MUSIC LISTINGS

THURSDAY 1/26

AXE & FIDDLE Ralph White—8:30pm; n/c
B&B LOUNGE Karaoke—9:30pm; n/c
THE BARNLIGHT Karaoke w/Breezy Bee—9pm; n/c
BEERGARDEN Era Coda—7:30pm; Prog, n/c
BLACK FOREST Moon Panda, Kaitlin Sevy—10pm; Rock, n/c
DEXTER LAKE CLUB Karaoke w/Jared—9pm; n/c
HAPPY HOURS Crystal Harmony Karaoke—8:30pm; n/c
HI-FI Martin Sexton—8pm; $25
HULT CENTER Barber Piano Concerto—8pm; $21-$66
IZAKAYA OYAZI ToadFace—10pm; $5
LUCKEY'S Grateful Dead Family Jam—10pm; Dead covers, $3
MAC'S Shreve, Jones, Shreve Project—6pm; Blues, variety, n/c
MAX'S DJ Victor—10pm; Hits, old standards, requests, n/c
OLD NICK'S John Prine Sing Along—6pm; $5 [Jargon, Thom Simon, Sacred Trees—9pm; Funk rock, psych, $3-$5]
SAM BOND'S GARAGE David Olney w/Daniel Seymour & Ellis Moore—8pm; $8-$10
SHADOWFOX Open Mic—8pm; n/c
TERRITORIAL VINEYARDS Spencer & Friends—7pm; Jazz guitar, n/c
WHIRLED PIES DOWNTOWN Perriguenalia—6pm; n/c

FRIDAY 1/27

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Dubious Rubes—9:30pm; n/c
AXE & FIDDLE Something Like Seduction—8:30pm; Reggae, alt rock, n/c
BLAIRALLY Church of '80s w/Chris, Jen & John—8pm; '80s vinyl, $3
BREWSTATION Vantage—7:30pm; Rock ballads, n/c
BRONCO SALOON Karaoke w/Lindsey—9pm; n/c
COWFISH Rascal Cabaret—8pm; $5
CRESWELL COFFEE The Corn Stalkers—7pm; Blues, rockability, $4
THE DAVIS DJ Crown—10pm, Hip hop, dance, reggaeton, $5
DOC'S PAD Karaoke w/KJ Power—9pm; n/c
DUCK BAR Karaoke w/Breezy Bee—9pm; n/c
DRIFTWOOD BAR Karaoke w/Slick Nick—9pm; n/c
EL TAPATIO CANTINA Karaoke w/KJ Rick—9pm; n/c
THE EMBERS Coupe De Ville—8:30pm; n/c
HAPPY HOURS Living the Dream—8pm; Rock, n/c
IZAKAYA OYAZI Zac Wolfe—6pm; n/c
JAZZ STATION Frank Poloney Jazz Flute Project—7:30pm, Jazz, $10
JERSEY'S Karaoke w/Sassy Patty—9pm; n/c
KEG TAVERN Karaoke w/J'Lynn—9pm; n/c
LUCKEY'S Ready Steady Soul Club—9:30pm; Soul dance party, $3
MAC'S The Blues Club Project—8pm; Blues, soul, $6
MOHAWK TAVERN Schwing—9pm; Rock, n/c
NINKASI Blues to Cure the Blues w/Breaker's Yard—7pm; WellMama fundraiser, $60
OAKSHIRE Fiddlin' Sue Band—4:30pm; n/c
OLD NICK'S Reggae Vinyl Spin—5-8:30pm; n/c [An Empty Room, Fox Medicine, Orchards, Pacifico—9pm; Ambient doom, $5]
RAGOZZINO HALL Ben Wendel—7:30pm; Jazz, $10-$20
RIVER STOP Ramblin' Roberts—8pm; n/c
SAGINAW VINEYARD Richie G & MA Beat—6pm; Americana, n/c
THE SHEDD Herb Alpert & Lana Hall—7:30pm; $35-$53
TERRITORIAL VINEYARDS GE04—7pm; Jazz, n/c
VALHALLA WINERY Henry Cooper Duo—6pm; n/c
WHIRLED PIES DOWNTOWN Dan Cioper—6pm; n/c
WHITE HORSE SALOON Karaoke w/KJ Mike—9pm, n/c
WILDCRAFT CIDER WORKS Amblin—6pm, n/c
WOW HALL Ladysmith Black Mamabazo—8pm; African a cappella, $21-$33

