



DAEDELUS
PHOTO BY TODD COOPER

THREAD THE KNEEDELUS

L.A.-based instrumental jazz-rock outfit **Kneebody** and electronic producer and mutttonchops enthusiast **Daedelus** are the kind of musicians who blow apart any form of genre classification.

“For better or worse, we refuse to be pigeonholed in one sound,” explains Kneebody bassist Kaveh Rastegar of his band’s eclectic tendencies. “You’ll hear music that pulls from elements of EDM, jazz, indie rock and re-contextualizes everything with improvisation.”

Having worked on the same fringes of electronic, jazz and generally uncategorizable music more than a decade, both Daedelus and the Kneebody crew inevitably crossed paths before.

“Since the beginning, we’ve been friends with him and even did some shows with him, but nothing that organized,” Rastegar says. “We’d talked about doing an album, something more focused.”

That long-gestating collaboration at last came to fruition in November 2015 with the release of *Kneedelus*, which found a welcome home on Flying Lotus’ Brainfeeder label. Beyond its mash-up name, the album offers a careful balancing of Kneebody’s cosmic post-bop with Daedelus’ touch for varied sonic textures. Getting that mix right, however, was a complicated process.

“When we started recording, everybody came in with songs that were really formed, and I wondered what he was going to do with this,” Rastegar says. “It sounds like a Kneebody record, but [Daedelus] really deconstructed the performances and remixed it in completely new ways.”

The new challenge for the Kneedelus-hybrid act is to recreate that balance onstage night after night.

“As a band, it takes us out of our natural habitat — just putting someone else in the mix, you’re doing something totally new,” Rastegar says.

Now, after 10 years playing together, Rastegar hopes the producer’s presence onstage will push everyone in new directions. “We’ve been together for a really long time, which forces us to get into the more open improvising that we used to do when we started. Getting into that level of uncertainty is really fun and also really challenging.”

As for what Daedelus brings to the mix: “He’s so great at making music happen with bits of sound, so it’s nice to have that power to hand things over to him, with all the tools he has at his disposal.”

The band will have only played a handful of shows as Kneedelus before heading to WOW Hall this Sunday. “We’ve been amazed at how big it can sound, and also how we’ve gotten it to beautiful, moving sections,” Rastegar says. “This isn’t a Kneebody show, or a Daedelus show; it’ll be a thing on its own.”

Oakland-based multi-instrumentalist and electronic artist **Naytronix** opens for Kneedelus 9 pm Sunday, Feb. 21, at WOW Hall: \$20 adv., \$25 door. — *J.D. Swerzenski*

MOHAWK Karaoke Jenga w/ Jillian—8pm; n/c
MULLIGAN’S Open Mic—7:30pm; n/c
QUACKERS Karaoke—9pm; n/c
RIVER STOP Open Jam Session w/Brian Chevalier—5pm; n/c
SAM BOND’S GARAGE Grace Holmes—8:30pm; \$5
TRAVELER’S COVE Paul Biondi Quartet—6pm; Variety, n/c
TSUNAMI BOOKS Eliza Gilkyson & Nina Gerber—7:30pm; Sold Out
VILLAGE GREEN Dave Bach—7pm; Guitar, n/c
WOW HALL Kneebody + Daedelus—9pm; \$20-\$25

MONDAY 2/22
5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Quizzo Pub Trivia w/Dr. Seven Phoenix—9pm; n/c
BEALL HALL Chamber Music on Campus—7:30pm; n/c
BLACK FOREST Karaoke w/ Cammi—9pm
BUGS’Y’S MondayBug—7pm; Acoustic, n/c
COWFISH Oamron Parq—9pm; Moombah, glitch, n/c

DUCK BAR & GRILL OFY Bingo—8pm; n/c
ELK HORN Trivia Night w/Elliott Martinez—7pm; n/c
EMBERS Karaoke—8pm
FIRST NATIONAL TAPHOUSE Open Mic—8pm; Rock, n/c
PORKY’S PALACE Karaoke—8pm
SAM BOND’S GARAGE Bingo—9pm; n/c
WEBFOOT Twisted Trivia & Beer Pong—7pm; n/c

TUESDAY 2/23
5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Jesse Meade w/Girin Guha—9:30pm; n/c
AXE & FIDDLE Science Pub—5pm; n/c
BEALL HALL Oregon Composers Forum—7:30pm; n/c
THE CITY iPod Night—6pm; n/c
COWFISH DJ Smuve—9pm; Hip hop, dancehall, n/c
COZMIC Wil Blades—10:30pm; \$10-\$12
CUSH Poetry Open Mic—7pm; n/c
DUCK BAR Trivia—7pm; n/c

