

BEST VOCALIST

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NIGHTTIME RAINBOWS OF HAPPY

BEST BAR

1. **Sam Bond's Garage**
407 Blair Blvd. 343-2635. www.sambonds.com
2. **The Horsehead Bar** 99 W. Broadway. 683-3154.
3. **Izakaya Meiji**
345 Van Buren St. 505-8804. izakayameiji.com

BEST BEERS ON TAP

1. **The Bier Stein**
345 E. 11th Ave. 485-2437. thebierstein.com
2. **Ninkasi Brewing Tasting Room**
272 Van Buren St. 344-2739.
www.ninkasibrewing.com
3. **16 Tons** 265 E. 13th Ave. 345-2003.
sixteentons.biz

The Bier Stein has a strange foreign name that refers to an ornamental earthen beer mug in German, but at this pub it's not the mugs we're concerned with, it's what they're filled with (then promptly and completely emptied). In addition to its stock options of more than 1,000 bottled beers, The Bier Stein is just as well known for its consistently top-notch selection of beers on tap. From a Mr. Yuck Sour Pumpkin Ale by Seattle-based Elysian Brewery to Block 15's Heliotropic Ale made with only the finest "fresh picked nugget hops" from Corvallis, the Stein keeps the tap almost strictly Pacific Northwest — just a pils or two from across the pond to keep the out-of-towners from whining that they're getting buzzed too quickly from the otherwise 7.1 percent average-alcohol-by-volume tap lineup.

BEST BARTENDER

1. Ty Connor, Horsehead 99 W. Broadway. 683-3154.
2. Sommerfield Habener, Luckey's Club Cigar Store
933 Olive St. 687-4643.
3. Elliot Martinez, Izakaya Meiji
345 Van Buren St. 505-8804. izakayameiji.com



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