

MUSIC LISTINGS <i>C O N T I N U E D</i> SAM BOND'S The Brothers Comatose—9:30pm; Acoustic, \$7 SIDE BAR Karaoke—9pm TINY TAVERN Dwight Dickenson, Erik Anarchy, Security In Numbers, Cuntageous—9pm; n/c VILLAGE GREEN Mr. Wizard—9pm; Unplugged, n/c WANDERING GOAT Zera—8pm; Rock, all ages, n/c WHISKEY RIVER RANCH Rock ‘n’ Roll Cowboys—9pm; \$5 WILLAMALANE CENTER The Blue Valentines—8pm; ‘50s/‘60s rock & roll, \$8 WOW HALL BetterFest: Ducktails, the Beets, the Memories, White Fang—8pm; Rock, \$5, n/c stu. SATURDAY 5/18 ‘S WINE BISTRO Peter Giri—7pm; Solo acoustic, n/c THE ATRIUM The Meadowlark Trio—2pm; Oboe, cello & harpsichord, n/c AXE & FIDDLE Melissa Ruth & the Likely Stories, Freeway Revival—8:30pm; Doo-wop, rock, \$5 BILLY MAC’S Christie & McCallum—7:30pm; Americana, n/c BLACK FOREST Red Cloud, Jobe Himself, Authmentis—10pm; n/c COWFISH “Sup!” w/Sassy Mouff, Michael Human & Guests—9:30pm; Top 40, electro COZMIC Denbaya Drum & Dance—8pm; Benefit, world, \$10 CRESWELL COFFEE & WINE Mark Alan—7pm; Singer-songwriter, \$3 DAVIS DJ Foodstamp & DJ Billy—10:30pm; Party classics, \$3	DEXTER LAKE CLUB Ben Rice Band—9pm; Rock, blues, n/c DOC’S PAD DJ J-Will—8pm; Dance mix, n/c DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Iscee—7pm; n/c; Sugar Tits, Wetsock—10pm; \$7 DUCK INN Karaoke—10pm EL TAPATIO CANTINA DJ & dance music—9pm; n/c EMBERS Heavy Chevy—9pm; Rock, blues, n/c EUGENE HOTEL Welcome back concert for David Oaks w/Don Latarski, Walker T. Ryan & more—6pm; Eclectic, \$10 GRANARY Jeremy Pruitt—7pm; n/c; On A Boat—10; Nautical costume party, \$7-\$20 HAPPY HOURS The Kingpins—8pm; Rock & roll, n/c HARLEYS & HORSES Karaoke—9pm HOT MAMA’S WINGS Fire in the Rootz—8:30pm; All ages, n/c JAZZ STATION Jaclyn Guillou—8pm; Vocal jazz, \$5/\$4 JOHN HENRY’S G.L.A.M.—9pm; Dance party LEVEL UP DJ Rock ‘n’ Roll Damnation—9pm; ‘70s & ‘80s rock, heavy metal; n/c LUCKEY’S This Charming Man—10pm; Smiths tribute night & GHS benefit, \$5 MAC’S The Joanne Broh Band—9pm; Blues, R&B, \$5 MAC’S ON THE TRAXX Karaoke—8pm; n/c MOHAWK TAVERN Hard Drive—9pm; n/c MULLIGAN’S Buddy & Kelly—8:30pm; n/c OAK ST. SPEAKEASY Atomic Junkyard, the Effies, Pastor Seth—9pm; Rockabilly, n/c PORKY’S PALACE Karaoke—8pm POUR HOUSE Karaoke—9pm QUACKERS Karaoke—9pm RAVEN A PUB Karaoke—9pm	THE ROK Dance Party hits w/DJ Scoot & DJ Pheonix—10pm; DJ dance SAM BOND’S Troupe Carnivale, Mood Area 52—9pm; Acoustic, CD release, n/c SIDE BAR Karaoke—9pm SONNY’S TAVERN Karaoke—9pm SPRINGFIELD VFW Mckenzie Express—7pm; n/c STRIKE CITY Karaoke—8pm TAYLOR’S BAR & GRILLE DJ Crown—10:30pm; Hip hop, dance, n/c TINY TAVERN Jedi/Seven—9pm; Rock, n/c UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH Left Coast Sax Quartet—7:30pm; \$10 don. VILLAGE GREEN Mr. Wizard—9pm; Unplugged, n/c WANDERING GOAT Low Tide Drifters, Cross Current—7pm; Acoustic, all ages, n/c WHIRLED PIES Lonesome Randall—6pm; Rock & roll historian, n/c WHISKEY RIVER RANCH Brewers Grade—9pm; \$5 WILD DUCK CAFE Duck-0-aroke—10pm; Karaoke, n/c WILDISH THEATER David Nevue—7:30pm; “Open Sky,” \$10/\$20 WOW HALL BetterFest: The Helio Sequence, Naomi Punk, Weed, Cascadia—8pm; Rock, \$8, n/c stu. SUNDAY 5/19 AGATE ALLEY BISTRO Karaoke—9pm; n/c BEALL HALL UO Community Music Institute Solo Recitals—noon; n/c COWFISH Sara B—9pm; Soul, Motown, ‘50s & ‘60s DEXTER LAKE CLUB Jam Night—6pm; Open mic, n/c DOC’S PAD T-Bone Weldon Trio—7pm; Blues, n/c	GRANARY Green Mt. Bluegrass Band—6pm; Bluegrass, n/c HAPPY HOURS Karaoke—7pm