

SEX, DRUGS & ROCK 'N' ROLL



Genus Pro
Best Local
Hip Hop

BEST LOCAL HIP HOP GROUP: GENUS PRO

2nd: Money Shot
3rd: Default

EW talked with MC Marv Ellis.

KRS-One or Kanye? KRS-One. That's like, Luke Skywalker or Obi-Wan Kenobi. Kanye wouldn't be anything without KRS-One. KRS-One is the OG conscious rapper. He's been making albums that expand the minds of hip hop people for a long time. Kanye West is a little twig on the tree of KRS-One. But I don't think anyone can make beats as sick as Kanye. I'll give it up to him for that. He makes some ridiculous head-bangers.

BEST LOCAL JAM BAND: REEBLE JAR

2nd: SILAS
3rd: Jo Fed's jazz

One quickie with Reeble Jar bassist Joey Hepner. *Medeski, Martin and Wood (MMW) or Phish?* MMW. I guess Phish was a big influence early on, but we're not so into them anymore. I think that goes for all Phish fans. MMW has the ability to create a huge sound with just three people.

BEST LOCAL JAZZ BAND: ELEVEN EYES

2nd: Jazz Menagerie
3rd: Botox

Pinning down Eleven Eyes trumpet player Tim McLaughlin wasn't easy but we finally got him.

Charlie Hunter or Charlie Parker? Well, I think Charlie Parker was more of a rock star, so I'll go with him. Music aside, I think he was just a crazy guy to be around.

BEST LOCAL HARD ROCK/METAL BAND: HUMAN CERTAINTY

2nd: YOB
3rd: In The Name Of ...



Jake Bliven
Best Bartender

BEST BARIستا: ALL BARISTAS AT ESPRESSO ROMA

2nd: Jordan Marmorato at Franklin Blvd. Dutch Bros.

3rd: Lizzie Zackheim at Marché Café

These folks at Espresso Roma are your favorite coffee grinders and servers for a reason: The customer comes first. For these caffeine pushers, out-pacing Starbucks is business as usual on 13th.

BEST BARTENDER: JAKE BLIVEN AT SWEET BASIL THAI CUISINE

2nd: Joe Morales at Downtown Lounge
3rd: Ben Adams at Café Lucky Noodle

Jake Bliven was shocked to hear he was a finalist after living in Eugene for only eight months. But if this 29-year-old So-Cal guy has ever served you a cocktail, complete with charming smile and easy-going manner, you understand why he's the best bartender in Eugene. EW caught up with him at the beginning of a shift at Sweet Basil and asked him these investigative, revealing questions.

Bourbon or scotch? Either, as long as it's quality.

Neat or on the rocks? Neat, definitely. If I'm drinking a top shelf, I don't want rocks watering it down.

Surfing or snowboarding? I'm from Southern California, so surfing.

The Rolling Stones or Flogging Molly? The Stones because they're the best band of all time. But I love Flogging Molly too, and the Dropkick Murphys.

Tattoos or piercings? Tattoos. I have three, but no piercings.

BEST BEER SELECTION: BIER STEIN

2nd: Wetlands Brew Pub
3rd: Highlands Brew Pub

EW caught up with Bier Stein co-owner Kristina Measells one busy Wednesday night and asked her to answer some questions about — what else — beer.

Lager or porter? Porter. It's dark and luscious.

Import or domestic? Ooh, a tough one. Let's go domestic. Support your local brewery.

Pretzels or nuts? Nuts.

Draft or bottle? Draft, it's usually fresher.

Poker or blackjack? Poker!

Would you rather be a cowboy or a pirate?

Another tough one! Pirate. Pirates have more fun, and they rob and pillage.

Why do you think Bier Stein deserves to win this category? We've got 10 beers on draft, 705 in the bottle, and we're always looking to have a good time.

BEST BLOODY MARY: CAFÉ LUCKY NOODLE

2nd: Adam's Place
3rd: Ring of Fire

BEST HAPPY HOUR: CORNUCOPIA

2nd: Sam Bond's Garage
3rd: 6th Street Grill

BEST HANGOVER BREAKFAST: BRAILS

2nd: Keystone Café
3rd: The Glenwood

BEST LIVE MUSIC VENUE: WOW HALL

2nd: McDonald Theatre
3rd: Sam Bond's Garage

BEST LOCAL DJ (LIVE/CLUBS): THE AUDIO SCHIZOPHRENIC

2nd: DJ Steve Sawada
3rd: DJ Tekneek

We watched The Audio Schizophrenic (Shawn Mediaclast) turn some tables, then we flipped the script and had him dancing around our inane questions.

Scratching or itching? Whatever is appropriate at the time.

Vanilla Ice or MC Hammer? Vanilla Ice, he's a better dancer.

John Henry's or The Jungle? John Henry's; Saturday nights I'm there.

Hip hop or rap? Hip hop. Rap is something you do; hip hop is a way of life.

MP3s or records? I prefer vinyl.

Country or big band? Both, because I don't have a good reason for either.

BEST LOCAL BLUES BAND: DEB CLEVELAND & THE VIPERS

2nd: JC Rico
3rd: Eagle Park Slim

"Some of my favorite places to play have been in Europe," says John Silvermoon, harmonica player, founder and all around grand poobah of the Vipers. "In Europe you're an artist, in the U.S. you're an entertainer or a musician. When we were in Belgium, people didn't carry on conversations while we'd play. It was considered rude to talk loudly during a band's performance." But the Vipers play mostly for Americans, who care more about entertainment than art. Luckily, the band has no problem doing both.



Human Certainty
Best Local Hard Rock/Metal Band