

BEST DJ

1. **GOLDEN DJs**
2. **DJ food stamp**
3. **Marc Time**

GOLDEN DJs is a group of some of the most driven DJs Eugene has right now, persistently pushing their ideals, and making us adopt their tastes, until we love it, and then, enough to vote them Best of Eugene. GOLDEN DJs is comprised of DJs Rain, J.Ray, Crown and food stamp, and while they might spin (strictly vinyl) tracks at night, by day they are your average Eugeneans. DJ food stamp is even an instructor at UO. Playing almost every venue Eugene has to offer (and boasting the title of the only DJs to play Jameson's ever), their mission is to take us back to hip hop's golden era and make the role of DJ and educator synonymous. DJ food stamp elaborates, "In reality, none of the GOLDEN DJs are musicians per se. But I think that we are all well-versed in the history of recorded music and what sounds dope. We are all about bringing those familiar sounds to the fore, and we play a lot of original breaks and samples ... The DJ nowadays is straight-up an entertainer, whereas in prior decades the DJs was an entertainer and educator. So we try to bring back the education element to the party scene instead of just playing that bullshit in everybody's iTunes playlist." GOLDEN DJs are funky, unique, and they have attitude all their own. With the countless shows they play all over town, they are definitely a must-see for the true hip-hop fans out there.

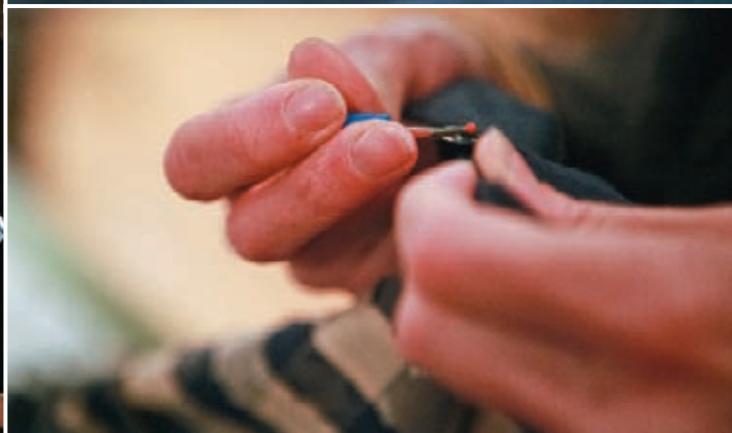


DJS J. RAY, CROWN, RAIN AND FOOD STAMP

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BEST CLOTHING DESIGNER

1. **Laura Lee Laroux** revivalclothing.com
2. **Alli Ditson** www.allihalla.com
3. **Mitra Chester** deluxefashionshop.com

You've seen her designs all around town: those effortlessly cool, nymph-like women wearing rustic ruffled pants or grunge-chic plaid jumpers. And she's definitely made the fanny pack look not only acceptable, but also fresh with fringe detailing and studded black leather. "I design for women that enjoy practical clothing," says Laura Lee Laroux, who is also the owner of The Redoux Parlour (see Best Resale Store and Best Store to Feel Sexy). "My stuff definitely has a kind of ruffle-y, western flair but also a menswear structure. You can wear them mushroom hunting or to a concert." Her top sellers are her "utilitarian" overalls and shirtdresses. As a designer, what does Laroux hope for Eugene's fashion-forward future? "I would love to see a production house go in," she says. "There's a need for it. This city is aware of it, too."

