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# MUSICIANS FIGHT BACK

*Eugene musicians organize to prevent sexual assault in the music scene*

Last summer, Portland (and former Eugene) musician Joel Majid admitted on social media he was a sexual predator. The shocking confession garnered national attention, shining a spotlight on sexual assault in music scenes and their subcultures. A cohort of Eugene musicians, led by Jennifer Cheddar, Stephen Buettler and Nick Gamer (Pancho + The Factory), took the opportunity to galvanize.

Gamer was on tour in Charlotte, North Carolina, with his band Japanese Breakfast when the Majid story broke. He saw a “consent poster” on the wall at the venue where his band was playing. The poster defined consent to both venue staff and patrons.

“I took a picture and I put it on my Instagram,” Gamer says, “and thought when I get back home I’m going to put this in every venue possible.”

Soon Eugene Musicians Against Sexual Violence (MASV) formed, first as a Facebook group, Cheddar says, piggybacking on a similar organization in Portland. Now MASV (“We say ‘massive,’” Cheddar explains) hopes to gain nonprofit status as a 501(c)(3), working towards providing Eugene concert venues and bars with consent posters and free test strips used to detect Rohypnol in drinks, also known as “roofies” or the “date-rape drug”.

Majid’s admission drew some accolades but also plenty of criticism. Nevertheless, Cheddar appreciates how the incident drew attention to sexual assault in music communities.

“This is happening between bands; this is happening in venues and in audiences,” she says, “When Nick saw that poster we thought: Why aren’t we doing something like that?”

With the election of Donald Trump casting doubt on the future of social service funding, as well as the president-elect’s cavalier attitude toward sexual assault, the musicians felt the time to act was now — the only response to national politics was to mobilize locally.

Statistics measuring sexual assault within music scenes are hard to come by, but the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN), an anti-sexual violence organization, says two-thirds of sexual assaults go unreported. Womenspace, a Lane County-based domestic and sexual violence support service, says on its website: “One in four women in the United States will be a victim of intimate partner violence at some point in her life.”

Cheddar says MASV seeks to remain results-oriented. “Part of our strategy is to partner with agencies like Womenspace and SASS [Sexual Assault Support Services of Lane County], hopefully having community partners that will work with us to design some kind of program that will be replicated in other cities and other scenes.”

So far, Gamer, Cheddar and Buettler say the support from Eugene-area venues and musicians has been outstanding. Now MASV is throwing a fundraiser, Pancho’s Black Christmas Pageant, an old-fashioned Christmas variety show “for grown-ass adults,” Gamer adds. The show will feature appearances from local bands Athiarchists, Critical Shakes, Betty Jaeger (of Betty & The Boy) and many more performing Christmas originals as well as classic holidays tunes.

It will be “a variety show,” Buettler says, “comedy, burlesque, circus-y,” and all door proceeds will go toward funding MASV becoming an official nonprofit. “We’re going all out,” Gamer adds. ■

*Pancho’s Black Christmas Pageant is 8 pm Friday, Dec.16, at Hi-Fi Music Hall; \$10, 21-plus. The first 50 to arrive get a copy of Pancho’s Xmas Gift For You and free cookies while supplies last. Find the Musicians Against Sexual Violence group on Facebook to get involved.*

# MUSICLISTINGS

## THURSDAY 12/15

**AXE & FIDDLE** Hark Huff—

8:30pm; Singer-songwriter, n/c

**B&B LOUNGE** Karaoke—

9:30pm

**BEERGARDEN** You, Me & Pete—

7:30pm; Rock, n/c

**BLAIRALLY** Indie Music w/DJ

Chuck Cloudz—10pm; \$2

**THE COOLER** Tommy Rocker w/

Foxe & Weasel—8pm; Light

rock, oldies, humor, n/c

**GROWLER UNDERGROUND**

Acoustic Underground Open

Mic—7pm; n/c

**HAPPY HOURS** Crystal Harmony

Karaoke—8:30pm; n/c

**HI-FI LOUNGE** Snow White,

Surfs Drugs—10pm; Psych,

rock, \$5

**THE LOUNGE** Karaoke w/Sassy

Patty—7pm; n/c

**LUCKEY’S** Grateful Dead Jam—

10pm; \$3

**MAX’S** DJ Victor—10pm; Hits,

old standards, requests, n/c

**OLD NICK’S** Wolves in Argyle,

Thadeus Gonzalez, Fabled

Automatic, The Busted Monks—

9pm; Alt-rock, \$5

**SAM BOND’S BREWERY** Two

Lions Band—6pm; Folk, rock,

n/c

**SAM BONDS GARAGE** Ragged

Union, LeMaster Abrams,

Ashleigh Flynn—8:30pm;

