

JOIN THE HERD

If a group makes it to the 25-year mark they must be doing something right, but with **Donna the Buffalo** you can argue that they are doing a lot of things right. Between having two harmonious and charismatic lead writers and singers — Tara Nevins and Jeb Puryear — a way of writing songs that is simultaneously personal and universal and a knack for combining various elements of the roots music world together, this group is consistently engaging.

With their latest effort, *Tonight, Tomorrow and Yesterday*, released in June, the band has given listeners a feast for the ears. If you dig bluegrass, then “All Aboard” will get your attention. “Don’t Know What We’ve Got” has an easygoing country vibe to it, while “Working on That” plods along with a mid-tempo, bluesy zydeco sound, and the lively title track is the sort of rock ‘n’ roll song that is infectious and utterly danceable. The fun country rocker “I Love My Tribe” pays homage to the band’s fan base, The Herd — a family of fans whose home base is a Donna the Buffalo concert. Or, as Puryear recently told the podcast *American Music Show*, the band’s music creates a “psychological home” for The Herd.

Donna the Buffalo has made a career out of writing earthy tunes in a variety of musical styles with lyrics that are highly relatable with a social justice bent. They have performed with a variety of artists, such as Bela Fleck and Amy Helm, and Nevins herself has performed with Grateful Dead drummer Bill Kreutzmann’s band BK3. It might be time for you to join The Herd.

Donna the Buffalo play with old-school country outfit The Believers 9 pm Tuesday, July 30, at WOW Hall; \$13 adv., \$15 door. — *Brian Palmer*



MUSICLISTINGS

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JAZZ STATION Tropical benefit for Jazz Station—7pm & 9pm; \$1

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

LUCKEY’S Black Magdelene, Egotones, The Fair City—10pm; Indie, rock, \$5

MAC’S Big Monti—9pm; Blues, \$7
MAC’S ON THE TRAXX Karaoke—8pm; n/c

MOHAWK TAVERN Monolith—9pm; n/c

OAKSHIRE PUBLIC HOUSE Lea Jones—2pm; Americana, folk, rock, n/c

OAK ST. SPEAKEASY Benefit show—9pm; n/c

O BAR Timothy & Teresa—8pm; Rock, pop, blues, jazz, n/c

PORKY’S PALACE Karaoke—8pm

POUR HOUSE Karaoke—9pm

QUACKER’S DJ & Dancing w/ OneEleven—9pm; Ladies night, n/c

RAVEN A PUB Karaoke—9pm

THE ROK Dance Party hits w/DJ Scoot & DJ Pheonix—10pm; DJ dance

SAM BOND’S Mood Area 52, Cherry Pickers, Trudy Bauchery, Brian Kenny Fresno—9pm; Sam Bond’s Anniversary Show, tango, \$5

SAM’S PLACE Lost Highway—8pm; Country, 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 Kokobola, El Flowious—9pm; “Steely Dead,” \$3

TRAVELER’S COVE Peter Giri Trio—6pm; Rock & roll, n/c

TSUNAMI BOOKS The Low-Tide Drifters w/Steve Givson & Ken Zimmerman—5pm; Americana, don.

VILLAGE GREEN Goldfire Band—9pm; n/c

WANDERING GOAT Hard-i-Har, Gossimer—8pm; Indie, all ages, don.

WILD DUCK CAFE Duck-D-aro-oke—10pm; Karaoke, n/c

SUNDAY 7/28

AGATE ALLEY BISTRO Karaoke—9pm; n/c

AGRARIAN ALES Against the Green—5pm; Folk, 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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Kiriku—4pm; Japanese handbells, n/c

