

MADE FOR YOU

Don't hate **Alexander Cardinale** because he has it dialed in. The songwriter, who also sometimes goes by Xander, is coming off a tour with Melissa Etheridge. Cardinale says the exposure afforded him by touring with an established artist like Etheridge was intoxicating. "It's a performers dream to get to take over a huge stage and have use of full expression," Cardinale tells EW. "Literally, your expressions get bigger; your performance in general gets bigger; thus your energy is higher, you're jumping around; the audience is on their feet. I love that."

Continuing Cardinale's string of good luck is the release of "Made for You," the successful single from his forthcoming *Digital Youth EP*. The song is so expertly drenched in the pop sounds of "now" — acoustic guitars, a soaring, wordless chorus and the campfire sing-along feel of The Lumineers, Mat Kearney, Edward Sharpe or Mumford & Sons — you can almost imagine an accompanying sepia-toned montage of Instagram snapshots.

Cardinale says his intention with the *Digital Youth EP* was to take the listener through his high school relationship, college girlfriend and finally meeting his wife. "I will always want to play 'Made for You' to introduce myself to a new listener," Cardinale says, "I've put everything into this song." He adds, "I'm really proud of the *EP* as a whole."

Playing with Cardinale this time through Eugene is California alt-country group **Dead Winter Carpenters**, touring in support of 2014's *Dirt Nap EP* — blending roots-y harmonies, reckless slide guitar playing, the jingle-jangle of The Byrds and an atmosphere of pure rock 'n' roll.

Alexander Cardinale plays with Dead Winter Carpenters 9 pm Thursday, Jan. 8, at Sam Bond's; \$7. 21-plus — *William Kennedy*



MUSICLISTINGS

WEDNESDAY 12/31

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Karaoke—9pm
AXE & FIDDLE Rocktopia, Disco Dance Party—8:30pm; n/c
B2 BAR Snake Hips—8:30pm; R&B dance grooves, n/c
BILLY MAC'S Christie & McCallum—9pm; Americana, n/c
BLACK FOREST Karaoke—9pm
THE BLIND PIG Karaoke w/Jim Jim—9pm
THE COOLER Hump Night Trivia w/DR Dumass—7pm; n/c

COWFISH "Hump Night" w/ Connor J, Club Bangers—9pm; n/c
DEXTER LAKE CLUB Acoustic Sessions w/Morin, Sorseth & Peter Giri—7pm; Acoustic, n/c
EMBERS Coupe de Ville—8:30pm; Rock, \$5
GRANARY The Sexbots, Elena Leona Project, Stephen Rose, Silver Mogart—7:30pm; Sensual electronica, \$8
THE GREEN ROOM Karaoke—9pm; n/c

HAPPY HOURS Dragstrip Superstar—8:30pm; Party rock, n/c
HULT CENTER Donizetti's *The Elixir of Love*—7:30pm; Opera, \$31-\$79
JERSEY'S Karaoke—8pm; Ladies night, n/c
LUCKEY'S BDST, Jesse Meade, Blue Lotus—9:30pm; \$8, \$5 w/ McDonald Theatre stub
MAC'S Karen Lovely—8pm; \$15 adv., \$18 door
MAX'S Lonesome Randall—7pm; Rock & roll historian, n/c

MCDONALD THEATRE Floydian Slips—9pm; Pink Floyd tribute, \$20 adv., \$25 door
MULLIGAN'S Open Mic—8:30pm; Variety, n/c
OLD PAD Trivia Night—9pm; n/c
OREGON WINE LAB DJ Dan Schmidt—9pm; Vinyl cuts, n/c
POUR HOUSE Karaoke—9pm
ROARING RAPIDS PIZZA George Colligan's Theoretical Planets—7pm; Jazz quartet, n/c
RIVER STOP Heavy Chevy—8:30pm; Blues, soul, rock, n/c
TAYLOR'S BAR & GRILLE DJ Crown—10:30pm; Hip hop, top 40, dance, n/c
TIME OUT TAVERN Bobby Six Crows Henderson & The Rigg'in' Warriors—9pm; Honky tonk, n/c

VALLEY RIVER INN Satin Love Orchstra—8:30pm; Roaring '20s, disco, \$40
VET'S CLUB The Pop Rocks—8pm; \$12 adv., \$15 door
VILLAGE GREEN RESORT Blue Light Special—9pm; Bluegrass, n/c
WOW HALL Birds of Paradise, Sugar Beats, Plantrae, Octonaut, Bedroom Trah, Andrew Mataus, Jackson Myron, Miles Airon, Joel Crane, Nordic, Ghettokraft—8pm; EDM, \$20
YUKON JACK'S The Eddie Butler Band—9pm; Rock, n/c

LEVEL UP DJ food stamp—9pm; Rap, breaks, soul, n/c
LUCKEY'S The Ready Steady Soul Club—6pm, reggae, soul, n/c; Son Melao—9pm; \$5
THE O BAR Karaoke—10pm
O'DONNELL'S Karaoke—9pm
PIZZA RESEARCH INSTITUTE Olem Alves Duo—6:30pm; n/c
PORKY'S PALACE Karaoke—8pm
RAVEN A PUB Karaoke—9pm
SAGINAW VINEYARD Three of Hearts—6pm; Acoustic folk trio, n/c
SAM BOND'S GARAGE McDougall—9:30pm; \$6
SIDE BAR Karaoke—9pm
TRACKSTIRS Karaoke—9pm; n/c
WHITE HORSE SALOON Karaoke—9pm; n/c
YUKON JACK'S The Eddie Butler Band—9pm; Rock, n/c

MONTANA ON THE MOVE

Coty Hogue grew up in a small Montana town of about 850 people with a music-loving family, but the notion of making a living performing for an audience wasn't part of that experience.