HULT CENTER University of Oregon Spring Concert—3pm; \$10, \$7 sen., \$5 stu. JAZZ STATION All-Comers Jazz Jam w/Kenny Reed—4pm; \$3-\$5 don. MT. PISGAH WILDFLOWER FEST. Kudana, Satori Bob, Hot Milk, My Father’s Ghost, GEO 4, Dirty Turnips, Low Tide Drifters—10am-5pm; Music festival, \$5 don. PIZZA RESEARCH INSTITUTE Robert Meade—7pm; R&B, Americana, n/c SAM BOND’S Marv Ellis—9pm; Acoustic, \$5 SPRINGFIELD VFW Mckenzie Express—7pm; n/c VILLAGE GREEN Paul Safar & Nancy Wood—7pm; n/c WANDERING GOAT Small Howl Presents: Week of Wonders, Groundblooms, Egotones—7:30pm; Indie, all ages, \$5 don. THE WEBFOOT Karaoke—9pm WOW HALL Cold War Kids, Superhumanoids—8pm; Rock, \$15/\$18 MONDAY 5/20 AXE & FIDDLE Matt Woods, Michael Dean Damron—8pm; Country, \$5 BEALL HALL Track Town Trombones—7pm; “The Stars My Destination,” n/c BLACK FOREST Karaoke—9pm BREW & CUE DJ Brady—9pm; n/c BUGSY’S MondayBug—7pm; Acoustic, n/c COZMIC Trevor Green—8pm; Songwriter, acoustic, \$6/\$8 EUGENE SUZUKI MUSIC ACADEMY Irish Jam Session—7pm; All ages, n/c FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Eugene Symphonic Band—7:30pm; Pops, \$8, \$5 sen., n/c stu.	GRANARY Poetry open mic & jazz w/Kenny Reed—7pm; n/c PORKY’S PALACE Karaoke—8pm REALITY KITCHEN Acoustic Reality—7:30pm; Open mic, n/c SAM BOND’S Bingo w/Chad & Cookie—9pm; n/c VILLAGE GREEN Dylan James—7pm; Contemporary guitar, n/c WANDERING GOAT Songwriter’s Night (originals only)—7pm; All ages, open mic, n/c TUESDAY 5/21 ASTORIA BAR Grateful Tuesdaze—9pm; Grateful Dead videos, n/c AXE & FIDDLE Poetry night—7pm; n/c BLACK FOREST Guitaraoke w/ Neriah Hart—9pm; Live band karaoke, n/c BUGSY’S Karaoke—8pm THE CITY iPod Night—6pm; n/c COWFISH School Night Dance Party w/Michael Human—9pm; Electro, blog-house, n/c DOC’S PAD—Karaoke—9pm DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Open Mic—6pm; n/c GOODFELLA’S Karaoke—9pm; n/c GRANARY S.I.N. Night & Karaoke w/Nick—9pm; n/c HOT MAMA’S WINGS Open Mic—8pm; n/c IZAKAYA MEIJI CO. Cowboy Karaoke—10pm; n/c LUCKEY’S The Get Together w/ Scotty Styles—10pm; Hip-hop, ladies night, \$2 MAC’S Roosters Blues Jam—7pm; n/c MULLIGAN’S Steve Ibach—8pm; n/c THE O BAR Karaoke—9:30pm OAK ST. SPEAKEASY Karaoke—9pm, n/c RED LION HOTEL Trivia Night—7pm; n/c SAM BONDS Bluegrass Jam—9pm; n/c	SOUTH EUGENE HIGH String Academy 2—7:30pm; Little Symphony Spring Concert TINY TAVERN Open mic Poetry Night—8pm; n/c VILLAGE GREEN Dylan James—7pm; Contemporary guitar, n/c WOW HALL Youth Lagoon—8pm; Indie, \$13/\$15 WEDNESDAY 5/22 5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Karaoke—9pm AASEN-HULL HALL Chamber Music on Campus—7pm; n/c AXE & FIDDLE Hanz Araki, Kathryn Claire—8:30pm; Folk, celtic, \$5 BEALL HALL Chamber Choir & University Singers—8pm; \$7, \$5 stu., sen. BLACK FOREST Karaoke—9pm THE BLIND PIG Karaoke w/Jim Jim—9pm COWFISH “Hump Night” w/ Connor J, Club Bangers—9pm; n/c COZMIC The Black Lillies—8:30pm; Americana, bluegrass, \$8 DEXTER LAKE CLUB Acoustic Sessions w/Morin, Sorseth & Steve Ibach—7pm; Acoustic, n/c DOWNTOWN LOUNGE Bikes, BBQ & Blues Jam—8pm; n/c GOODFELLA’S Karaoke—9pm; n/c GRANARY Jazz jam w/Gerry Rempel & Thierry Renoux—7pm; n/c THE GREEN ROOM Karaoke—9pm; n/c JERSEY’S (FORM. TANKARD) Karaoke—8pm JOHN HENRY’S Wild Style EDM & Dance—9pm LUCKEY’S Bradford Loomis—10pm; Indie, \$3 MAC’S Wine, Jazz & Variety Show w/Gus Russell & Paul Biondi—6pm; Jazz, blues, n/c
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THE CARNIVÀLE COMES TO TOWN

