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- 1. New Zone Gallery 164 W. Broadway. 683-0759. [www.newzone.org](http://www.newzone.org)
- 2. Jacobs Gallery 1 Eugene Center. 684-5635. [www.jacobsgallery.org](http://www.jacobsgallery.org)
- 3. White Lotus 767 Willamette St. 345-3276. [www.wlotus.com](http://www.wlotus.com)

NEW ZONE GALLERY'S STEVE LARICCIA

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**BEST BAND**

- 1. Sol Seed [solseedmusic.com](http://solseedmusic.com)
- 2. Volifonix [volifonix.com](http://volifonix.com)
- 3. Dreamdog

Playing an array of venues around Eugene, ranging from the McDonald to Cozmic, Sol Seed has a heavy local presence. With hypnotic beats and graceful rhythms, Eugene is lucky to call itself home to such a unique band. "What sets us apart is the variety that our music brings. We have multiple lyricists, everyone gets a chance to sing and rap, and we all write our own lyrics," says percussionist, didgeridooist and vocalist Sky Guasco. "We incorporate a lot of different instruments, we have a didgeridoo, electronic, dub, saxophone, and we integrate a lot of instruments. Reggae is definitely our backbone, but there's also a hip hop influence; there's Latin, funk, blues, jazz lines; we bring a lot to the table." You'd be hard pressed to find a band as interesting and entertaining as Sol Seed anywhere else. As much as EW readers love the band, their concerts show that they return the affection. "At our shows it's not so much being on stage playing to the audience, it's the energy we give to the crowd and what we get back," Guasco says. "Our shows are about reciprocated energy, and they're a lot of fun. It's an honor to be a part of Best of Eugene."



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