MUSIC IS GOOD

Eccentric Nashville musician **R. Stevie Moore** has been writing music for more than 45 years, releasing 400-plus albums in media as varied as CD-R, cassette and digital download. And it's all been done in essential obscurity. It makes one wonder: What keeps R. Stevie Moore going?

"Music is good," Moore answers via email. "I don't understand the question."

Since the '60s Moore has blazed his own path, producing a titanic, genre-defying body of work from the highly experimental to straight-ahead pop to what Moore refers to as "anti-pop." He's never found anything approaching mainstream success, instead becoming a treasured best-kept secret among esoteric pop connoisseurs. His first tour didn't come until 2011.

In 2012, Moore released *Lo Fi High Fives … A Kind of Best Of …*, a boggling coterie of (un)hit songs and anti-anthems. In it, you can hear the width and breadth of Moore's accessible side. The Beatles-esque "Pop Music" would fit nicely on classic rock radio, and "Show Biz is Dead" is a brainy, herky-jerky, new wave song indicting vapid celebrity worship.

Now, with the help of the internet and the R. Stevie Moore Cassette Club, Moore, at age 62, is more successful than ever. "A rock 'n' roll success story at my age is dumbfounding, surreal and exhausting," Moore says. But the musician is planning for the future. "More of the same," he says, which includes "recording, official records, gigs and tours, stardom, uncertainty yet pushing outward and upward."

Behavior Castle presents R. Stevie Moore and Portland's The Memories 8 pm Thursday, Feb. 20, at Wandering Goat; $5. — *William Kennedy*

SAM BOND'S Kingdom County, Tara Stonecipher, The Tall Grass—9:30pm; $5
SIDE BAR Karaoke—9pm
SONNY'S TAVERN Karaoke—9pm
SPRINGFIELD VFW Mckenzie Express—7pm; n/c
TAYLOR'S BAR & GRILLE DJ Crown—10:30pm; Hip hop, dance, n/c
TRACKSTIRS Karaoke—9pm; n/c
TSUNAMI BOOKS Baby Gramps—2pm; don.; Brian Cutean—8pm; $10
VILLAGE GREEN Mr. Wizard Unplugged—9pm; n/c
WANDERING GOAT Singapore, Ryan Reyna—7pm; Indie, n/c
WESTEND TAVERN Karaoke—9pm; n/c
WHISKEY RIVER RANCH REHAB, Angel's Cut, Sol Seed—7pm;
WHITE HORSE SALOON Karaoke—9pm; n/c
WILD DUCK CAFE Duck-O-aroke—10pm; Karaoke, n/c
WOW HALL Thriftworks, JOBOT, SugarBeats—8:30pm; Electronica, $15 adv., $20 door

SUNDAY 2/16

AGATE ALLEY BISTRO Karaoke—9pm; n/c
BEALL HALL Imani Winds—3pm; Classical, $17-$39
COWFISH Sara B—9pm; Motown, soul, '50s & '60s
COZMIC Great Hiatum, Autumn Electric, Family Dynamic—8pm; Indie, $6
CUSH The Tim & Todd Show—7pm; Variety, open mic, n/c
DEXTER LAKE CLUB Jam Night—6pm; Open mic, n/c
GRANARY Green Mt. Bluegrass Band—6pm; Bluegrass, n/c
HAPPY HOURS Karaoke—7pm
JAZZ STATION All-Comers Jazz Jam w/Kenny Reed—4pm; $3-$5 don.
LUCKEY'S Broadway Revue Burlesque Night—10pm; $5, $3
NEW HOPE CHURCH Multi-Choir Concert: Imagine Peace—2:30pm; $3-$5 sug. don.
THE SHEDD Emerald City Jazz Kings: Give Me a Song—1:30pm; $18-$30
SPRINGFIELD VFW Mckenzie Express—7pm; n/c
ST. HELEN CATHOLIC CHURCH Matthew Pavilanis—3pm; Piano, n/c
TRAVELER'S COVE Paul Biondi Quartet w/Mike Anderson—6pm; Variety, n/c
VILLAGE GREEN Paul & Nancy—7pm; Piano, voice, n/c
THE WEBFOOT Karaoke—9pm

MONDAY 2/17

AXE & FIDDLE Hanz Araki—8pm; Irish flute, $7
BEALL HALL Poetry in Song—7pm; Vocal, n/c
BLACK FOREST Karaoke—9pm
BUGSY'S MondayBug—7pm; Acoustic, n/c
CAMPBELL CLUB Greg Hartunian, Greg Jamie, Colby Nathan, Shoot Dang, Living Rheum—6pm; Folk, $5
COWFISH Monday Night Mics—9pm; Hip hop, n/c
COZMIC Mike Surber & The Long Con, Daniel Kirkpatrick & The Bayonets, Tyler Fortier—8pm; $6
EUGENE SUZUKI MUSIC ACADEMY Irish Jam Session—7pm; All ages, n/c
GRANARY Poetry Open Mic & Jazz w/Kenny Reed—7pm; n/c
MAC'S Henry Cooper—6pm; Blues, n/c
MCDONALD THEATRE Hot Tuna, David Lindley—7pm; $45
MCSHANE'S Blues/Rock/Funk Jam—9pm; n/c
PORKY'S PALACE Karaoke—8pm
REALITY KITCHEN Acoustic Reality—7:30pm; Open mic, n/c
SKIPS RECORDS Sean Curley, Graph Rabbit—5pm; Don.
VILLAGE GREEN Neil Johnson—7pm; Solo guitar, n/c
WANDERING GOAT Song Writer's Night—7pm; n/c