Americana, bluegrass, \$5

**SHADOWFOX** Open Mic—8-

10pm; n/c

**TERRITORIAL VINEYARDS** The

Porch Band—7pm; Americana,

n/c

**WHIRLED PIES** Rick Zar—6pm;

Finger-style guitar, n/c

## FRIDAY 12/16

**755 RIVER ROAD** The Lowest

Pair—8; Banjo duo, \$12-\$15

**AXE & FIDDLE** LeMaster

Abrams—8:30pm; n/c

**BILLY MAC’S** Christie &

McCallum—7:30pm; Americana,

n/c

**THE BREWSATION** Scratch Dog

String Band—7:30; Bluegrass,

n/c

**CRESWELL COFFEE** Shelley &

Callan—7pm; Acoustic rock, n/c

**DUCK BAR** Karaoke w/Bre—

9pm; n/c

**EL TAPATIO CANTINA** Karaoke w/

KJ Rick—9pm; n/c

**THE EMBERS** Coupe de Ville—

8:30pm; Rock, n/c

**EUGENE WINE CELLARS** Gus

Russell & Laurie Hammond—

6pm; n/c

**HI-FI LOUNGE** Sonic Bent, Ekko

Base—9:30pm; Progressive

jam, \$5

**HI-FI MUSIC HALL** Pancho’s

Black Xmas Pageant—8pm;

Benefit for MASV, \$10

**JAZZ STATION** Joshua Hettwer

Quintet & the Smooth Richards

Band—7:30pm; Jazz, \$10

**LUCKEY’S** Electric Funeral, Jim

Jones & the Kool-Aids—10pm;

Acoustic metal, \$5

**MOHAWK TAVERN** Live music—

9pm; n/c

**MULLIGAN’S PUB** Daddy

Rabbit—9pm; Rock, n/c

**NOBLE ESTATE URBAN** The

Pickin’ Marmaluckeys—6pm;

Pop, rock, soul, n/c

**OLD NICK’S** Miss Minsky Holiday

Affair w/Real Gone Trio—10pm;

Burlesque variety, \$8

**OREGON WINE LAB** Evan

Belize—7pm; n/c

**SAGINAW VINEYARDS** Richie G &

Ma Beat—6pm; Americana, folk,

n/c

**SAM BOND’S GARAGE** Petunia &

the Vipers—6pm, family friend-

ly, \$5; 8pm, adult suitable, \$10

**SWEET CHEEKS TASTING ROOM**

Peter Almeida & Missing Mass—

6:30pm; Classic, rock, n/c

**TERRITORIAL VINEYARDS**

Joanne Broh—7pm; Blues, n/c

**VALHALLA WINERY** The Henry

Cooper Trio—6pm; n/c

**WHIRLED PIES DOWNTOWN**

MEDGE w/Sabrina—8:30pm;

Middle Eastern dance, \$5

**YUKON JACKS** Eddie Butler &

Nighthawk—9pm; Rock, dance,

n/c

**SATURDAY 12/17**

**AXE & FIDDLE** Castletown—

8:30pm; \$7

**ATRIUM BUILDING** Oregon Tuba

Ensemble—2pm; n/c

**BEERGARDEN** Robert Meade—

7:30pm; Singer-songwriter, n/c

**THE BREWSATION** Perfect

Flavors—7:30; Rock covers, n/c

**CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING**

Concrete Loveseat—7pm;

Winter Solstice concert, \$10

**CITY NIGHTCLUB** Crystal

Harmony Karaoke—9pm; EDM;

n/c

**CRESWELL COFFEE** Tutu Kane,

Richie G, Ma Beat—7pm;

