

ARTS AND KRAFT

"But what really matters is not what you believe but the faith and conviction with which you believe," wrote the great Norwegian author Knut Hamsun in his novel *Mysteries*. Hamsun — who, unfortunately, ended up believing some pretty vile stuff — nonetheless may have been forecasting the astral projections of fellow countrywoman **Martine Kraft**, the virtuoso violinist and songwriter whose ethereal sounds will provide a swan song for final staging at Mount Pisgah of the Faerieworlds festival this weekend.

With her lushly layered instrumentation and ice-chip vocals, Kraft merits comparison to fellow Nordic musician Björk, minus the twee twaddle and artsy drift. By turns wispy, plucky and prog, Kraft and her band conjure an atmospheric swoon that would seem the perfect fit for Faerieworlds; in fact, her music has inspired an entire online world, *Spirits from Norway*, a site dedicated to Scandinavian folklore and representing art and travel ops in that overseas land.

A European sensation since she was 14, Kraft (née Lund Hoel) is a master of the hardanger fiddle, an instrument indigenous to southwestern Norway with upward of nine strings, four of which are bowed while those underneath resonate. The results, under Kraft's nimble stewardship, are enchanting, as in her song "Thisledew," which uses sweeping string work and haunting medieval melodies to evoke the Middle-Earth magic of J.R.R. Tolkien and Terry Brooks.

Along with such luminaries of trance dance-ability as Tierro and The Wicker Men and purveyors of Celtic clang like Omnia, Kraft rounds out a sprightly lineup of music for this bittersweet farewell, at least at this Eugene location, for the festival *Maxim* called "a Bonnaroo staged for Middle Earth."

Martine Kraft plays 9:30 pm Saturday, July 26, at the Faerieworlds' Main Stage; visit faerieworlds.com for more info.
— Rick Levin



LUCKEY'S The Underground Jazz Collective—10pm; \$2
MAC'S Roosters Blues Jam—7pm; n/c
THE O BAR Karaoke—9:30pm
ROARING RAPIDS Eugene Composers Big Band—6:30pm; Jazz, n/c
SAM BOND'S Bluegrass Jam—9pm; n/c
VILLAGE GREEN Neil Johnson—7pm; Solo guitar; n/c
WANDERING GOAT Ekstasis, Lux Interna, Audeamus—8pm; Neofolk, n/c
WHISKEY RIVER RANCH Karaoke—9pm; n/c

WEDNESDAY 7/30

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Karaoke—9pm
AXE & FIDDLE Front Country—8:30pm; Bluegrass, \$5
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 The Donkeys, El Flowious—9pm; \$6
DAVIS Karaoke w/Jared—9pm; n/c
DEXTER LAKE CLUB Acoustic Sessions w/Morin, Sorseth & Lea Jones—7pm; Acoustic, n/c
DOC'S PAD Wildstyle Wednesday w/DJ Sipp—10pm; Top 40, hip hop, n/c
DOMAINE MERIWETHER Bailee Jordyn, Scott Southworth—6pm; 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 Architect—10pm; Hip hop, \$2
MAC'S Jazz & Variety w/Gus Russell & Paul Biondi—6pm; n/c
MAX'S Lonesome Randall—7pm; Rock & roll historian, n/c
MULLIGAN'S Open Mic—8:30pm; Variety, n/c
OLD PAD Trivia Night—9pm; n/c
POUR HOUSE Karaoke—9pm
SAM BOND'S Los Cumbiameros—9pm; Latin dance, \$3-\$5
SCOBERT GARDENS Etouffee—7pm; n/c
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

CORVALLIS

(AND SURROUNDING AREAS)

BIG RIVER

SA Plaeahn-Hino Blues Band—8pm; n/c

BOMBS AWAY CAFE

FR 100 Watt Mind, Patrimony—9pm; \$3
SA In Transit, Matt Combe—9pm; n/c

CLOUD & KELLY'S

SA 5 on the Hour w/Summer Soundtrack—10pm; Don.

EMERSON VINEYARDS

FR Past Forward—7pm; Jazz, \$7

FIREWORKS RESTAURANT

MO Southtown Open Mic—9pm; n/c



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