

WHAT'S happening



Cowabunga! Thou Holiest of Cows, **Holy Cow**, has been blessed with a five-year contract extension to continue serving UO students organic, vegan dishes at the Erb Memorial Union. Thus **Cowfest**, its 10-year anniversary party and benefit concert to help pay for legal fees, is now a "victory party," according to owner Kathee Lavine. Bands lined up to salute the Cow-stablishment include Medium Troy (pictured), The Conjugal Visitors, Darcy & Ben, The Klezmonauts, Bindaas and 4Trees. In addition to this heavenly lineup, an Indian café, a Café Mam espresso bar, Ruby's Real Root Beer and Floats, elementary school breakdancers and a silent auction round out the evening at the UO's Agate Hall. See Saturday Calendar.

Oh, but wait! We forgot **stop #5** on the First Friday ARTWalk! Well, it's not really a visual art thing going on at Cozmic Pizza, and it's the only stop that has a suggested donation for entry, but it certainly qualifies for the mass pedestrian hordes. The event's called **"Everybody Can Dance,"** and it's a silent auction and evening of entertainment to benefit Sparkplug Dance, the nonprofit dance program that caters to all ages and includes everything from ballet to tap to modern and even to teaching 6-week-old babies how to dance before they can walk. How cute is that? (Cute is pictured below.) And what would a dance fundraiser be without dancing? In between bidding on auction items, get your dance on to the likes of The Iron Mango Orchestra, The Divers, Kelly Thibodeaux and Etouffée, members of the Sugar Beets and Sparkplug Dads. See Friday Calendar.

We like it when the **First Friday ARTWalk** makes large U-shaped swoops through downtown Eugene, hitting up some old establishments and a few new. There are no official poll numbers on how many art walkers are new to this monthly guided tour, but we're sure the oldies in the audience like fresh surprises. And this week's tour, guided by Tina Rinaldi, program manager for the UO's Arts & Administration Program, hits up a healthy mix. Starting at White Lotus Gallery for a look at John Jay Cruson's dynamic, perspective-shifting landscape paintings, the walk then crosses the street for a gander at paintings and drawings by Robert Schlegel and Craig Spilman at the Karin Clarke Gallery. Stop #3 visits M.E.C.A. for the Edgar Allen Poe Student Art Show of still life, collage and woodcut artistry, mostly all made with reused materials. DIVA gets



the art walk love once again (and deserves it) for its exciting new work from the likes of Jud Turner, Steven Weeks, Kristi Koons, Tom Bodhi Reeves and UO students of the filmic arts, who create "cameraless

films." But perhaps the most exciting addition to the First Friday circuit is the new WestTown on 8th venue (those high-rises next to the WOW Hall), which features paintings by James Schauer (pictured) and Shelly Fredenberg as well as a tour of this exciting new live/work, affordable housing complex downtown. See Friday Calendar.

