



SCREAMO SQUARES

If Rob Zombie happens to remake *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy, he could do worse than to hire **Circle Takes the Square** to provide the soundtrack. Hailing from Savannah, Ga., this assaultive group lays down a cathartic catapult of noise that is migraine heavy and druidic weird. Circle Takes the Square's new album, *Decompositions: Volume Number One*, is a non-stop barrage of hammering beats, pitched vocal screaming and grinding, squealing guitars, occasionally relieved by medieval moments of slowed-down chanting and neo-classical harmonic interludes. This is not music for the weak of heart; five minutes with this band will blow out the pipes.

Variouly described as screamo and a progressive fusion of post-punk, emo and grindcore, the music created — or rather, concocted, from cauldrons of boiling aggression — by CTS recalls the glorious shit-fits of Austin band Scratch Acid, the late-career metalized work of Black Flag, as well as the elephantine thump of the Melvins, fed through a Moorish haze of fantasized antiquity. CTS doesn't fuck around: With song titles like "Way of Ever-Branching Paths" and "Singing Vengeance Into Being," they partake of a kind of Wagnerian narrative that shrouds their music in mystery, giving it the unified thrust of myth-building (think of bands like Sabbath and Maiden). At the same time, they are simply a rock band, louder than bombs. This is music for adrenaline junkies, folks who happily subject themselves to sonic storms that leave their necks spasming and their knuckles dragging on the floor.

Circle Takes the Square plays with Carrion Spring, Wretched of the Earth and Senza 7:30 pm Wednesday, April 23, at The Boreal, 450 W. 3rd; \$8, all ages. — *Rick Levin*

AXE & FIDDLE Intuitive Compass—8:30pm; Folk circus, 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
COZMIC Maru-a-Pula Marimba Band—7pm; \$10-\$15, stu. \$5
GRANARY Chris Stubs—6pm; Piano, n/c
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
HULT CENTER Metropolitan Choral Festival—7:30pm; \$5
IZAKAYA MEIJI CO. Cowboy Karaoke—10pm; n/c
LEVEL UP Ninkasi Karaoke Night w/KJ B-Ross—9pm; n/c
LUCKEY'S The Underground Jazz Collective—10pm; \$2
MAC'S Roosters Blues Jam—7pm; n/c
THE O BAR Karaoke—9:30pm
SAM BOND'S Bluegrass Jam—9pm; n/c
VILLAGE GREEN Neil Johnson—7pm; Solo guitar, n/c
WEBFOOT Open Mic w/Rudolf & Dearth—7pm; Acoustic, n/c
WHISKEY RIVER RANCH Karaoke w/KJ Jazzy Jenny—9pm; n/c
WOW HALL Prezident Brown, Indubious—7pm; n/c

WEDNESDAY 4/23
5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Karaoke—9pm
BEALL HALL UO Emerging Artist Series—8pm; n/c
BLACK FOREST Karaoke—9pm
THE BLIND PIG Karaoke w/Jim Jim—9pm
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
DAVIS Karaoke w/Jared—9pm; n/c
DEXTER LAKE CLUB Acoustic Sessions w/Morin, Sorseth & Virgil Robinson—7pm; Acoustic, n/c
DOC'S PAD Wildstyle Wednesday w/DJ Sipp—10pm; Top 40, hip hop, n/c
HULT CENTER Rain: Beatlemania—7:30pm; \$32.50-\$52.50
GOODFELLA'S Karaoke—9pm; n/c
GRANARY Mama Jan's Blues Jam w/Brian Chevallier—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 & Rick Markstrom—6pm; n/c
MAX'S Lonesome Randall—7pm; Rock & roll historian, n/c

MULLIGAN'S Open Mic—9pm; Variety, n/c
OLD PAD Trivia Night—9pm; n/c
POUR HOUSE Karaoke—9pm
SAM BOND'S Whiskey Chasers—9pm; \$6
SPIRITS Karaoke—9pm
THE TAP & GROWLER Will Brown—6pm; Acoustic guitar, n/c
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—7pm; Solo guitar, n/c

CORVALLIS (AND SURROUNDING AREAS)
BOMBS AWAY CAFE
TH Curtis Monette & acoustiphilia—8:30pm; n/c
FR Hillstomp & Left Coast Country—10pm; \$8
SA The Lower 48 & Symmetry/Symmetry—10pm; \$5
WE Direct Divide—9pm; n/c

CLOUD & KELLY'S
TH Satori Bob & The Steamcats of Sekonza—9pm; Jazz, blues, n/c
FR Buckle Rash & Mahogany Driftwood—10:30pm; Americana, n/c
SA Space Odyssey—10pm; EDM, n/c
WE Cadillac Lunch—7pm; Jazz, n/c

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

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