



WEEN WITHOUT GENE

In the '90s, Ween were sort of like Phish's creepy older brother: Phish got your sister high to expand her consciousness, while Ween had more devious intentions.

Nevertheless, Phish and Ween share certain similarities: eclectic songwriting, a Frank Zappa touch for jokes and a buzzing jammy quality, whether the buzzing comes from cheap beer or top-notch weed.

Vintage Ween track "Baby Bitch," off 1994's *Chocolate and Cheese*, both mocks and honors the earnestness of Elliott Smith. "Bananas and Blow" (*White Pepper*, 2000) features corny Jimmy Buffet-style steel drums with Gene Ween singing "Stuck in my cabana, living on bananas and blow." Ween were hardly ever serious, but the band took its sarcasm, and musicianship, seriously.

These days, the other Ween brother and sometimes member of the Moistboyz — Mickey Melchiondo, Jr. (aka Dean Ween) — tours alongside other members of Ween in the **Dean Ween Group**.

The Dean Ween Group plays Ween covers and assorted originals. Notable covers include "Piss up a Rope," from Ween's *12 Golden Country Greats* (1996), an album of country music because, well, *why not?* It is Ween, after all.

Often instrumental, Dean Ween Group tends toward heavy and stony guitar work. But don't get complacent — just when Dean Ween coaxes you into a drowsy, hippie haze, he shocks you back to consciousness with a spikey punk riff. While the original Ween group focused on absurd musical punch lines, Dean Ween Group ranges from spacey and psychedelic, occasionally recalling Pink Floyd, to the kind of ceaseless musical exploration for which Dean Ween is known.

Dean Ween Group plays 9 pm Monday, Oct. 12, at Hi-Fi Music Hall; \$20 adv., \$25 door. 21-plus. — *William Kennedy*

EL TAPATIO CANTINA DJ & Dance Music—9pm; n/c

HAPPY HOURS Christie & McCallum—8pm; n/c

THE JAZZ STATION The Paul Krueger Quintet—7:30pm; \$7-\$10

THE KEG Karaoke—9pm; n/c

LEVEL UP DJ Rock 'n' Roll Damnation—9pm; '70s & '80s rock, heavy metal; n/c

LUCKEY'S Fresh Inc.—10pm; \$5

MAC'S Joanne Broh—8pm; Blues, \$6

MOHAWK TAVERN Code Red—9pm; Rock, country, n/c

NOBLE ESTATE Heavy Chevy Lite—6pm; Rock, funk, soul, n/c

OLD NICK'S PUB Black

Magdalene—9pm; Halloween dance party, \$5

POUR HOUSE Karaoke—9pm

QUACKER'S Ladies Night & DeeJay—9pm; n/c

RAVEN A PUB Karaoke—9pm

RIVER STOP Residual Fear—8pm; n/c

SAM BOND'S GARAGE Dedric Clark & The Social Animals—9:30pm; \$6

TERRITORIAL VINEYARDS Satori Bob—7pm; n/c

TRACKSTIRS Karaoke—9pm; n/c

VANILLA JILL'S Open Mic—7pm; n/c

VET'S CLUB SPFD The Survivors—7pm; Rock, n/c

VILLAGE GREEN Joe Stoddard—9pm; Comedy, n/c

WESTEND TAVERN Karaoke—9pm; n/c

WHITE HORSE SALOON Karaoke—9pm; n/c

WILDCRAFT Rob Garza, DJ Set, Mr. Lif, Sol Seed, Llorona, Bustin Jieber, Will Brown—noon; \$25

WILLAMETTE HIGH SCHOOL Emerald Valley Opry: Jerry Ott, Kim Taylor, S6 Pontiac, Monroe St., Buffalo Romeo—5:15pm; Bethel schools music program fundraiser, \$3-\$6

WOW HALL David Nelson Band, Moonalice—8pm; \$25-\$30

SUNDAY 10/11

AGATE ALLEY BISTRO Karaoke—9pm; n/c

AGRARIAN ALES Strum

Theory—4pm; n/c

BLAIRALLY Game Show! w/Elliott Martinez—10pm; n/c

COWFISH Los Domingos Caliente—9pm; Latin, \$3

HI-FI El Ten Eleven—9pm; Ambient rock, \$13-\$17

HI-FI ENCORE LOUNGE Karaoke—8pm; n/c

HOP VALLEY You Knew Me When—3pm; Blues, folk, n/c

THE JAZZ STATION Sunday Jam—7:30pm; \$5

MCDONALD THEATRE Beirut, Julia Holter—8pm; Balkan-folk, \$32.50-\$35

QUACKERS Karaoke—9pm; n/c

RIVER STOP Open Rock Jam—5pm; n/c

SAM'S Open Mic Night—7pm; n/c

SAM BOND'S GARAGE Cellar Door—Alterna-rock, 8:30pm; \$5

TRAVELER'S COVE Paul Biondi Quartet—6pm; Variety, n/c

VILLAGE GREEN Dave Bach—7pm; Guitar, n/c

THE WEBFOOT Karaoke—9pm

WOW HALL Common Kings, Leilani Wolfgramm, Sammy J, DJ Lagoon—9pm; \$18-\$22

MONDAY 10/12

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Quizzo Pub Trivia w/Dr. Seven Phoenix—9pm; n/c

BLACK FOREST Karaoke w/ Caught in the Act—9pm

BUGSY'S MondayBug—7pm; Acoustic, n/c

COWFISH Qamron Parq—9pm; Moombah, glitch, n/c

DUCK BAR & GRILL OFY Bingo—8:30pm; n/c

HI-FI The Dean Ween Group—9pm; \$20-\$25

HI-FI ENCORE LOUNGE Pro Blues Jam w/Hank Shreve—8pm; n/c

OLD NICK'S Irish Jam—6pm; n/c

PORKY'S PALACE Karaoke—8pm

ROARING RAPIDS Sean Peterson's Ess-tet—7:30pm; Jazz, n/c

SAM BOND'S GARAGE Bingo—9pm; n/c

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