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Some newsworthy concert announcements this week: On May 25, popular electro-dance act **Disclosure** launches Cuthbert Amphitheatre's outdoor concert season. Let's hope this means more relevant music comes through that beautiful venue this spring and summer. Tickets on sale now.

Also, Chris Robinson of The Black Crowes brings his new project **The Chris Robinson Brotherhood** to Hi-Fi Music Hall April 17. Hi-Fi also scored another major coup by landing legendary metal band **Carcass** for a March 18 show, an off night from its world tour with Slayer. Tickets for both shows on sale now.

And speaking of tickets, it's a cryin' shame **Elvis Costello's** April 16 show at McDonald Theatre isn't sold out. Get on those tickets, Eugene! Elvis deserves a sold-out crowd!

Now, back to the upcoming week: Catch rising L.A. dance-music DJ and producer **Borgeous** along with **Morgan Page** and **Delora** Thursday, Feb. 18, at McDonald Theatre; 18-plus.

ARCO-PDX [Amplified Repertory Chamber Orchestra of Portland] brings the music of Bach, Brahms and Beethoven to WOW Hall 8 pm Friday, Feb. 13; \$10 adv., \$12 door, \$5-\$7 students. ARCO-PDX plays traditional chamber music with a rock 'n' roll attitude.

New York's **Oso Oso** comes to Eugene with its '90s-era indie guitar rock and melodic pop-punk Thursday, Feb. 18, at The Boreal; \$5-\$7. All ages. Performing with Oso Oso is Eugene pop-punk outfit **Southtowne Lanes** and many more. Help Southtowne Lanes celebrate the release of its debut LP *Give Up The Ghost*, out now on Dog Knights Productions.

Also this week, Old Nick's Pub welcomes veteran New York two-tone ska act **The Toasters**. Get ready to skank 9 pm Thursday, Feb. 11; \$10. 21-plus. And on Valentine's Eve, Old Nick's presents Eugene-based Cramps-tribute act **Hot Pearl Snatch** at 9:30 pm Saturday, Feb. 14; \$5. 21-plus.

Speaking of Valentine's Day, Wandering Goat will host an **"Anti-heteropatriarchal Valentine's Bash"** Feb. 13. Appearing is Boston-based transgender musician, artist and activist **Evan Greer** alongside Eugene's **Pegasissy**, **Beat Alice** and more. All acts will perform twice: an early all-ages show at 7 pm and a grownups-only show at 9 pm; \$10-\$15 suggested donation, \$5 students/low-income, nobody turned away for lack of funds.

Head deeper into the Whit and find billowing indie singer-songwriter **Casey Dubie** 9 pm Thursday, Feb. 11, at Sam Bond's; \$5. 21-plus. At 9:30 pm Friday, Feb. 12, Sam Bond's hosts Portland-via-Cottage Grove's rising indie-Americana and bluegrass act **The Harmed Brothers**. Also appearing is Portland's **Redwood Son** and the "psychedelic Motown" and "glam folk" of **Flies with Honey**, also from Cottage Grove. And on Valentine's Day at Sam Bond's don't miss the three-part harmonies, roots-y flourishes and pure-pop melodies of Canadian trio **Belle Starr** at 8:30 pm; \$10. — William Kennedy

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