SATURDAY 1/28

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Inner Limits—9:30pm; n/c
ATRIUM BUILDING Eugene Peace Choir—2pm; n/c
AXE & FIDDLE David Olney—8:30pm; $8
BEALL HALL LCC Big Band—5:30pm; Jazz, $5-$7
BEERGARDEN Spectrum Lake—7:30pm; Dream surf, n/c
BREWSTATION Restless Souls—7:30pm; Rock, n/c
CITY NIGHTCLUB Crystal Harmony Karaoke—9pm; EDM, n/c
CUSH CAFE Open Mic, 2pm; n/c
DEXTER LAKE CLUB Daddy Rabbit—8pm; Oldies, n/c
DOC'S PAD Karaoke w/KJ Power—9pm; n/c
DRIFTWOOD BAR Karaoke w/Slick Nick—9pm; n/c
DUCK BAR Karaoke w/Breezy Bee—9pm; n/c
THE EMBERS Coupe De Ville—8:30pm; n/c
HAPPY HOURS Parish Gap—9pm; Rock covers, n/c
IZAKAYA OYAZI "Nobody Listens to Techno" w/Luke Mandala—10pm; $7-$10
JAZZ STATION Oregon Jazz Festival After Hours Jam—8pm, Jazz, $10
KEG TAVERN Dance Music w/J'Lynn—9pm; n/c
LUCKEY'S Thom Simon, Human Ottoman, Era Coda—10pm; $5
MAC'S The Blues Harp Showdown w/Hank Shreve, Bill Rhoades, Henry Cooper—8pm; $8
MOHAWK TAVERN Countrywide—9pm; Country, n/c
OLD NICK'S Scoundrel Prince Lounge—10pm; Drums & bass, $3
RASTA PLUS Open Mic—7pm; n/c
TIME OUT TAVERN Ozone Baby—9pm; n/c
TRACKSTIRS Karaoke w/BIG E—9pm; n/c
TSUNAMI BOOKS Tess Altiveros & Elisabeth Ellis—5pm; Chamber music, $10 sug. don.
WHIRLED PIES DOWNTOWN Garcia Birthday Band—9:30pm, Psychedelic jam, $10-$12
WHITE HORSE SALOON Karaoke w/KJ Mike—9pm; n/c
WOW HALL High Step Society, Soul Vibrator, Mr. Moo—8pm, High Step CD release party, $10-$12

SUNDAY 1/29

AGATE ALLEY BISTRO Karaoke w/Breezy Bee—9pm; n/c
AXE & FIDDLE DJ Rock n Roll Damnation—7pm; n/c
BEALL HALL Phantasm—7pm; $10-$45
COWFISH DJ Kalien's Planet of Pop—9pm; Hip hop, remix, n/c
CUSH CAFE Open Mic—2pm; n/c
THE EMBERS Karaoke w/Sassy Patty—7pm; n/c
JAZZ STATION Sunday Jam hosted by Adam Carlson—2:30pm, Jazz, $5 don.
MOHAWK TAVERN Karaoke w/KJ Mike—8pm; n/c
MULLIGANS Open Mic—8:30pm; Variety, n/c
OLD NICK'S Rue Snider, Jake McNeillie & Company, Jaron Yancey—9pm; Americana, punk, n/c
TSUNAMI BOOKS Adam Miller—3pm; Songs & stories of Woody Guthrie, $10
WEBFOOT Karaoke w/KJ Power—9pm; n/c

MONDAY 1/30

AXE & FIDDLE DJ Rock n Roll Damnation—7pm, n/c
BLACK FOREST Karaoke w/KJ Power—9pm; n/c
CENTENNIAL STEAK HOUSE Karaoke w/Dominic—8pm; n/c
OLD NICK'S Irish Jam—6pm; n/c
OREGON WINE LAB Barbara Healy Trio—5pm; Blues, n/c
WHIRLED PIES DOWNTOWN The Toasters—9pm; Ska, $13-$15

