

The Floydian Slips
8 pm Sat., Dec. 3
McDonald Theatre,
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The Great Gig in '05

The Floydian Slips' elusive Pink Floyd tribute

If the Floydian Slips sound like a band you've never heard of, you may or may not be right. Until 2003, they had just been that nameless Pink Floyd cover band from Eugene who made a big impression in 1997 when they reproduced *Dark Side of the Moon* in its entirety. That was at the now defunct Wild Duck Music Hall. Since then, the group has emerged about once or twice a year, gaining popularity and expanding their repertoire each time. In addition to *Dark Side*, the recently christened Floydian Slips have been known to perform *The Wall* — also in its entirety — as well as several songs off *Meddle* and *Wish You Were Here*.

Like anything of value, scarcity has led to increased demand. Last year, the Floydian Slips sold more tickets to a single show at the McDonald Theatre than any other event in the history of the venue. This is according to the band's bassist, Brendan Relaford. But he ought to know. Relaford is one of Eugene's premier entertainment coordinators, in charge of festival and venue management for Big Green Productions, and operations manager for a host of high-profile area events. His first gig on the bass was with the Slips at their '97 intro show at the Wild Duck, where he

got to play the Roger Waters part without all the fuss of having to write the lyrics. Lucky devil.

A shifting slate of musicians over the years has given the Slips' sound some degree of flux, opening the door for variation despite their role as a strictly tribute operation. "We used to strive to play it all note for note with the same feel of Pink Floyd, (but) now we tend to play our own style and add bits and pieces to the music that are not all that Pink Floyd-ish," Relaford said in a recent press release. "We incorporate more percussion, heavier guitars and so (the music) is not quite as sedated as original Pink Floyd." Indeed, the mp3 for "On the Run," available on the Slips' website, features hand percussion that adds an intriguingly fresh dimension to an otherwise rote rendition of this classic song.

For Saturday's McDonald performance, the Slips are promising to spice things up even more with a blazing light show of truly "Floyd-ish" proportions. So you'd better run like hell to get tickets before it's sold out. You don't want your friends calling you from the show saying something like, (sorry, I have to do this) "Aw, man, how I wish you were here!"

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