TUESDAY 2/18

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Jesse Meade w/Joe Mitchell—9:30pm; n/c
BEALL HALL Eliot Grasso, Glen Waddell & Brandon Vance—8pm; Uilleann pipes, fiddle, guitar, $10, $8 stu. & sr.
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
COZMIC Mike Surber & The Long Con, Daniel Kirkpatrick & The Bayonets, Tyler Fortier—8pm; Alt rock, $6
THE GREEN ROOM Karaoke—9pm
GOODFELLA'S Karaoke—9pm; n/c
HOP VALLEY TASTING ROOM Blue Grass Jam—7:30pm; 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, The Experimentals—10pm; Funk, $2
MAC'S Roosters Blues Jam—7pm; n/c
THE O BAR Karaoke—9:30pm
OAK ST. SPEAKEASY Karaoke—9pm; n/c
SAM BOND'S Bluegrass Jam—9pm; n/c
VILLAGE GREEN Neil Johnson—7pm; Solo guitar, n/c
WHISKEY RIVER RANCH Karaoke w/KJ Jazzy Jenny—9pm; n/c
WOW HALL Escape the Fate, Eve to Adam, New Years Day—8pm; Hard rock, $15 adv., $17 door

WEDNESDAY 2/19

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Karaoke—9pm
AXE & FIDDLE The Modern Grass—8:30pm, Bluegrass, $3
BEALL HALL Student Composition Recital—7pm; n/c
BLACK FOREST Karaoke—9pm
THE BLIND PIG Karaoke w/Jim Jim—9pm
THE BOREAL Life Leone, Stanley & The Search, Tiger Lily, Keeper Sabertooth, Southtowne Lanes—7pm; n/c
THE CANNERY Jeremy Clark Pruitt—7:30pm; Acoustic, n/c
THE COOLER Hump Night Trivia w/DR Dumass—7pm; n/c
COWFISH "Hump Night" w/ Connor J, Club Bangers—9pm; n/c
COZMIC Open Mic Night—7pm; n/c
DEXTER LAKE CLUB Acoustic Sessions w/Morin, Sorseth & Vigil Robinson—7pm; Acoustic, n/c
DOC'S PAD Tru-School Open Turntables w/DJ Smuve—10pm; Hip hop, reggae, n/c
GOODFELLA'S Karaoke—9pm; n/c
GRANARY Mama Jan's Blues Jam w/Brian Chevalier—8pm; n/c
THE GREEN ROOM Karaoke—9pm; n/c
JERSEY'S Karaoke—8pm
LUCKEY'S KI & The Architex—10pm; Hip hop, $2
MAC'S Jazz & Variety w/Gus Russell & Hanke Shreve—6pm; Blues, n/c
MARU The Celtic Lovers—7pm; n/c
MAX'S Lonesome Randall—7pm; Rock & roll historian, n/c
MULLIGAN'S Open Mic—9pm; Variety, n/c
OAK ST. SPEAKEASY Rivet House—9pm; Industrial, n/c
OLD PAD Trivia Night—9pm; n/c
POUR HOUSE Karaoke—9pm
THE SHEDD Brian Blade, The Fellowship Band—7:30pm; $28-$36
SPIRITS Karaoke—9pm
TAYLOR'S BAR & GRILLE DJ Crown—10:30pm; Hip hop, top 40, dance, n/c
TINY TAVERN Comedy Night w/ Mac Chase—9pm; n/c
VILLAGE GREEN Chris Klein & Friends—7pm; n/c

CORVALLIS
(AND SURROUNDING AREAS)

BOMBS AWAY CAFÉ
TH One From Many—9pm; n/c
FR Summer Soundtrack & Brothers Bror—9pm; n/c
SA Fruition—10pm; $8
WE Autumn Electric & Faith Like Oxygen—8:30pm; Folk, n/c

CLOUD & KELLY'S
TH The Crooked River Band & Red Diesel—9pm; Bluegrass, n/c
SA Riot in the Clouds—10pm; EDM, n/c
WE Exit Electric—7pm; n/c

DOCK 22
FR The Wood Rats—9pm; Acoustic rock, n/c

FIREWORKS RESTAURANT
MO Southtown Open Mic—9pm; n/c

LASELLS STEWART CENTER
FR Emerald City Jazz Kings: Give Me a Song—7:30pm; $22

MAJESTIC THEATRE
FR Deborah Allen—7:30pm; $20 adv., $25 door

TROUBADOUR MUSIC CENTER
SA Kathy Boyd & Phoenix Rising—8pm; Bluegrass, $10