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JULY

Saturday, 7/1

Fiona Apple, Damien Rice, David Garza, 6:30pm, Les Schwab Amphitheater, Bend. www.bendconcerts.com or (541) 322-9383. \$37-\$55.

Indigo Girls, Danielle Howle, 7pm, Oregon Zoo, Portland. \$26.

The Radiators, Ivan Neville and Dumpstaphunk, 7pm, Britt Pavilion, Jacksonville. www.brittfest.org or (800) 882-7488. \$23-\$37.

Sunday, 7/2

Donna Summer, 7:30pm, Britt Pavilion, Jacksonville. www.brittfest.org or (800) 882-7488. \$46-\$84.

Monday, 7/3

Nickel Creek, 7pm, Britt Pavilion, Jacksonville. www.brittfest.org or (800) 882-7488. \$29.

Tuesday, 7/4

Little Feat, 7pm, Stewart Park, Roseburg. www.half-shell.org or (541) 677-1708. Free.

Wednesday, 7/5

Kekele, 7pm, Oregon Zoo, Portland. \$9.50.

Thursday, 7/6

Grupo Fantasma, 7pm, with children's art activities from 5:30pm-7pm, Monteith Riverpark, Albany. Free.

Friday, 7/7

Tribute to Ray Charles, 7pm, Riverbend Park, Winston. www.riverbendlive.org or (541) 679-9732. Free.

30th Annual Baxter Auto Parts Portland Historic Races, 8:30am-5:30pm July 7-9, Portland International Raceway. www.portlandhistorics.com

Sunday, 7/9

Lyle Lovett and His Large Band, 6:30pm, Edgefield, Troutdale. www.mcmenamins.com or (800) 669-8610. \$40-\$65.

Rob Thomas, Jason Mraz, 7pm, Lithia Motors Amphitheater, Central Point. www.brittfest.org or (800) 882-7488. \$32-\$50.

Tuesday, 7/11

Charlie Musselwhite, 7pm, Stewart Park, Roseburg. www.halfshell.org or (541) 677-1708. Free.

Wednesday, 7/12

Widespread Panic, 6:30pm, Edgefield, Troutdale. www.mcmenamins.com or (800) 669-8610. \$35.

Refugee All Stars of Sierra Leone, 7pm, Oregon Zoo, Portland. \$9.50.

Thursday, 7/13

Noche Flamenca, 8:30pm, Britt Pavilion, Jacksonville. www.brittfest.org or (800) 882-7488. \$24-\$39.

Aaron Meyer, 7pm, with children's art activities from 5:30pm-7pm, Monteith Riverpark, Albany. Free.

Friday, 7/14

da Vinci Days Corvallis's annual summer event invites you to join others at "the da Vinci crossroads of art, science and technology." The festival's signature events include a children's village, da Vinci Film and Video Festival, ENTEK International Grand Prix Electrathon, keynote speaker and the always-popular Kinetic Sculpture Race. Featured musical performers and events this year include Charlie Musselwhite, Mumbo Jumbo, a Battle of the Bands and a Latino Fiesta. July 14-16, various locations, Corvallis. www.davinci-days.org \$15 weekend; \$10 one day.

Willamette Valley Relay, Champoege State Park to Alton Baker Park, July 14 & 15. Registration and information at www.wondersofwalking.com

Mumbo Jumbo, 7pm, Riverbend Park, Winston. www.riverbendlive.org or (541) 679-9732. Free.

Bruce Hornsby and the Noisemakers, 7pm, Oregon Zoo, Portland. \$19.

Sagebrush Classic, golf and culinary event, July 14 & 15, Broken Top Golf Club, Bend. www.sagebrush.org or (800) 601-8123.

Michael Franti & Spearhead, The Refugee All Stars of Sierra Leone, 7pm, Britt Pavilion, Jacksonville. www.brittfest.org or (800) 882-7488. \$23-\$37.

Saturday, 7/15

Nickel Creek, 6:30pm, Les Schwab Amphitheater, Bend. www.bendconcerts.com or (541) 322-9383. \$25 adv.

Blues Traveler, 7:30pm, Britt Pavilion, Jacksonville. www.brittfest.org or (800) 882-7488. \$34.

Sunday, 7/16

Fine Art & Wine Festival, food, art, wine and live music, July 16 & 17, Fir Grove Park, Roseburg. www.uvarts.com or (541) 672-2532. \$5 per day, \$7.50 two-day pass.

Hot Summer Night Concert on the Lawn & Car Show with J.T. and the Tourists, 1:30pm-5:30pm, Willamette Valley Vineyards. www.wvv.com or (800) 344-9463. 21+ event. \$5 entry fee per car; \$5 admission.

Vans Warped Tour with NOFX, Thursday, Less Than Jake, The Living End, Rise Against and more, noon, Columbia Meadows, Portland. \$30.25, parking \$2.50.

Tuesday, 7/18

Ambrosia, 7pm, Stewart Park, Roseburg. www.half-shell.org or (541) 677-1708. Free.

Wednesday, 7/19

Hapa, 7pm, Oregon Zoo, Portland. \$9.50.

Thursday, 7/20

Western Underground, 7pm, Linn County Fair Main Stage, Albany. www.linncountyfair.com

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Bend Over

With the rain pouring down outside my office window, I'm thinking fondly of the three years I spent in Bend before moving to the valley. That is, of course, if you like swimming in rivers that are cold enough in the dead of summer to take your breath away. Or how about when it's 95 degrees at noon and 35 at midnight? Ah yes, high desert summers. But as long as you dress for the weather, summer in central Oregon has its plusses, including lots of very cool stuff to see and do.

Take for example the concert series at **Les Schwab Amphitheatre** with **Modest Mouse**, **Fiona Apple** and **Bonnie Raitt** as just a few of the highlights. And Sunday afternoons starting at 2:30 you can kick it with a picnic on the lawn and check out the free concert series, which features a few bands you might actually have heard of, including **Vagabond Opera**, **Mingo Fishtrap** and **Aphrodesia**.

Get your yee-haw on at the **Sisters Rodeo** June 9-11. With a rodeo parade, trick riders and other performances plus buff guys and gals in sprayed-on jeans, what's not to like?

So your inner cowboy or cowgirl hit puberty, decided boys/girls/both were more interesting than horses, started wearing all black and declared him or herself an art lover? Never fear. Bendfilm's **Free Range Film Series**, which runs through July 11, is the place for you. New films screen every Tuesday at McMenamin's Old St. Francis School.

Foodies, Bend has something for you too: the **4th Annual Bite of Bend** on June 17. Modeled after the Taste of Chicago, the BOB now includes plenty of booths where you can try the best of Bend eateries, an Iron Chef competition and wine and beer booths to keep you hydrated. Of everything happening over on the other side of the mountains, this event gets my top recommendation. — *Melissa Beams*