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There's a certain gravity to being beer-loving Eugene's biggest brewery. Ninkasi soaks up the love and then feeds it back to us in a fermented mix, hosting Monday night "Pints for a Cause" events and giving back through the "Beer is Love" program. Whether you love the hoppy goodness of Total Domination IPA or the dessert-like Oatis Oatmeal Stout is more of your jam, you know your beer money is going to a community-conscious brewery.

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BEST LOCAL COMEDIAN

1. **Alex Elkin**
2. **Leigh Ann Jasheway**
3. **Josh Finch**

What once began as something that got you kicked out of class for disrupting students can now function as an active profession. Comedy isn't for everyone (just ask Carlos Mencia) and comedy scenes can't be found in every community. But with the upcoming NW Women's Comedy Festival and the UO student group The Stand-up Society's formation last year, Eugene is lucky to have a growing comedic scene full of exciting comedians. Better known as "Beans," Alex Elkin is one of the three voices that act as potent laughing gas on radio station All Comedy 1450. One of his partners, Chris Warren, notes that Elkin shines because of "his ability to adapt to an audience. He can read the audience and that's something that most comedians don't have the ability to do."



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