

MUSIC SHORTS

Read This Song

In his promotional photograph, **Jared Mees** looks like a cross between that hot guy who always slouched in late to philosophy class and a jolly vagrant who happily lives in a dumpster. Musically, it could be argued he's both of these things. Mees the songwriter operates from a platform clearly grounded in the use of stylized language and a well-hewn ability to comment on the world from a classically informed context. Mees the total musician, on the other hand, is much more raw, lives more in the moment and is in no way ashamed to sing about the lowest of low points in his robustly imperfect voice.

Pretty much everyone in the music business lists Bob Dylan as one of their influences. Lyrically, Jared Mees is one of the few who can say it without looking like a total chump sack. His songs are like books you can't put down, taking firm grasp in the first few lines and seeing the listener through a miniature journey of strung-together moments and reflections that are often dark and just as often hilarious. Backing band The Grown Children wisely operates as primarily supportive cast members; while Mees' melodies are catchy, it would be a shame to overwhelm his words with overblown instrumentation. Now, far be it from me to say that great lyrics and great music can't go hand-in-hand. But songs that include such a large number of lyrics on subjects from watching TV to being paralyzed by fear of death deserve



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accompaniment in the true sense of the word. Truly literature in musical clothing, Mees' songs are perfect for people who would rather get their poetic jollies with a tap of the toe than a turn of the page. Jared Mees and the Grown Children, The Wherewithalls and Thought Train play at 10 pm Thursday, July 10, at Luckey's. 21+ show. \$3. — Adrienne van der Valk

Cougar Mountain, Conscious Productions, Aprovecho & Lost Valley Educational Center

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3rd Annual Tayberry Jam

Friday

- 1:00 Cougar Mtn farm of 21st century
- 1:30 Devon Bonaday community garden
- 2:00 Aprovecho Panel
- 2:30 Lost Valley Educational Panel
- 3:00 Joshua Smith permaculture design
- 3:30 Jude Hobbs permaculture principles
- 4:00 Fearless Love
- 5:00 Badmitten Orchestra
- 6:00 Sounder
- 7:00 Uncle Stumbles
- 8:00 Wood Knot w/ Ken Babbs
- 9:00 Indubious
- 10:00 Basil Rathbone
- 11:00 The Ti Club w/ Solaray Fire

Saturday

- 10:00 Alan Stein spiritual sustainability
- 10:30 Mark Robinowitz permaculture for 9 billion
- 10:50 Scott Burgwin global peace movement
- 11:00 Bill Burwell indigenous permaculturists
- 11:30 Bill Barton ancient forest & climate change
- 12:00 Gary Higbe energy independence
- 12:20 John Sundquist organic farming
- 12:30 Jerry Rust - Floyd Prozanski - Rob Handy
- 1:00 Kudana
- 2:15 Paul Prince
- 2:45 Eleven Eyes w/ Ishianna
- 4:00 Inner Limits w/ Olem Alves
- 5:00 Irie Impressions
- 6:00 Jah Sun, Soul Medic, Ishi Dube
- 7:30 Clinton Fearon & Boogie Brown Band
- 9:00 Lafa Taylor and The Vibrations
- 10:00 Prezident Brown & Solid Foundation
- 11:30 Fire Dancing w/ Shaun Nugent
- 12:00 Supertrout
- 1am South Town Hounds

Reggae on the Mountain

Sunday

- 8:00 Tai Chi w/ Machiko Shirai
- 9:00 Yoga w/ Sandra & Gloria
- 11:00 Rob Murtaugh flute
- 12:00 GRP
- 12:45 Donnie Vietti
- 1:30 Jake Lesiak
- 2:30 Glutton Mouth
- 3:15 Madame Flod
- 4:20 Randy Ross & People's Choice
- 6:00 I-chele & the Circle of Light
- 7:30 Vibe Nation
- MC - Ari Lesser

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