Hawaiian, Americana, \$4

**DEXTER LAKE CLUB** Heavy

Chevy—8pm; Blues, soul,

zydeco, n/c

**THE EMBERS** Coupe de Ville—

8:30pm; Rock, n/c

**EUGENE WINE CELLARS** Gus

Russell & Lyn Burg—6pm; n/c

**HAPPY HOURS** Christie &

McCallum—8:30pm; Americana,

n/c

**HI-FI LOUNGE** McTuff—

10pm; Jazz, funk, \$10

**JAZZ STATION** Kelly Kelso: A

Tribute to Roy Hargrove—

7:30pmpm; Jazz, \$10

**LUCKEY’S** Red Cloud, Psyrup,

Dick Dagger—10pm; Rock,

acoustic, \$5

**MAC’S RESTAURANT &**

**NIGHTCLUB** The Hank Shreve

Band—8pm; Blues, \$8

**MOHAWK TAVERN** Racetrack

Romeos—9pm; Rock, n/c

**OLD NICK’S** Caribbean Night w/

DJ Crown—10pm; Reggae,

dancehall, \$3

**OPAL CENTER** Holiday Variety

Show—7:30pm; n/c

**QUACKER’S** Ladies Night &

DeeJay—9pm; n/c

**RASTA PLUS** Open Mic—7pm;

n/c

**RIVER STOP SPORTS BAR** Rock

Out Cancer Fundraiser w/Alien

Boy, Guilty Pleasures, Pik Six &

Hyding Jeckyl—5pm; Don.

**TIME OUT TAVERN** Ozone

Baby—9pm; Classic rock, n/c

**TRACKSTIRS** Karaoke—9pm;

n/c

**WHIRLED PIES DOWNTOWN**

Scott Pemberton Band—9pm;

Guitar showmanship, funk, \$12

adv., \$15 door

**WILDISH THEATER** Swing Shift

Jazz Orchestra—7:30pm;

Holiday concert, big band, \$25

**WOW HALL** Foghorn Stringband,

Breakers Yard—9pm;

Bluegrass, \$12 adv., \$15 door

**YUKON JACKS** Eddie Butler &

Nighthawk—9pm; Rock, dance,

n/c

**SUNDAY 12/18**

**AXE & FIDDLE** Petunia & the

Vipers—8pm; \$10

**COWFISH** DJ Kalien’s Planet of

Pop—9pm; Hip hop, pop remix,

n/c

**CUSH CAFE** Open Mic—2pm;

n/c

**THE EMBERS** Karaoke—7pm;

n/c

**JAZZ STATION** Sunday Learners

Jam—2:30pm, jazz, \$5; Lisa

Forkish—7:30pm, jazz, \$12

**LUCKEY’S** The Broadway Revue

Burlesque show—10pm; \$5

**MOHAWK TAVERN** Karaoke—

8pm; n/c

**MULLIGANS** Open Mic—

8:30pm; Variety, n/c

**OLD NICK’S** Warhead, Brain

Dead—9pm; Metal, \$5

**RIVER STOP** Open Sunday

Jam—5pm; n/c

**VALHALLA WINERY** Shelley

James & Callan Coleman—

12pm; n/c

## MONDAY 12/19

**BEER GARDEN** Trivia w/Ty

Connor—7pm; n/c

**EMBERS** Karaoke w/Jim Jim &

Sassy Patty—8pm; n/c

**FIRST NATIONAL TAPHOUSE**

Open Mic—8pm; Rock, n/c

**OLD NICK’S** Robert Meade, Paul

Quillen, Kevin Davison—9pm;

Singer-songwriter, n/c

**RIVER STOP** Trivia—6pm; n/c

**SAM BONDS GARAGE** Bingo—

9pm; n/c

**WHIRLED PIES** Now Brothers

Duo—6pm; Sturm & twang, n/c

**TUESDAY 12/20**

**AXE & FIDDLE** Poetry Night—

7pm; n/c

**BEERGARDEN** Trivia w/Ty

Connor—7pm; n/c

**CUSH** Poetry Open Mic—

7:30pm; n/c

**DEXTER LAKE CLUB** Acoustic

Night w/Brian Chevalier—