TUESDAY 1/31

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Jesse Meade w/Girin Guha—9:30pm; n/c
CUSH CAFE Poetry Open Mic—7:30pm; n/c
THE EMBERS DJ Victor—8pm; Current hits, standards, requests, n/c
HOT MAMA'S WINGS Open Mic—8pm; n/c
LEVEL UP Karaoke w/Kade—9pm; n/c
MAC'S Roosters Blues Jam w/Skip Jones & Byron Case—7pm; n/c
MCDONALD THEATRE Switchfoot—3pm; $33-$53
MULLIGAN'S PUB Steve Ibach—8pm; acoustic, eclectic, n/c
O BAR Karaoke w/Jared—9pm; n/c
OLD NICK'S Ancestors in Training—9pm; Reggae, $7
SAM BONDS GARAGE Bluegrass Jam—9pm; n/c
UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH Delgani String Quartet—7:30pm; $10-$25
WOW HALL Tribal Seeds, Raging Fyah, Nattali Rize—8pm, Reggae, $13-$15

WEDNESDAY 2/1

5TH ST. CORNUCOPIA Karaoke w/Slick Nick—9pm; n/c
BLACK FOREST Karaoke w/KJ Powers—9pm; n/c
BREW & CUE Karaoke w/Crystal Harmony—9pm; n/c
THE COOLER Karaoke w/Caught in the Act—9pm; n/c
HAPPY HOURS Mama Jan's Blues Jam w/Brian Chevalier—8pm; n/c
HI-FI LOUNGE Zoso—8pm; Led Zeppelin tribute, $16-$20
JERSEY'S Karaoke w/Sassy Patty—8pm; n/c
LUCKEY'S Alvin & the Chipfunks—10pm; Funk, open jam, $3
MAX'S TAVERN Lonesome Randall—7pm; n/c
MOHAWK TAVERN Karaoke—9pm; n/c
MULLIGANS Open Mic—8:30pm; variety, n/c
OLD NICK'S Johanna Warren, Wyndham, Lola Kirk, Megan Johns—8pm; Psych, folk, $7

CORVALLIS AND THE REGION

BOMBS AWAY CAFE
TH Free Range Open Mic—8:30pm; n/c
FR Human Ottoman, Gazelle(s)—9:30pm; $5
SA The Kosmos—9:30pm; $5
BUGSY'S
FR & SA Outlaw Sunshine—9pm; Country, n/c
MAJESTIC THEATRE
FR & SA Flamenco Pacifico—7:30pm; $28-$30
TRAVELER'S COVE
FR Peter Giri Trio—6pm; Rock, n/c

HIGH STEPPIN'

From the opening moments of **High Step Society**'s eponymous debut LP, the listener is dropped down a dust-cloaked chute and spit into a netherworld of speakeasy freedom. The astoundingly visual 10-track album depicts a fever dream of futurist phantasmagoria — robotics at war with compressed air and brass.

You can almost smell the oil and grease, feel the spark plugs bursting with life as the production line churns toward high gear. A moment of birth, or electronic rebirth, then the pulse sweeps in and you bump through coiling cigarette smoke toward the tinny psycho wails of growl and plunger squealing beyond.

As electro-swing goes, this is far from run-of-the-mill. Whereas typical acts within this genre consist of a single sample-wizard and hundreds of hours on Ableton Live, High Step Society brings a full band into that played-out scene and opens it up to new possibilities.

Rebecca Conner's sultry voice drifts over the thump in welcoming swaths, keeping what would otherwise be an instrumental record from growing tiresome. Of course, the instrumentals play their part. Produced by Nara Reicher and Ethan Rainwater — samples and bass, respectively — a clear and concise vision has been realized.

Clocking in at 40 minutes, the album plays long enough to suck you in without any shortchange of repetition. After the jaunty thrill of side one, the last five tracks seem to meld together — a dizzying spell of spaced psychosis, with only your heartbeat driving the dance.

Recorded at Eugene's own Track Town Records and mixed in the Whit by Victor De Souza Franca, the LP is evidence that Eugene's music world could have proper production value if only the interminable acoustic scene would give way to a century shift.

Believe your ears, folks, this new record from the High Step Society is lit. Expect to hear these jams around town after Saturday's big release party.

High Step Society's album launch with **Doors**, **Soul Vibrator** and **Mr Moo** starts 8 pm Saturday, Jan. 28, at WOW Hall; $10 adv., $12 door — *Andy Valentine*