

Have Moustache, Will Party

Think about it. What (or who) comes to mind when you think of moustaches? Child molesters? Some villainous guy who ties women to railroad tracks? Tom Selleck? Why is such a stigma attached to the natural little swath of hair that spontaneously appears above the lips of most full grown men after a day or two of shaving neglect? For five years now, John Henry's has been hauling the moustache out of the closet and into the spotlight of the **Moustache Rally**, celebrating with the help of Eugene's retro-lovin' musical talent. But with the noninvolvement of founding mastermind Dustin Lanker this year, the stand-alone quality of the rally will be put to the test. Will a reclaiming of all that is fabulous about the moustache be enough to draw the people out of their bloated, post-Thanksgiving hangovers? Can the spirit of the rally survive without its father figure?

Yes, says one of this year's participants, Sara Scofield, lead songstress of Whopner County Country All-Stars. A die-hard attendee of the rally, she was thrilled when their band was asked to join this year's lineup, which also includes the SootheSayers and Candy Machine Wrecker.

"It's totally off the wall. Most of these people only grow moustaches for the rally, so it is really tributing something that is kind of a joke anyway. I think a lot it is that the community wants to come together for something fun and silly and just laugh our asses off. Everybody gets to ham it up," Scofield says.

John Henry's co-owner and booking agent Keith Martin reminds Eugene scenesters that the traditions that made the rally legendary survive into the fifth year.

"We'll still have a lot of the same elements; moustache recognition awards, bands, a slide show [assembled by Ty Connor]. J. Wynn Cronk [right], who hosts our burlesque show, is going to MC. He grew his moustache out for the rally two years ago and just left it. He has a beard now, but he always goes back down to just the moustache for the rally."

Although attendees aren't required to look like '70s porn stars to get in the door, it does knock a dollar off the cover. And those without the time, will or testosterone necessary to sprout a 'stache are more than welcome to improvise.

"Falsies are welcome," says Martin. "Sharpies work too."

The fifth annual Moustache Rally begins at 9 pm Friday, Nov. 23, at John Henry's. 21+ event. \$2 without moustache, \$1 with.

- Adrienne van der Valk



Actresses, Leotards and Headdresses, Oh My!

Actor turned musician, musician turned actor – the debate over whether or not celebrities can pull off both has raged for years. Elvis Presley did it. From musician to actor and back again, Presley remains renowned for being an all-around entertainer. Can this happen in the present? Actress turned musician Juliette Lewis attempts it with her rock and roll outfit **Juliette and The Licks**.

You may remember Lewis from her starring roles in *The Other Sister* and *Natural Born Killers*, or maybe from one of her supporting parts in *Starsky and Hutch* or *Old School*. "My whole little creative juggernaut was comprised of three things: music, performance art and drama," Lewis says. With Juliette and The Licks, Lewis blends all of these elements to create something truly out of this world.

The Licks' energetic live show promises to knock your socks off. From Lewis' headdresses and Viking helmets to her neon aerobic leotards, the visual element will surely be ever present. Attitude and adrenaline pulsate from this firecracker of a frontwoman.

With such a dramatic, famous lead singer, some folks may forget about the band behind her – the ones creating the roll and rock beat she screams and sings over. The Licks themselves definitely possess a rocking sound. No surprise, then, that rock god Dave Grohl of the Foo Fighters took residence at the drum kit for Juliette and the Licks' new album *Four on the Floor*. Ed Davis, formerly of The Start, takes the stage as the new Licks drummer.

Juliette and the Licks play with Suffrajett and Scissors for Lefty at 9 pm Tuesday, Nov. 27, at the WOW Hall. \$13 adv., \$15 door. - Anne Pick

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