrahim Hamide
2. Peg Morton
3. Marshall Kirkpatrick

Best politico

1. Peter DeFazio
2. Peter Sorenson
3. David Kelly

Best TV talking head

1. John Fischer
2. Rick Dancer

Best newspaper reporter

1. Bob Welch
2. Alan Pittman
3. Bob Keefer

Best cartoonist

1. Jan Eliot
2. Jesse Springer
3. Tom Tomorrow

Best musician (male)

1. Dan Schmid
2. Kenny Reed
3. Walker T. Ryan

Best musician (female)

1. Laura Kemp
2. Shelly James
3. Norma Fraser

Best band

1. Sugar Beets
2. Abakadubi
3. Mood Area 52

Best actor (male)

1. Stephen Speidel / *How I Learned to Drive*
2. David Stuart Bull / *A Child's Christmas in Wales*
3. David Stuart Bull / *Endgame*

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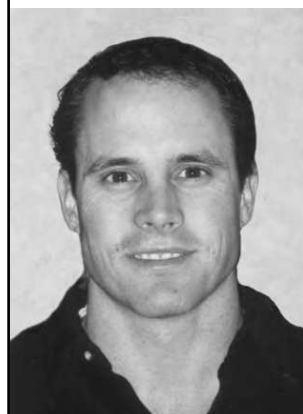
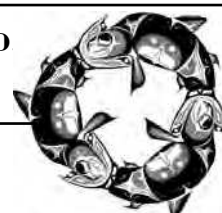
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