GRANARY Lori Thomas—6pm; Bluegrass, n/c

HAPPY HOURS Karaoke—7pm

HOPE ABBEY MAUSOLEUM Karass—2pm; Americana, folk, n/c

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

SAM BOND’S Town Mountain—9:30pm; Acoustic, string-band, \$5

SPRINGFIELD VFW McKenzie Express—7pm; n/c

SPYCE GENTLEMAN’S CLUB Stripperoke—6pm; Karaoke, n/c

VILLAGE GREEN John Goforth—7pm; Pop, rock, piano, n/c

WASHBURNE PARK Oregon Tuba Ensemble—6:30pm; Classical, n/c

THE WEBFOOT Karaoke—9pm

MONDAY 7/29

BLACK FOREST Karaoke—9pm

BREW & CUE DJ Brady—9pm; n/c

BUGSY’S MondayBug—7pm; Acoustic, n/c

COWFISH Benny America—9pm; Deep house

EUGENE SUZUKI MUSIC ACADEMY Irish Jam Session—7pm; All ages, n/c

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 Celebrity Bingo w/ Elliott Martinez—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 7/30

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Jesse Meade w/Dan Mahoney—9:30pm; n/c

ASTORIA BAR Grateful Tuesdaze—9pm; Grateful Dead videos, 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

LEVEL UP Ninkasi Karaoke Night w/KJ B-Ross—9pm; n/c

LUCKEY’S The Get Together w/ Scotty Styles—10pm; Funk, open jam, \$2

MAC’S Roosters Blues Jam—7pm; n/c

MULLIGAN’S Vince Loving—8pm; Variety, n/c

THE O BAR Karaoke—9:30pm

OAK ST. SPEAKEASY Karaoke—9pm, n/c

RED LION HOTEL Trivia Night—7pm; n/c

ROARING RAPIDS PIZZA The Joe Freuen Sextet—6:30pm; Jazz, n/c

SACRED HEART AT RIVERBEND Suzanne Krish & Alejandro Alvarez Mendiola—11am; Piano & cello, n/c

SAM BONDS Bluegrass Jam—9pm; n/c

TINY TAVERN Open mic Poetry Night—8pm; n/c

VILLAGE GREEN Dylan James—7pm; Contemporary guitar, n/c

WOW HALL Donna the Buffalo, the Believers—8pm; Rock, \$13/\$15

WEDNESDAY 7/31

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Karaoke—9pm

BLACK FOREST Karaoke—9pm

THE BLIND PIG Karaoke w/Jim Jim—9pm

COWFISH “Hump Night” w/Connor J, Club Bangers—9pm; n/c

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

FAERIE SIOUX AND COMPANY

Faerieworlds has a solid music line up this year, but there’s one act that should not be missed: **Mariee Sioux**. And Howard Buford’s Emerald Meadows will be the perfect setting for her nature-infused, pseudo-mystical tunes like “Buried in Teeth” (“Down past the fossil ferns and antlers / A pack of ghost wolves are going to bring you under”), “Wizard Flurry Home” (“Crown, crown, crown your mountains”) and “Wild Eyes.”

The indie-folk singer often draws comparisons to another Nevada City, Calif., indie darling: Joanna Newsom. But the truth is that Sioux has less of Newsom’s girlish tremor and more of Joni Mitchell’s ethereal and earthy qualities, in both style and content, and Neil Young’s silvery vocals. One could draw comparisons to Jewel’s sweet melancholy on *Pieces of You* or the contemporary Cat Power. But Sioux’s stories are all her own, told with an acoustic guitar, and layered with rich textures like the Native American flute; Grammy-winning flautist Gentle Thunder joins Sioux on her latest album *Faces in the Rocks*. Catch Sioux at 4 pm Saturday, July 27, on the main stage and 1 pm Sunday, July 28, on the Village Stage.

Another acoustic gem twinkling with the faeries (Friday and Saturday) is **Sea Stars**, a new project for Kan’Nal frontman Kurt Baumann with singer-songwriter Katie Grey. If you’re less acoustically inclined, Faerieworlds’ Friday headliner is Portland’s electronic dance music (trip-hop to be specific) producer **Emancipator**, who recently released his first album on his own label, *Dusk to Dawn*. Joining him in the beat arena on Saturday are pagan folk stars **OMNIA** and festival veteran and Canadian world music group **Dehli 2 Dublin**, mixing fiddle, electric sitar and guitar with Indian drums, tabla and dhol.

Faerieworlds runs July 26-28 at Mount Pisgah. For the full line up, stage schedule and tickets visit faerieworlds.com. — *Alex Notman*



MARIEE SIOUX