



Richard Buckner performs at WOW Hall on Thursday.

Wondrous Week

Remarkable line-up to ease the election blues.

The WOW Hall will host popular singer/songwriter **Richard Buckner** on Thursday, Nov. 11. Buckner caused a stir when his San Francisco-based band The Doubters garnered critical acclaim. The band didn't last long, but Buckner's wanderlust did, and he's translated that inertia into a successful solo career since 1994. The man and his guitar are constantly on the road, this time in support of his sixth studio album, *Dents and Shells*. Musically, it treads no new ground for Buckner, but it does reveal a new sense of optimism missing from his last work, *Impasse*, which was a personal look at loss and change. Lyrically, Buckner "paints on the canvas of heartbreak, loss and world-weary cynicism." He will appear along with **Damien Jurado** and Portland's **Delorean**, who craft wistful folk rock in the vein of Will Oldham or Nick Drake.

If you're hankering for some smooth, danceable reggae visit John Henry's on Saturday as reggae artists **Bambu Station** and **Iba** make their Eugene debut. Founded in 1996 by vocalist Jalani Horton of St. Thomas, Bambu Station also features three St. Croix natives: drummer Andy Llanos, bassist Warren Pederson and guitarist Tuff Lion. Iba (pronounced "Eye-bah") is also from St. Croix. These artists are widely considered to be the cream of the new bands emerging from the Virgin Islands following the islands' successful export of reggae band Midnite. Bambu Station was warmly received during their debut at this year's Monterrey Bay Reggae festival in California. **Roots Selector Swami I** of Santa Cruz's Green-Up Sound System will warm up the crowd with reggae records before the performance begins.

A favorite performer who visits us often is Scotland's **Dougie Maclean**. Called "Scotland's greatest living songwriter," Maclean is loved for his modern interpretations of traditional Scottish music. A superb fiddle player and guitarist, Maclean has written many songs over the course of his 26-year career which have become classics in his homeland, especially "Caledonia." Maclean passionately maintains a deep connection to the land and his family history in Scotland. In Dunkeld, his home and recording studio are the former one-room schoolhouse where he, his three brothers and his father went to

school, which Maclean purchased 20 years ago when the property came up for sale. He is equally enthusiastic about maintaining the musical traditions of his Scots heritage, be it his own guitar composition with his quietly self-assured voice or a fiddle tune as old as the hills.

Cozmik Pizza will host a fun show on Friday, **Snake Oil Medicine Show**. The band members — two brothers, a wife and a cousin — cultivate a circus atmosphere of

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Appalachian bluegrass, early jazz, reggae, zydeco and psychedelia wherever they play. The group members wear colorful costumes, display brightly painted canvases (a new mural is painted live on stage each night by a band member) and exude a positive energy and loving sense of family. The message they most want to share is Peace Through Music, and to that end, they make you want to dance and smile all night long. This show will be their Eugene debut performance and will feature music from their recently released fifth CD, *BluegrassTafari*, which came about as a result of their two trips to perform in Jamaica over the last two years. This is a "family-rated" show that would be suitable for children of all ages. They've played some high-profile shows in the past, including a tour with Yonder Mountain String Band, shows with Leftover Salmon and Peter Rowan's Crucial Reggae Band.

Finally, on a local note, **Jessie Márquez** will perform Friday at Luna. The singer, guitarist and arranger for local Afro-Cuban ensembles Son Mela'o and Azuquita will release her new CD that night. Recorded in Havana in January 2004, *Sana Locura* (which means "Healthy Madness"), features the singer on some of her self-composed boleros and rumbas as well as other Cuban standards. The CD was recorded with the help of members of the Afro-Cuban All Stars and is a unique collaboration between Márquez and contemporary Cuban artists.

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