

WHAT'S happening

Seems like the big musical acts come to Eugene in waves. One week we're grateful enough for an appearance by some guy who used to be in that once-famous band, the next week we're flooded with so many good options the choice will simply come down to how many greenbacks we have stuffed under our beds. This week it seems there's a duel between the WOW Hall and McDonald Theatre to see who can rock more. A one-two punch on Tuesday and Wednesday with singer-songwriting maestros **Andrew Bird** (pictured below) and **Ben Kweller**, respectively, seems to give the WOW Hall a youthful edge. However, the staid formula of Celtic pub rock and virtuosic funk has been proven time and time again in Eugene, so the McDonald lineup of **Flogging Molly** on Saturday and **G. Love & Special Sauce** on Wednesday may have that déjà vu wild card. Well, the good news is Candlebox canceled their show for next week, so at least we're not faced with a once-famous grunge band back to make a buck. See Calendar.

As much as we hate to admit it, the rain clouds have returned from their brief sojourn in the South Pacific. They brought us many gifts from their vacation and will soon be showering us with goodies aplenty. OK, OK, it's fall (officially this Saturday), so out with the consistent sunshine and in with the **Corvallis Fall Festival** this weekend! A musical mainstage of local favorites, art on display (including pottery by Kenneth Standhardt, pictured right), film festival, children's stage, wine tasting and a Saturday night street dance – what better way to shake off the rain clouds and warm up to the dazzling panorama of fall in the Willamette Valley. See Corvallis listings.



Artists, bohemians, burlesque dancers, sharpshooters, Roman slaves, British steel workers ... what blue collar occupations are left for the Broadway musical treatment? Well, how about gas station clerks and waitresses? Now showing at the Actors Cabaret, **Pump Boys and Dinettes** promises a musical and comedic *tour de force* of tip-your-hat-and-nod country western songs and significant hijinks. See Friday Calendar.

