



For a Good Time, Call

Tommy Tutone dials up the Lane County Fair

There is no shame in being a one-hit wonder. Why should there be? We can't all be the Beatles or Mariah Carey. And when you take to mind the fact that the vast majority of human beings don't even record music — much less record a song that charts at #4 on the *Billboard Hot 100* — it begins to seem a bit jejune to trash on a band that at least once reached such rarefied heights of mass popularity.

Can you say *Muh-muh-muh-muh My Sharona*?

In 1982, **Tommy Tutone** released "867-5309/Jenny," a terminally catchy pop rocker that continues, nearly three decades on, to inspire snickering knuckleheads to dial out drunkenly and ask for the titular dream girl. When I, snickering, dialed the number with a Eugene area code, I encountered the universal "If you feel you have reached this recording in error" recording, which definitely lowered my excitement to about half-mast.

Jenny, Jenny, who can I turn to?

You give me somethin' I can hold on to,

I know you think I'm like the others before,

Who saw your name and number on the wall.

The *Wikipedia* entry for "867-5309/Jenny" is double the length of the *Wikipedia* entry for the band itself, so I persisted, this time dialing out with a Boston area code. A mellifluous female voice answered, asking me, royally, "How can we make you smile?" But, alas, it wasn't Jenny. Did she ever get calls for Jenny?

"We get a few," she said breathily.

How many?

"I have to end this," she said. "I'm sorry."

Talk about one hit, right below the belt. Like every other sad sack who's tried to call Jenny only to have his heart broken and his dreams dashed — and there have been at least 8,675,309 calls since 1982 — I was left with nothing but that chronically singable song and its seven heavenly digits. Oh, but what a song it is.

Tommy Tutone plays 7:30 pm Friday, Aug. 19, at the Lane County Fair; FREE with admission.

— Rick Levin

Plug Into EW's New Community Stage

Local musicians rock the fair

For the first time ever at the Lane County Fair, *EW* is sponsoring its very own stage, which will be decked out and supersnazzed with an electric, eclectic line-up of local musicians sure to knock the socks off Granny Mae, kick the boogie to Uncle Boots and make the kids jump the hay for days. Everything from folk and fanfare to blues and rock will be represented at *EW*'s debutante debut into the fair freak — miss this coming-out party and you've only got your brain to blame.

Located at the Community Stage, our funky and free (with admission) foray into county fair festivities will feature such melodic luminaries as **Scott Austin, Boomchick, Betty and the Boy, Roshan Maloney** and **Saint Krampus**, to name but a few. This is your chance to get sun-soaked, deep-fried and worse-for-wear by checking out a fantastic, three-day bill (starting at Friday, noon, and running till 5 pm Sunday) of Next Best Thing, Eugene finalists like **Tyler Fortier** and **Judy Vogelsang**, along with other long-established or up-and-coming artists.

So grab an elephant ear, chug a lug and put your funny shoes on at the *EW*'s Community Stage, where all good things happen. — Rick Levin

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BETTY AND THE BOY



ROSHAN MALONEY

RECYCLERS AT THE FAIR

Experts on recycling and other pursuits of sustainable living will be on hand at the Lane County Fair at a booth on the Midway next to EWEB's water and cooling station.

Representatives of several programs including Master Recyclers, Compost Specialists, Climate Masters at Home and Master Gardeners will offer advice and literature. The recently updated *Repair2Reuse Guide* will be available, listing more than 80 local businesses that "help keep the things we already have in working order," according to organizers.

Information will be available on BRING Recycling, Materials Exchange Center for Community Arts (MECCA), and NextStep Recycling; and despite cutbacks in local funding, the OSU Extension Service still has resources online at <http://wkly.ws/13l> and trained volunteers in the community.

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