

INDIE ROCK PROBLEM CHILD

Imagine the burgeoning '90s-era Pacific Northwest indie rock scene as a classroom. Then imagine former Cottage Grove resident Isaac Brock of **Modest Mouse** as the hyperactive, erratic yet undeniably brilliant kid at the back of that classroom — the kid who, despite expectations, goes ahead and produces an indie rock masterpiece in the form of 1997's *The Lonesome Crowded West*.

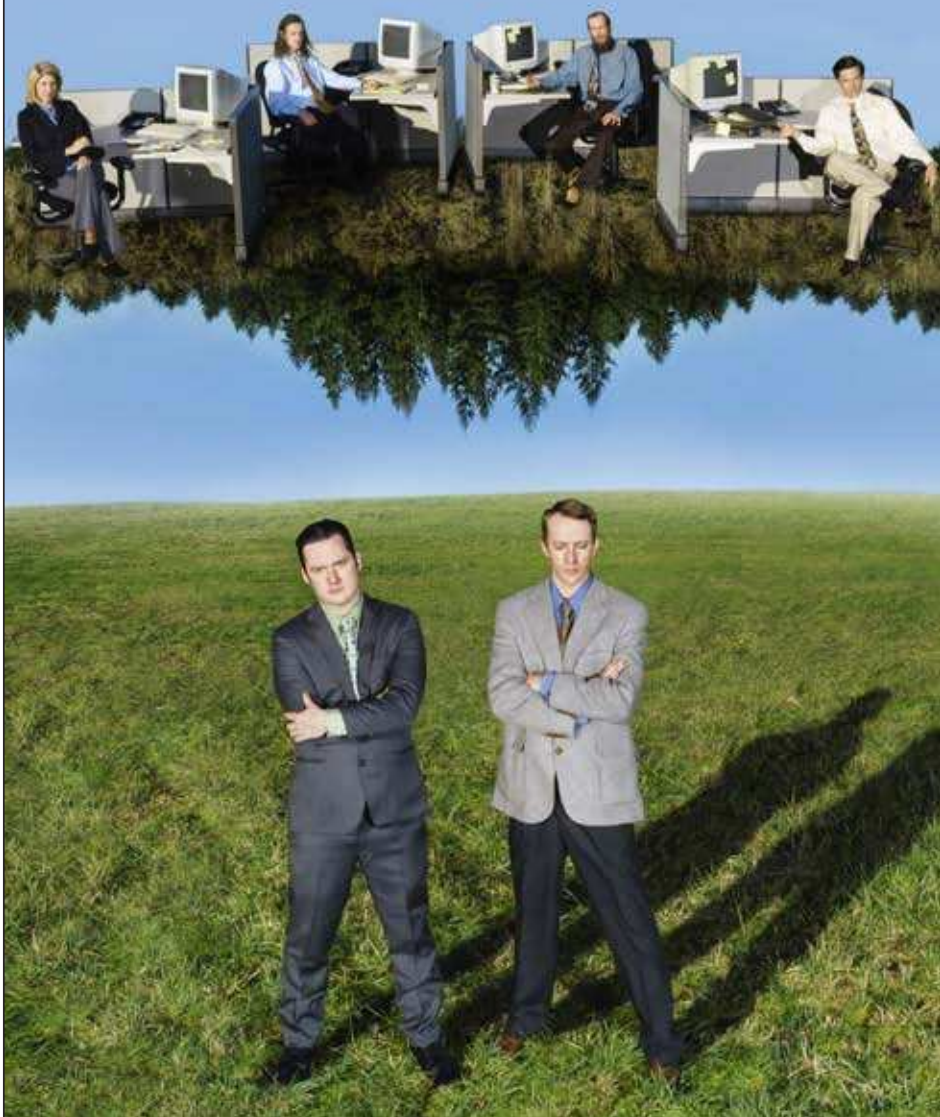
That record is what Modest Mouse does best: simple and raw, mysterious and knowable, grooves both angular and danceable. And Brock — a little Black Francis, a little Kurt Cobain, but mostly just his gloriously weird, abrasive self — acting as a shouting carnival barker, curating a show of his own making, riding his squealing guitar work into the sunset.

In 2004 Modest Mouse scored a bona-fide mainstream hit with the infectious single "Float On." But it wasn't until '07 that they earned their true rock 'n' roll stripes, enlisting The Smiths' Johnny Marr for *We Were Dead Before The Ship Even Sank* — itself a masterpiece of indie rock gone mainstream, on par with crossover attempts from legends like REM and U2.