EMBERS DJ Victor Plays Requests—8pm; n/c
FIRST NATIONAL TAPHOUSE WDYK Trivia—7pm; n/c
GRANARY Christ Stubbs—6pm; Piano, n/c
THE GREEN ROOM Karaoke—9pm
GROWLER UNDERGROUND Trivia w/Mr. Bill—6pm; n/c
HI-FI ENCORE LOUNGE S.H.I.P. Jam—8pm; n/c
HOT MAMA’S WINGS Open Mic—8pm; n/c
LEVEL UP Ninkasi Karaoke Night w/KJ B-Ross—9pm; n/c
LUCKEY’S Amusedays! w/Seth Millstein—10pm; Comedy, n/c
MAC’S Roosters Blues Jam—7pm; n/c
O BAR Karaoke w/Jared—9pm; n/c
ROARING RAPIDS LCC Jazz Party—7pm; n/c
SAM BOND’S GARAGE Bluegrass Jam—9pm; n/c
SIDE BAR Game Night—7pm; n/c
WHITE HORSE SALOON Karaoke w/Slick Nick—9pm; n/c

WEDNESDAY 2/24
5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Karaoke w/Slick Nick—9pm
AASEN-HULL HALL Oregon Percussion Ensemble—8pm; \$5-\$7
AGATE ALLEY BISTRO Lounge Jams w/Bue Brown & Chilly Soup—9pm; Jazz, funk, n/c
BEALL HALL Campus Band—7:30pm; n/c
BLACK FOREST Karaoke w/ Cammi—9pm
THE BLIND PIG Comedy Open Mic w/Cienna Jade—9pm
THE COOLER Hump Night Trivia w/DR Dumass—7pm; n/c
COWFISH West Coast Wednesday w/Ultramafic—9pm; Hip hop, trap, n/c
COZMIC Psy Joda & Cameron—6pm; n/c
HAPPY HOURS Mama Jan’s Blues Jam w/Brian Chevalier—8pm; n/c
HI-FI ENCORE LOUNGE Funk Night—8pm; n/c
JERSEY’S Karaoke—8pm; Ladies night, n/c
KOWLOON Karaoke—9pm; n/c

LUCKEY’S Alvin & the Chipfunks—10pm; \$3
MAC’S Gus Russell & Paul Biondi—6pm; n/c
MAX’S TAVERN Lonesome Randall—7pm; Rock & roll his-torian, n/c
MOHAWK Karaoke w/Jillian—9pm; n/c
MULLIGAN’S Open Mic—8:30pm; Variety, n/c
OLD PAD Trivia Night—9pm; n/c
POUR HOUSE Karaoke w/KJ Mike—9pm
SAM BOND’S GARAGE Left Coast Country—9pm; \$5
THE SHEDD Brian Blade & The Fellowship Band—7:30pm; \$28-\$32
STARLIGHT LOUNGE Quizzo Pub Trivia w/Dr. Seven Phoenix—9pm; n/c
TAYLOR’S BAR & GRILLE DJ Crown—10:30pm; Hip hop, top 40, dance, n/c
WAYWARD LAMB Lip Sync Battle w/Cornel Hardiman—8pm; n/c
WETLANDS BREW PUB OFY Bingo w/Troy & Rude Ruth—8pm; n/c

WILDCRAFT Douce Ambiance—6pm; Jazz guitar, n/c
WILD DUCK WDYK Trivia—7pm; n/c
WOW HALL Jeff Austin Band—9pm; \$17-\$20

CORVALLIS (AND SURROUNDING AREAS)

BOMBS AWAY CAFE
TH Curtis Monette & Columbia County—8:30pm; n/c
FR Paper Wings—10pm; \$5
SA Drag Rag—9pm; n/c
WE The Co-Founder & Ben Blair—8:30pm; n/c

CALAPOOIA BREWING
TH Rough Jazz—7pm; n/c
FR Doug Meyers & Gratitude—8pm; n/c
SA Richard G & Friends—8pm; n/c

CALAPOOIA BREWING
TH Freerange Open Mic—8pm; n/c
FR Milkcrateacademics—10pm; n/c
SA Cherry & The Lowboys—10pm; n/c

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