

Floating and Flying

Hem: an adult fairy tale.

The members of Hem are getting some serious mileage out of an article in *The New Yorker* that dubbed them “fairy-tale music.” They do make soothing, slightly ethereal songs, and lead singer Sally Ellyson’s voice is like a sleepy cross between The Cowboy Junkies and The Cranberries’ Niall Quinn.

But Dan Messé (piano, accordion, celeste and glockenspiel) is sick of reporters asking about the “fairy tale” of how Ellyson, who had never crooned a note into a microphone, blew everyone away when she tried out for the

band. When he called it, “something that sounds like one of those made up publicity stories,” it sounded like a rehearsed line.

But it is a true story. And just like every other really great band, these eight Brooklynites have been pegged and labeled and stuck into a little box. Theirs is called country-politan. It’s influenced by pop from the ’60s and ’70s — Glen Campbell, The Carpenters, etc.

Messé said that on their first album *Rabbit Songs*, he was fascinated by children’s music, lullabies and sing-songy melodies. “We

Hem
Café Paradiso, 8pm
Jan. 30, \$7



Dan Messé and Sally Ellyson of Hem

wanted to write children’s music for adults,” he said. The music came out sounding sweet, gentle and kind of floaty, with little hooks that stick in your head.

On *Eveningland*, their newest release, they’ve grown up. That sweet sound is a little more sultry, a little more luscious and deep.

The melodies have more of an edge and the sad songs are so sexy, they make you wish someone would break your heart. And just when your eyelids start to feel heavy, they pick it up with songs such as “Dance With Me, Now Darling,” that make you want to grab your honey and twirl. **EW**

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Local network supports open source culture.

Metamedia Cooperation is throwing a party organizers hope will bend and expand your mind. The experience Friday includes music by Raging Family, art installations, multimedia presentations, organic food and drink, massage, healing and talks by UO and Portland State University faculty.

Explore ideas of group theory with UO psychology professor Holly Arrow. Or learn how Jackson Pollack’s paintings use fractals when Richard Taylor speaks. Eugene’s Maetrea Ecovillage, ProtoTista, Planetnetwork and City Repair Project will

also debate and discuss their theories and ideas.

Going to the sold-out Modest Mouse show? Don’t worry. The event has late-night activities for folks roaming the streets after the concert. Local composer Jair is the main organizer behind the event and the Imaginify Community Network. In today’s copyright culture of proprietary information, this emerging idea celebrates open-source culture or free culture.

The idea is that people benefit by freely sharing ideas and

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being able to modify those ideas, as long as credit is given to the idea’s originators. That way the ideas evolve over time. Developments in technology support this philosophy. For example the Linux operating system is open-source, meaning you can download it and have access to the actual code that makes it run, which allows you to modify it. Technologies such as “del.icio.us” (<http://del.icio.us>) allow webpages to be bookmarked and shared.

Jair said many people practice and research ideas of thrivable culture, but call them different things. Imaginify’s cyberspace meeting place celebrates “the connections between creative solutions in art, science and community,” uniting people in disparate fields who work toward a common goal of sustainability and community. **EW**

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