At first blush, Marr seemed like an unlikely ally for Modest Mouse. But both Brock and Marr have guitar sounds unquestionably their own, and Marr added some gravitas to Brock's inability to musically sit still.

In the end, life's greatest offense for the smart kid at back of the class is for the subject to grow dull, and 2015's *Strangers to Ourselves* shows Brock not just mellowing out but — despite some of the old magic showing up on tracks like "Lampshades on Fire" — growing disinterested in the riotous dumpster fire he creates so naturally.

Modest Mouse plays with **Mattress** 8 pm Wednesday, May 24, at Cuthbert Amphitheater; \$45 advance, \$50 gate, all-ages. — *Will Kennedy*



MUSIC LISTINGS

THURSDAY 5/18

AXE & FIDDLE A-Mac & the Height—8:30pm; folk, reggae, hip-hop, n/c

B&B LOUNGE Karaoke—9:30pm; n/c

THE BARNLIGHT Karaoke w/ Breezy Bee—9pm; n/c

BEERGARDEN Aaron Crawford—7:30pm; country, n/c

COWFISH Purrsday w/Kitty Trap—9pm; bass, house, trap, dubstep, n/c

DEXTER LAKE CLUB Karaoke w/ Jared—9pm; n/c

HAPPY HOURS Crystal Harmony Karaoke—8:30pm; n/c

HI-FI LOUNGE Jargon, The Critical Shakes, The Beepsters—10pm; \$5

JAZZ STATION Koko & Karma Duo—7:30pm; jazz, \$12

LUCKEY'S Grateful Dead Family Jam—10pm; dead covers, open jam, \$3

MAC'S Makindu Children's Program Bunko Night—5:30pm; fundraiser, sug. don. \$30

MAX'S DJ Victor—10pm; hits, old standards, requests, n/c

MCSHANE'S Acoustic Underground Open Mic—7:30pm; n/c

OKASHIRE Corwin Bolt & The Wingnuts—5:30pm; total mind folk, n/c

OLD NICK'S Eugene Order of Steel Happy Hour Bout—6pm; n/c. Rainwalkers, Manchino—9pm; rock, southern rock, \$5

OVERTIME BAR & GRILL Blues Jam w/Brian James, Dave Roberts, Leopp & Cooper—7pm; n/c

POKER LOUNGE Karaoke w/ Sassy Patty—7pm; n/c

SAM BOND'S GARAGE Caitlin Jemma, Bart Budwig, Rebecca Connor—9pm; acoustic, singer-songwriter, \$7

SHADOWFOX Open Mic—8pm; n/c

THE SHEDD My Lucky Star: Nacio Herb Brown & Arthur Freed—7:30pm; Emerald City Jazz Kings 2016-17 season, \$18-\$30

TERRITORIAL VINEYARDS The Porch Band—7pm; n/c

WAYWARD LAMB EDM In The Den—10pm; DJ, dancing, n/c before 11, after \$3

WHIRLED PIES DOWNTOWN Whirled Music Series ft. Rick Zar—6pm; 12-string finger-style guitarist, n/c

FRIDAY 5/19

AXE & FIDDLE The Midnight Darlins, The Poorhouse Millionaires—8:30pm; doo wop twang, roots, \$5

BLAIRALLY Church of the 80s w/Chris, Jen & John—8pm; 80s vinyl, \$3

BREWSTATION men from surf—7:30pm; surf, rock, n/c

BRONCO SALOON Karaoke w/ Lindsey—9pm; n/c

CLAIM 52 ABBEY Monday Morning Denial—5:30pm; n/c

COWFISH SPOC-3PO—9pm; dance-pop, underground, \$5

DOC'S PAD Karaoke w/KJ Power—9pm; n/c

DOUGHERTY DANCE THEATRE Dema African Dance & Drumming Ensemble—8pm; \$12, n/c for UO students

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 The Survivors—9pm; 50s to 90s classic rock, variety, n/c

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH On The Rocks Spring Alumni Show ft. Peter Hollens—7:30pm; UO Acapella group, \$5-\$10

FRIENDLY ST MARKET Loftan Duo—6pm; n/c

HI-FI LOUNGE Cedar Teeth, WORTH—7pm; \$8-\$10. Shwar Town, Michael Orbit, Chris Undermind, Ceez, Schlep—10pm; \$5-\$7

