

MUSIC LISTINGS

THURSDAY 2/7
ASTORIA BAR Grateful Thursdaze—9pm; Grateful Dead videos, n/c
AXE & FIDDLE Marco Benevento—8:30pm; Jazz, \$12
CAMPBELL COMMUNITY CENTER Drop-in acoustic music jam—10am; \$0.25
THE COOLER Karaoke—10pm
COWFISH 100% pop—9pm
DEXTER LAKE CLUB Acoustic Jam Night—7pm; Open mic, n/c
DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Funk Jam—10pm; n/c
ELDORADO Guitaraoke w/Neriah Hart—9pm; Karaoke, n/c
HAPPY HOURS Karaoke—8:30pm
JAZZ STATION Ron Bertucci—7:30pm; Jazz, \$4/\$5
JOHN HENRY'S '80s Night w/Chris, Dr. Ake & John—10pm; \$3
LUCKEY'S De Solution Band—10pm; World, \$5
MAC'S Lloyd L. Tolbert & Peter Giri—6pm; Blues, n/c
OAK ST. SPEAKEASY Karaoke—9pm; n/c
THE OLD PAD Karaoke—9pm
OVERTIME TAVERN West Side Blues Jam—8:30pm; Open jam, n/c
RESTOBAR Steven McVay—5pm

THE ROK College Night w/DJ Scoot & Simon Says—10pm; DJ dance
SAM BOND'S Sassparilla, Clampitt Family—9pm; Jug band, \$5
THE SHEDD Flying Home, the Best of Benny Goodman—7:30pm; Jazz, \$18-\$30
SIXTH STREET GRILL Mark Alan—8:30pm; Acoustic, n/c
SPIRITS Karaoke—9pm
THE TANKARD Karaoke—7pm
TERRITORIAL VINEYARDS Tim McLaughlin Trio—7pm; n/c
VILLAGE GREEN Cowboy Jeff—9pm; Country, n/c
WESTEND TAVERN Timothy Patrick—7pm; Acoustic humorist, n/c
WHISKEY RIVER RANCH Hank Shreve's Blues Showcase—8pm; n/c
WOW HALL The Wood Brothers, Seth Walker—9pm; Folk, Americana, \$15/\$17

FRIDAY 2/8
5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Leave your pants at home comedy—9:30pm; n/c
AXE & FIDDLE Chico's Hydrogen Jukebox, Ghillie Dhu & the Dhont's—8:30pm; Variety, Celtic, \$5

BLACK FOREST Dubious, Turncoat Collective, Dag Shaw—10pm; n/c
THE BLIND PIG Karaoke w/Jim Jim—9pm
COWFISH Audio Schizophrenic—9pm; Electro
CRESWELL COFFEE & WINE Bob Malone & friends—7pm; Americana, \$3
DEXTER LAKE CLUB The Ben Rice Band—9pm; Blues, n/c
DOMAINE MERIWETHER WINERY Gus Russell—6:30pm; Piano, n/c
DOWNTOWN LOUNGE McTuff w/Skerik & Upstate Trio—10pm; \$10
ELDORADO Beer pong & hip-hop w/DJ Rez-ur-rect—9pm
EMBERS Coupe De Ville—8:30pm; n/c
HARLEYS & HORSES Karaoke—9pm
HILTON HOTEL Aftermath—7pm; Jazz, n/c
JAZZ STATION UO Jazz Combos—5:30pm; Jazz, \$4/\$5; Hashem Assadullah—8; CD release, jazz, \$5
JOHN HENRY'S Saved by the Bell '90s Night—9pm
THE KEG Karaoke—9pm
LEVEL UP DJ Food Stamp—9; n/c

LUCKEY'S Fresh Inc., Architex—10pm; Hip-hop, \$5
MAC'S Joanne Broh Band—9pm; Blues, \$5
MOHAWK TAVERN Downside Up—9pm; Classic rock, n/c
OAK ST. SPEAKEASY The Essentials, Forget One Thing—9pm; Funk, rock, n/c
THE O BAR Karaoke—9:30pm
O'DONNELL'S Karaoke—9pm
PORKY'S PALACE Karaoke—8pm
RAVEN A PUB Karaoke—9pm
RED LION INN Karaoke—9pm
ROGUE PUBLIC HOUSE Trivia Night—8pm; n/c
THE ROK Dance Party hits w/DJ Scoot & DJ Pheonix—10pm; DJ dance
SAGINAW VINEYARD Bruce & Bryan—6pm; Country, n/c
SIDE BAR Karaoke—9pm
SPIRITS Michele Lee & the Local Monsters—9pm; Classic rock, n/c
SPRINGFIELD VFW McKenzie Express—7pm; n/c
STRIKE CITY Karaoke—8pm
SWEET CHEEKS WINERY Tyler Morin—6:30pm; n/c
TAPATIO Karaoke—9pm
TERRITORIAL VINEYARDS Geo4—7pm; n/c
VILLAGE GREEN Blues Daddies—9pm; Blues, n/c
WANDERING GOAT Knife Life, Statue & Cowboy—9pm; Indie, n/c
WESTEND TAVERN Steve Ibach—8pm; Acoustic, n/c

