

Oh **Ben Folds** — you playful, poignant '90s piano poet, you. Think about this: As of Feb. 5, his former band Ben Folds Five's breakthrough album *Whatever and Ever Amen* will be 20 years old. Damn. That means teens have been lying in bed, staring at the ceiling and listening, no, *feeling*, the melancholy hit "Brick" for generations now. But Folds the solo act (and band for that matter) didn't stop in the '90s, and neither should you, listeners. His tender alt-pop continued with *Rockin' the Suburbs* (2001), *Songs for Silverman* (2005) and, most recently, 2015's *So There*, a collaborative album with New York instrumental outfit yMusic. Fans will recognize his signature percussive piano style, but Folds also taps into some big chamber orchestra sounds with a piano concerto. As always, however, Folds is not afraid to delve lyrically into the sad, sentimental stuff. When he performs at McDonald Theatre Oct. 25, it will be just Folds and his piano, and stripped down is perhaps the best way to see this sensitive but cheeky singer-songwriter. — *Alex V. Cipolle*

Ben Folds: And a Piano performs 7 pm Tuesday, Oct. 25, at McDonald Theatre; \$37.50-\$43.



Theater Make Up: Zombies, 10am-1pm, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W. C. St., Spfd., 736-4444. \$10-\$13.

"A Public Spirit: George H. Atkinson's Written Legacy," w/Donald J. Severson, 3pm, downtown library. FREE.

Open Labs: Electronics & Robotics continues. See Thursday, Oct. 20.

LITERARY ARTS Reading & Signing w/N.J. Mahayni (*Ask the Cat*) 2pm, UO Duck Store, 895 E. 13th. FREE.

ON THE AIR Taste of the World w/Wagoma, cooking & cultural program, 9-10am today, 7-8pm Tuesdays, Comcast channel 29.

OUTDOORS/RECREATION Eug/Spfd Mossbacks Volkssport Club: Walk through residential neighborhoods, on boardwalks through wetlands in Happy Valley, 5k & 10k walks, 7am, Willamalane Adult Activity Center, 215 W C St., 726-7169. FREE.

All-Paces Group Run, 9am, Run Hub Northwest, 515 High St., 344-1239. FREE.

Forest Ecology Walk, 10am-noon w/Pat Boleyn. Mount Pisgah Arboretum Visitor Center, 34901 Frank Parrish Rd., 747-3817. \$5. Fall Birding, 9am, Leburg Canal near Walterville, 767-9717. FREE.

GEARs Bicycle Club: Dillard to Pleasant Hill return & Clearwater, 44 mi., medium pace & fast group, 9am, Alton Baker Park

Dungeons & Dragons, roleplaying, 12:30pm, Delight, 538 E. Main, Cottage Grove, info at delightcg@gmail.com. FREE.

SPIRITUAL Contemplative Mass w/Taizé chant, incense &

candlelight, 5:30pm, Church of the Resurrection, 3925 Hilyard St. FREE.

Twisted Root Protogrove, Druidic Ritual & Neopagan Fellowship, 8-10pm, McNail-Riley House, 601 W. 13th Ave., 510-2633. FREE.

THEATER *The Big Meal* continues. See Friday.

Disney's Aladdin Jr. continues. See Friday.

Doctor! Doctor! continues. See Friday.

Juno and the Paycock continues. See Friday.

A Chorus Line continues. See Thursday, Oct. 20.

VOLUNTEER Reed Canary Grass Removal Work Party, 10am-1pm, Mount Pisgah Arboretum, 34901 Frank Parrish Rd., 747-3817. FREE.

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 23
SUNRISE 7:38AM; SUNSET 6:15PM
AVG. HIGH 61; AVG. LOW 39

BENEFIT Community Ecstatic Dance-A Benefit for Community Organizations, 1-3pm, WOW Hall, 291 E. 8th Ave. \$5-\$10 sug. don.

Fiesta & Fundraiser for Cielo de Amor, 4-7pm, Claim 52, 1030 Tyjinn St., 201-9593. Don.

FARMERS MARKETS Fairmount Neighborhood Farmers Market, 10am-2pm, 19th Ave. & Agate St. FREE.

FILM 72 Hour Horror Film competition kick-off, 6-8pm, Level Up, 1290 Oak St. \$35 reg. fee.

FOOD/DRINKS Mimosa Sunday, noon-6pm, Sweet Cheeks Winery, 27007 Briggs Hill Rd.

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