JAZZ STATION Smokin' Jukebox w/Dona Clarke & Ryan Nason—7:30pm; jazz, \$10

JERSEY'S Karaoke w/Sassy Patty—9pm; n/c

KEG TAVERN Karaoke w/J'Lynn—9pm; n/c

LAVELLE WINE BAR Coupe De Ville—6:30pm; n/c

LUCKEY'S The Great Cover-Up!—9pm; GTFF benefit, rotating bands & covers all night, \$5

MAC'S My Band ft. Darlene Jackson—8pm; variety, \$6

MOHAWK TAVERN Racetrack Romeos—9pm; rock, n/c

MULLIGAN'S Daddy Rabbit—9pm; rock & roll, originals, covers, n/c

NOBLE ESTATE URBAN Peter Giri & Lloyd Tolbert—6pm; classic rock, n/c

O BAR Karaoke w/Jared—9pm; n/c

OREGON WINE LAB Richie G & MA Beats—7pm; n/c

SAGINAW VINEYARD Blue Light Special—6pm; n/c

SALSEROS DANCE STUDIO Live Salsa music w/Salsa Nova—10pm; \$12

SAM BOND'S GARAGE GRRRLZ ROCK SHOWCASE—9:30pm; \$5

SPFD ELKS BTM Karaoke—8pm; everyone welcome, n/c

TERRITORIAL VINEYARDS Jobe Woosley & Co—7pm; n/c

UNITY OF THE VALLEY Holly Near Trio w/Jorah LeFleur—7:30pm; benefit for Womenspace, \$25-\$28

WHIRLED PIES DOWNTOWN Aloha Friday—6pm; Hawaiian open mic, presentation, n/c

WHITE HORSE SALOON Karaoke w/KJ Mike—9pm; n/c

WINE BAR Coupe De Ville—6:30pm; n/c

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BEALL CONCERT HALL Women's Choral Society presents "Sail Away!"—3pm; \$6-\$20

BEERGARDEN The Stringbreakers—7:30pm; bluegrass, n/c

BREW & CUE Sassy Patty, BTM Karaoke—9pm; n/c

BREWSTATION Tatiama—7:30pm; rock & ballad covers, n/c

CITY NIGHTCLUB Crystal Harmony Karaoke—9pm; EDM, n/c

COWFISH Michael Human—9pm; hip-hop, electro, \$5

CUSH CAFE Open Mic—2pm; n/c

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THE EMBERS The Survivors—9pm; 50s to 90s classic rock, variety, n/c

HI-FI LOUNGE Kikagaku Moyo, Sugar Candy Mountain, Snow White—10pm; \$10-\$12

HULT CENTER University Spring Concert at the Hult—7pm; \$5-\$10. Soromundi: Lesbian Chorus of Eugene spring concert—7:30pm; choral, \$22

JAZZ STATION Chris Orsinger Trio—7:30pm; jazz, \$10

KEG TAVERN Dance Music w/J'Lynn—9pm; n/c

THE LOUNGE Eugene Warm Up Party—9pm; special performances, special DJ, \$7

LUCKEY'S Jack McNeil & Co., Esoterik, Espermaschine—10pm; gothic, darkwave, \$5

MAC'S RIFFLE—8pm; blues, rock, R&B, \$5

MOHAWK TAVERN Rock & Rewind—9pm; rock, n/c

NOBLE ESTATE URBAN Llorona—6pm; Meximericana, R&B, n/c

OKASHIRE Just Duet—6pm; folk, n/c

OLD NICK'S Women & Children First benefit for Planned Parenthood, The Libertine Belles, Norma Fraser Reggae Band, Martita Santiago Flamenco Troup & Miss Minsky's Burlesque Troupe—6pm; sug. don. \$10-\$30

RIVER RD BAPTIST CHURCH Inspirational Sounds Gospel Choir—4pm; n/c

SAM BOND'S GARAGE Abandon Shoe, Black Delany, Rachelle Dechelle—9:30pm; indie-rock, acoustic, \$5

SATURDAY MARKET Aruna Beth Miriam Rose—10am; n/c. OCC Prelude Choir—11am; n/c. The Alves Brothers—noon; n/c. Richie G. & MaBeat—1pm; n/c. The Dirty Dandelions—2pm; n/c. Jerry Zybach & The Blues Kats—3:30pm; n/c

QUACKER'S Ladies Night & DeeJay—9pm; n/c

SATURDAY 5/20

755 RIVER RD Moody Little Sister w/Sandy Holder & Percy Franklin—8pm; \$10-\$12

AXE & FIDDLE KIDZ ROCK—5pm; \$1-\$20 don.

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