Jason Cowsill was never pressured into music, despite his family’s storied musical history. A descendent of America’s family band, The Cowsills, he spent a lot of time bouncing around recording studios. But the moment he picked up his first guitar, there was no turning back.

With his most recent project, **Troupe Carnivàle**, Cowsill joins his wife, Jackie, for an exploration of the Vaudeville aesthetic drawing influence from Old West medicine shows when traveling teams of entertainers and medical salesmen would hustle “medical cures” between circus acts and concerts.

Troupe Carnivàle is more than just a collective of musicians — they’re entertainers. “We like the idea of kind of a neo-Vaudeville, where it’s not just a band playing at an

audience. It’s an experience that the audience takes part in,” Jason Cowsill says.

“It’s dark, most people call it dark,” he says. “People have described it as great music to drink by.”

This focus on immersion transcends both their live performances and their studio recordings. “In my mind I was trying to create this sort of timeless piece of entertainment,” Jackie Cowsill adds.

The two also have a duo act where they perform nostalgic covers of 1950s and ’60s classics, but they feel they have exhausted many of the venues they could play. From a musical wanderlust sprang Troupe Carnivàle; the band recently recorded their first album, *Skaal Krush*, with the help of Eugene producer Billy Barnett of Gung Ho Studios.

This niche sound shimmers in their instrumentation: Drummer Don Elkington prides himself on developing new percussion pieces to accompany the live performances, Stephen Andresen riffs on electric and resonator guitar, Whitney Moulton is a master of the upright bass and Torrey Newhart mans the keys and toy piano. Jackie and Jason Cowsill top it off with moody vocals and guitar. To fully grasp their aesthetic a live show is a must. Think of it as the soundtrack to a mellow, post-apocalyptic carnival, complete with haunting tones and lyrics that dig deep into your soul.

Troupe Carnivàle host their CD release party with openers Mood Area 52 at 9 pm Saturday, May 18, at Sam Bond’s; free.

— *Kevin Piaskowski*



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