



INTERPLANETARY ESCAPE VEHICLE

Electronic music is criticized for using cold and soulless sounds made by machines. It's often dismissed as falling in one of two camps: sleep-inducing new-age soundscapes or frantic beats for sleepless day-glo ravers. **Sound Tribe Sector 9** (STS9) is here to prove both of those assumptions wrong.

They call their music "jamtronica," a descriptive way of saying that their electronica features rich, worldly beats, melodies and harmonies. Their five members create layers of sound that you can escape into; synth-heavy bass lines slink over sounds at home in jazz, funk or reggae. They're actually playing their instruments — and well — not just turning knobs, though they do use technology to enhance their creativity.

STS9's 1998 debut, *Interplanetary Escape Vehicle*, and their next two recordings, were released on another label. Since 2002, their music has been released on their own 1320 Records imprint. Though they haven't released anything since 2011's *When The Dust Settles*, they have plenty of material to pull from their 14 recordings, and their 12th studio album will be released later this year. Joining them on their Northwest tour dates is 1320's newest talent find, Russ Liquid. His website says he "brings a much-needed injection of melody and emotion to the thriving dance floor community."

Maybe it's that floor-rocking groove that draws crowds to STS9 shows, but it could also be that they've turned their concerts into food drives for the nonprofit Conscious Alliance, and they've donated generously to Hurricane Katrina relief (they're from Georgia). Since 2006, they've toured the country in a carbon-neutral tour bus and utilized renewable energy. STS9 is not only electronic music with soul, it's got heart too.

Sound Tribe Sector 9 and Russ Liquid play 8 pm Saturday, Feb. 23, at McDonald Theatre; \$27.50 adv., \$30 door. — *Vanessa Salvia*

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MUSIC LISTINGS

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JOHN HENRY'S Koozies, Truckstop Darlin, Pastor Seth—9pm

LEVEL UP DJ Rock 'n' Roll Damnation—9pm; '70s & '80s rock, heavy metal; n/c

LUCKEY'S Volifonix, Rare Monk—10pm; Rock, indie, \$5

MAC'S Parish Gap—9pm; Classic rock, \$4

MCDONALD THEATRE Sound Tribe Sector Nine—8pm; Post-rock, dance, \$27.50/\$30

MOHAWK TAVERN The Koz Rock Show—9pm; n/c

MULLIGAN'S Van Wenda, Milepost, By-tor—9pm; Punk, rock, n/c

OAK ST. SPEAKEASY Beef Bottom, the Space Goat Band—9pm; Rock, funk, 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 Phoenix—10pm; DJ dance

SIDE BAR Karaoke—9pm

SONNY'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 No Way Out—9pm; Unplugged, n/c

WANDERING GOAT Reptilian Shape Shifters, Soccer Babes—9pm; Garage, don.

WESTEND TAVERN Jesse Meade—8pm; Acoustic, n/c

WHISKEY RIVER RANCH Bump in the Road—9pm; \$5

WILD DUCK CAFE Duck-0-aro-ke—10pm; Karaoke, n/c

WOW HALL Con Bro Chill, Wallpaper—9pm; Rock, \$10/\$12

SUNDAY 2/24

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Karaoke—9pm

BEALL HALL Oregon String Quartet—3pm; Classical, \$10/\$8; Trombone Choir—7pm; Classical, n/c

COWFISH Dance Video Flashback—9pm; Service industry night, n/c

COZMIC Old Time Music Jam—4pm; n/c; Joe Craven—8pm; Americana, folk, \$10/\$12

DEXTER LAKE CLUB Jam Night—6pm; Open mic, n/c

DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Karaoke—9pm

GRANARY Green Mt. Bluegrass Band—6pm; Bluegrass, n/c

HAPPY HOURS Karaoke—8:30pm

JAZZ STATION All comers jazz jam w/Kenny Reed—4pm; All ages, \$3-\$5 don.; International String Quartet—7:30pm; Jazz, \$4/\$5

JOHN HENRY'S Broadway Revue—10pm; Burlesque, \$5

PIZZA RESEARCH INSTITUTE Robert Meade—7pm; R&B, Americana, n/c

SPRINGFIELD VFW Mckenzie Express—7pm; n/c

SWEET CHEEKS WINERY Kenji Ota—2pm; n/c

TSUNAMI BOOKS Mitsuki Dasai—4pm; Japanese traditional, \$5-\$10 don.

UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH Lute & Early Guitar Recital w/David Rogers—3pm; \$10/\$5

VILLAGE GREEN Paul Safar & Nancy Wood—7pm; Jazz piano, n/c

THE WEBFOOT Karaoke—9pm

WOW HALL Delhi 2 Dublin w/DJ Anjali & the Kid—8pm; World, \$12/\$14

MONDAY 2/25

ASTORIA BAR Karaoke—9pm; n/c

BEALL HALL UO Jazz Ensemble—7pm; Jazz, \$7/\$5

BLACK FOREST Karaoke—9pm