



SAMANTHA CRAIN



CAR SEAT HEADREST

# BB BACK BEAT

MUSIC NEWS &  
NOTES FROM  
DOWN IN THE  
WILLAMETTE  
VALLEY

Like much of the Willamette Valley, the month of January can be tough in Eugene. Most evenings, the wet-cold combo draws one to the comforts of home instead of out on the town to shows.

But buck up, Eugeneans — throw on your polar fleece, put on your Wellies and get thee to some live music. There are loads of great concerts coming up this week.

First off, at 9:30 pm Friday, Jan. 22, **Car Seat Headrest**

hits Sam Bond's Garage. The recently relocated Seattleites are touring in support of 2015's *Teens of Style* — a record packed with staticky indie rock, compelling melodies, Beach Boys-style vocal harmony and just enough punk-rock angst to get you pogo-ing along. Eugene's beloved indie-poppers **Pluto the Planet** support; \$8 door, 21-plus.

Perhaps jam rock flavored with jazz, boogie blues and New Orleans-style piano is more your thing. If so, check out **Andy Frasco** the next night, 9:30 pm Saturday, Jan. 23, also at Sam Bond's. Eugene's groove-rock outfit **Dubious** opens; \$8 door, 21-plus.

Downtown's Hi-Fi Music Hall has a weekend ahead jammed with musical options to make your head spin. At 8 pm Saturday, Jan. 23, Hi-Fi welcomes the neo-classical **Portland Cello Project**, followed by an 11 pm Encore Lounge performance from Seattle's Black Keys-esque indie-blues band **Stubborn Son**; \$12 and FREE, respectively.

Not enough to do on Saturday night? Consider Kentucky's hyper-quiet indie-folk artist **Royal**

**Holland** appearing alongside Eugene's **Entresol** 8 pm at Wandering Goat; \$5, 21-plus.

Also downtown, instrumental jazz-rock band **Sound Tribe Sector 9** appears 8 pm Friday, Jan. 22, at McDonald Theatre. Later in the week, **The Bright Light Social Hour** brings its groovy classic rock to WOW Hall along with **James Supercave**; 8 pm Wednesday, Jan. 27. All ages.

A short drive away, indie-folk singer-songwriter

**Samantha Crain** appears 8:30 pm Thursday, Jan. 21, at Axe & Fiddle, Cottage Grove; FREE (unbelievably, so there's really no excuse), 21-plus. Also at the Fiddle, indie rockers **Golden Boy** perform 8:30 pm Friday, Jan. 22; \$5, 21-plus.

In the world of classical music, **University of Oregon School of Music** vocalists present "Singing Shakespeare" 6 pm Thursday, Jan. 28, at the downtown public library; FREE. — *William Kennedy*



JAMES SUPERCAVE