It wasn't until college in Bellingham, Washington, that the now-29-year-old began wrapping music into her life in deeper ways, starting with a degree in music and anthropology and then by joining the campus radio station crew. "I knew that I really wanted to have music in my life and to start to play out," she says. "I grew up listening to a bunch of stuff but it was in college that I got into the old-time and bluegrass and acoustic world."

Part of that was thanks to a series of folk music experience courses, where Hogue met fellow student Aaron Guest, who now plays 12-string guitar in the **Coty Hogue Trio** along with mandolin and fiddle player Kat Bula, also a college-town pal. Hogue sings and plays guitar and clawhammer banjo. "Whether it's my originals or cover tunes, it's all in the acoustic Americana-ish vein, with a lot of harmonies," she says. "I love singing with Kat and Aaron. They're both great singers and we do a lot of harmonies."

Hogue's arrangements, whether of her own songs or for amazing covers of Bruce Springsteen ("I'm On Fire") or Fleetwood Mac ("Second Hand News"), are spare, beautiful and thoughtful. The sweeping vistas of her Montana childhood and a sense of spaciousness and connection to nature shine through her songs. It's the kind of honest music you can put on, take a deep breath and relax, knowing you're in good hands.

Corwin Bolt and the Wingnuts join the Coty Hogue Trio 8:30 pm Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Sam Bond's; \$5. The Coty Hogue Trio also plays 8:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 8, at Axe & Fiddle, Cottage Grove; free. 21-plus. —*Vanessa Salvia*



THURSDAY 1/1

B&B LOUNGE Karaoke—9:30pm
BARN LIGHT Karaoke—9pm; n/c
THE BOREAL The May Runners, Keep Still, Fox Hollow, The Shifts—8pm; Pop-punk, indie, melodic hardcore, \$5
THE COOLER Karaoke—10pm
EL TAPATIO CANTINA Karaoke—8pm; n/c
KOWLOON'S Karaoke under the Stars—10pm; n/c
LUCKEY'S Thursday Funk Night—9:30pm; Open jam, \$2
MAX'S DJ Victor—10pm; n/c
THE OLD PAD Karaoke—9pm; n/c
OVERTIME TAVERN West Side Blues Jam—8:30pm; Open jam, n/c
REALITY KITCHEN Acoustic Reality—5pm; Open mic, n/c
RESTOBAR Steven McVay—5pm; n/c

FRIDAY 1/2

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA One Dollar Check—9:30pm; Blues, n/c
AXE & FIDDLE EngraveD, Gladhander—8:30pm; Rock, n/c
BILLY MAC'S Christie & McCallum—7:30pm; Americana, n/c
THE BLIND PIG Karaoke w/Jim Jim—9pm
COWFISH Freek-Nite w/Spector Shmock/The Audio Schizophrenic & Guests—9pm; Juke, n/c
THE DAVIS Olem Alves Trio—6pm; Jazz, n/c
D'S DINER Karaoke—9pm; n/c
EL TAPATIO CANTINA Karaoke w/KJ Rick—9pm; n/c
EMBERS Coupe de Ville—8:30pm; n/c
GRANARY Caribbean Night w/DJ King Toby—10:30pm; Reggae, dancehall, n/c
THE GREEN ROOM Electric Weekends w/DJ Stephen Rose—9pm; Electro house, dub-step, n/c
HILTON HOTEL Aftermath—7pm; Jazz, n/c
JERSEY'S Karaoke—9pm; n/c

SATURDAY 1/3

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Beef Bottom—9:30pm; n/c
AX BILLY GRILL Mike Denny Trio—7pm; n/c
AXE & FIDDLE Ben Hunter & Joe Seamans—8:30pm; Blues, folk, ragtime, n/c
B&B LOUNGE Karaoke—9:30pm
THE CANNERY Open Mic Night—9pm; Acoustic, n/c
COWFISH Michael Human—9pm; EDM, top 40, hip hop
COZMIC Brooks Robertson & John Standefer—7pm; Fingerstyle guitar, \$12 adv., \$16 door
DOC'S PAD Evolve Saturdays—9pm; EDM, hip hop, n/c
DUCK INN Karaoke—10pm
EL TAPATIO CANTINA DJ & Dance Music—9pm; n/c
EMBERS Coupe de Ville—8:30pm; n/c
GRANARY Mystery Train—10pm; Rock, \$3
LEVEL UP DJ Rock 'n' Roll Damnation—9pm; '70s & '80s rock, heavy metal; n/c
LUCKEY'S ISCEE—7pm; GLAM Night—10pm; Dance, \$5
POUR HOUSE Karaoke—9pm
QUACKER'S Ladies Night & DeeJay—9pm; n/c
RAVEN A PUB 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 Tracy Moore & Larry Pattis—7:30pm; Guitar, \$10
WESTEND TAVERN Karaoke—9pm; n/c
WHITE HORSE SALOON Karaoke; Code Red—9pm; n/c