



# FAIRLY LOCAL

2016 Fair live tunes lineup reflects Eugene scene

**S**urvey Oregon Country Fair 2016's music schedule and find African blues rock 'n' roll with Portland's **Dusu Mali Band** (featuring Ibrahim Kelly, nephew of legendary Mali blues guitarist **Ali Farka Toure**) as well as homegrown indie rock from Eugene's **Ferns** (featuring world-class guitar work from Jake Pavlak, like a red-bearded mix of Johnny Marr of The Smiths and Tony Iommi of Black Sabbath. Unconfirmed rumor has it Ferns are on hiatus after this show, so don't miss 'em!)

**Dusu Mali Band** plays 11 am Friday and Saturday, July 8-9, and 2 pm Sunday, July 9, on the Monkey Palace Stage. **Ferns** play only once at 11 am Saturday, July 9, on the Hoarse Chorale stage at Chela Mela.

Those looking to keep their OCF experience EUG-centric should look into these other locals: Popular Eugene reggae act **Sol Seed** plays 3 pm Saturday, July 9, on the Hoarse Chorale Stage, and **Marv Ellis @ We Tribe** brings its brand of uplifting post-hip-hop, soul, funk and jazz to Monkey Palace Stage 6 pm Sunday, July 10. Both Ellis and Sol Seed are making big inroads regionally and beyond, becoming some of Eugene's biggest musical exports.

Speaking of local exports, how about a whole new style of music? Eugene's **High Step Society** presents their Eugene-innovated sound called "electro-swing" 6:15 pm Friday, July 8, on the Kesey Stage.

In a similar vein, **Alcyon Massive** makes the trip north from Ashland, bringing his "backwoods hip hop" and "roots reggae" to the Front Porch Stage 6 pm Friday, July 8, and again at that same hour Sunday, July 10. Also, don't



miss **Afrolicious**: the Bay-area act plays Afrobeat and Brazilian break-beat funk with an electronic edge at 6 pm Friday, July 8, on the Main Stage.

A couple familiar Portland acts make their pilgrimage to the fair this year. Popular, twin-powered folk-rock act **Shook Twins** perform 2:55 pm (yes, 2:55 pm — why not? It's the Fair) Saturday, July 9, on the Main Stage. And like a *Portlandia* skit run amok, **MarchFourth!** returns with a kaleidoscopic mix of funk, rock, jazz, Afrobeat, Gypsy-brass and big band. **MarchFourth!** performs twice: 6 pm Friday, July 8, at the Monkey Palace and 6 pm Saturday, July 9, on the Main Stage.

And for funky Fair fans, New Orleans **Dumpstaphunk** plays Main Stage 4 pm Sunday, July 10. On the acoustic-string band tip, don't miss **Vince Herman** (Leftover Salmon, Great American Taxi) 5:50 pm Saturday, July 9, on the Blue Moon Stage. And **Scott Law** performs with **Scott James** and **Cosmic Twang** 2:50 pm Friday, July 8, on the Main Stage.

For a complete schedule of live music, including times and stages, visit [oregoncountryfair.com](http://oregoncountryfair.com) or get a copy of the "Peach Pit," the official program for OCF available around town and on Fair grounds. — *William Kennedy*