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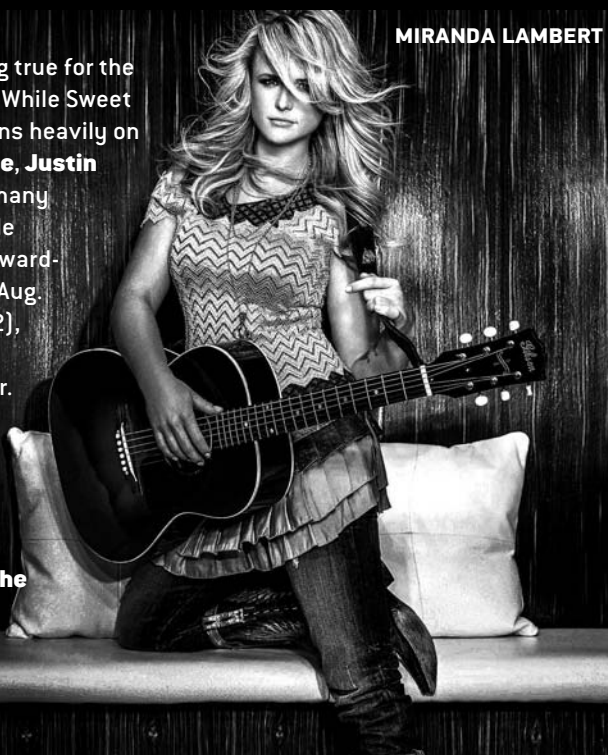
Looking at lineups for some of the major local venues this summer, it appears that audiences and/or bookers want one prolonged and mostly vanilla **sausage fest**. For Cuthbert's 2014 season, of the nearly 40 acts scheduled to grace the amphitheater stage, seven include women (counting the **Eugene Symphony's** free concert July 19). The Lane County Fair does not fare better: Of the eight acts to hit the main stage, there will be one musician who's a woman — **Pat Benatar** (July 26 with **Neil Giraldo**). Of Matthew Knight's oddly sparse summer schedule, it's all guys: **Rod Stewart and Santana** (July 31), **Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers** (Aug. 7), **Bruno Mars** (Aug. 11) and the **Zac Brown Band** (Sept. 26). If the numbers were switched, EW has a feeling there'd be an onslaught of Lilith Fair jokes (which, oddly enough, was a festival started because of gender disparity in music).

This seems to be a Eugene-area phenom and a trend we've been watching since EW's "Gone Grrrlz" cover story (10/31); other Oregon fests and venues have locked in a slew of dynamic musicians, featuring talent from both genders. Edgefield has **Lyle Lovett, Sarah Brightman, Sara Bareilles, Beck, The Head and The Heart, Heart and Panic! At the Disco** still to come. Pickathon (Aug. 1-3) brings **Nickel Creek, Warpaint, Angel Olsen, Valerie June** and **Those Darlins** through Happy Valley. Portland's Aladdin Theater has **Southern Culture on The Skids, Imelda May, Gaelic Storm** and **Aimee Mann** on the docket, while Crystal Ballroom is bringing in **Beth Orton, Lily Allen, Shovels & Rope** and **Banks**.



VALERIE JUNE

The Eugene trend does not ring true for the worlds of country and faeries: While Sweet Home's **Oregon Jamboree** leans heavily on dudes (**Tim McGraw, Joe Diffie, Justin Moore, Billy Currington** and many more) it has booked two female country powerhouses — the award-collecting **Miranda Lambert** (Aug. 1) and **Cassadee Pope** (Aug. 2), winner of CMT's 2014 Breakthrough Video of the Year. Brownsville's **Willamette Country Music Festival** (Aug. 15-17) boasts a more even roster, with **Kelleigh Bannen, Ashley Monroe, Thompson Square, Natalie Stovall and The Drive, Amy Clawson and Pam Tillis** and **Sara Evans**.



MIRANDA LAMBERT

Faerieworlds (or as *Maxim* calls the fest: "Bonnaroo staged for Middle Earth"), hosting its last go-around at Mount Pisgah July 25-27, dares to completely mix up the talent of the sexes with Norwegian wunderkind singer and fiddler **Martine Kraft** (her premiere West Coast performance), **Omnia, Sea Stars, Zirp, Brother, Woodland, S.J. Tucker, The Wicker Men** and more.



RAZ SIMONE

Don't miss: Seattle's introspective hip-hop artist **Raz Simone**, who won fans opening for Die Antwoord earlier in May, with Rittz and Tuki Carter July 21 at WOW Hall; Los Angeles' bubbly indie-folk outfit **Campfire Cassettes** July 22 at Cottage Grove's **Axe & Fiddle**.

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