WHISKEY RIVER RANCH Concrete Cowboys—9pm; \$7
WOW HALL The Helio Sequence, Talkdemonic—9pm; Pop, electronic, \$12/\$15

SATURDAY 2/9
5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Love Shark Resistors—9:30pm; n/c
AXE & FIDDLE Mardi Gras party—7:30pm; \$5
COUNTRYSIDE PIZZA Eastman Band—9pm; CD release, rock, n/c
COWFISH "Sup!" w/Sassy Mouff, Michael Human & Guests—9:30pm; Top 40, electro
CRESWELL COFFEE & WINE Marian Weissman—7pm; Piano, \$3
DAVIS DJ Reddfox—11pm; Party anthems, \$3
DEXTER LAKE CLUB The Ben Rice Band—9pm; Blues, n/c
DOC'S PAD DJ J-Will—8pm; Dance mix, n/c
DOWNTOWN LOUNGE The Hoons, Dead Remedy, the Koozies—10pm; \$5
DUCK INN Karaoke—10pm
ELDORADO Hip-hop w/DJ Rez-ur-rect—9pm
EMBERS Coupe De Ville—8:30pm; n/c
HAPPY HOURS Heavy Chevy—8pm; n/c
HARLEYS & HORSES Karaoke—9pm
HOT MAMA'S WINGS Titanium Pony w/Alder St. All-Stars members—8:30pm; All ages, n/c

JAZZ STATION Elegant M w/ Marieke Schuurs—8pm; Jazz, \$4/\$5
LEVEL UP DJ Rock 'n' Roll Damnation—9pm; '70s & '80s rock, heavy metal; n/c
LUCKEY'S Gravity Research Project, Sockeye Sawtooth—10pm; Funk, jazz, Americana, \$5
MAC'S Skip Jones & the Spirit of New Orleans—9pm; Mardi Gras party, \$5
MOHAWK TAVERN Downside Up—9pm; Classic rock, n/c
OAK ST. SPEAKEASY Soul Infusion, Cut Club—9pm; Dance, n/c
PORKY'S PALACE Karaoke—8pm
POUR HOUSE Karaoke—9pm
QUACKERS Karaoke—9pm
RAVEN A PUB Karaoke—9pm
RED LION INN BigFootLane—5pm; n/c
THE ROK Dance Party hits w/DJ Scoot & DJ Pheonix—10pm; DJ dance
SAM BOND'S Guilty Pleasures!—9:30pm; Variety, \$5
SIDE BAR Karaoke—9pm
SONNNY'S TAVERN Karaoke—9pm
SPIRITS Michele Lee & the Local Monsters—9pm; Classic rock, n/c
SPRINGFIELD VFW McKenzie Express—7pm; n/c
STRIKE CITY Karaoke—8pm
TAPATIO Karaoke—9pm
TAYLOR'S BAR & GRILLE DJ Crown—10pm; Hip hop, dance, n/c
VILLAGE GREEN Blues Daddies—9pm; Blues, n/c

THE SOUNDS OF THE SUBCONSCIOUS

Frank Sinatra Sings for Only the Lonely was one of the major influences for The Helio Sequence's 2012 album, Negotiations. EW caught up with the singer of Portland's beloved alt-rock duo, Brandon Summers, on tour, shortly after his car broke down on the way to St. Louis. "Conceptually, sonically — on every level it's amazing," Summers says of Ol' Blue Eyes' melancholy album. "How did they get the vocals so thick and warm?"

After a flood hit their Portland studio in 2009, the band took the opportunity not only to find a new space but also a new approach to music, investing in vintage equipment like tape and analog delays, spring and plate reverbs and ribbon mics. They also purchased some "really nice turntables."

"We became audiophiles," Summers says. "It informed the kind of tone of our album." Warm layers of color and texture can be heard on Negotiations, a quality missing from earlier albums like 2008's Keep Your Eyes Ahead. The album also shares the late-night atmosphere of Only the Lonely.

"I found myself working at night, which I hadn't done for a long time," Summers says. "It influenced the whole nocturnal vibe of the album." In the four-year gap between albums, Summers and his wife had two children; he spends his days with his family and nights in the studio, an option that was not available to the band in their old space. "It's just perfect," he says of the new space, an old warehouse cafeteria where they can play late without disturbing neighbors. "It's a cool secluded spot, more introspective."

Negotiations is nothing if not introspective; it's practically a Freudian exercise. This time around, Summers and Benjamin Weikel (drums and keyboard) did less formal songwriting and more improvisational jamming together. "I didn't want to go into Negotiations using the same method," he says. In fact, the track "Harvester of Souls" is completely improvised, both lyrically and instrumentally. Summers didn't know the meaning of some songs until months after they had been recorded. "When you're dealing with your subconscious, you don't have time to censor yourself," Summers says. "For me it's a really heavy record, addressing the dead ends of the past in my life."

The result is a rich, minimalist album, whose lyrics have a vulnerability and rawness to them that got, in the words of Sinatra, "under my skin."

The Helio Sequence joins Talkdemonic 9 pm Friday, Feb. 8, at WOW Hall; \$12 adv., \$15 door. — Alex Notman



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