

BLACK FOREST Karaoke w/KJ Powers—9pm; n/c
THE COOLER Karaoke w/Caught in the Act—9pm; n/c
COWFISH Local DJ Review—9pm; n/c
HAPPY HOURS Mama Jan's Blues Jam w/Brian Chevalier—8pm; n/c
HI-FI LOUNGE Funk Night—10pm; funk jam, n/c
ISLAND HUT Karaoke w/Jared—5pm; n/c
JERSEY'S Karaoke w/Sassy Patty—8pm; n/c
LUCKEY'S Wednesday Night Groove Sessions w/The Sunday Bump!—10pm; funk, jazz, open jam, \$3
MAC'S Gus Russell & Paul Biondi—6pm; jazz, variety, n/c
MAX'S Lonesome Randall—7pm; rock n roll historian, n/c

MOHAWK TAVERN Karaoke w/Caught in the Act—9pm; n/c
MULLIGAN'S PUB Open Mic—8:30pm; variety, n/c
OLD NICK'S Eugene Order of Steel Happy Hour Bout—7pm; n/c
TENTS, The Shifts, Connor & My Friends—9pm; indie, rock, folk, \$5
THE POKER LOUNGE DJ'd Party Nights—8pm; 2-4 local DJs playing techno, house, pop, etc., n/c
SAM BOND'S GARAGE Laney Lou & The Bird Dogs, Erik Ledbetter—9pm; alt-string band, acoustic, \$5
SIDELINES SPORTS BAR Karaoke w/Mike—9pm; n/c
THE SHEDD An Old-Fashioned Christmas—7:30pm; \$24-\$34

SOUTH EUGENE HS AUDITORIUM Eugene-Spfd Youth Orchestras 2017 Winter Concert Series led by Dr. David Jacobs—7:30pm; \$5-\$10, kids 12 & under n/c
WESTEND TAVERN Karaoke—9pm; n/c

CORVALLIS & THE REGION
LINN-BENTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE — Albany
TH Fall choral concert "Whispered & Revealed"—7:30pm; \$7-\$10
WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY — Salem
SU John Doan, "Christmas Unplugged - Reclaiming the Holiday Spirit"—7pm; \$10-\$18



TRUTHFUL MASKS

In 1891, Oscar Wilde wrote: "Man is least himself when he talks in his own person. Give him a mask, and he will tell you the truth." This evokes mysterious electronic musician **Slow Magic** (nobody's sure who he really is), who performs behind a multi-colored animal mask, never revealing his true face. The popular producer stops in Eugene behind his latest release *Float*.

Wearing a mask seems to free Slow Magic, bringing a level of rawness to his live performance, moving him closer than many to an audience reared on electronic music as a live experience rather than the strict domain of the recording studio. Slow Magic recorded *Float* in northern Europe, and there's more vocal work than usual from Tropics, Kate Boy and Peter Silberman of Antlers.

What's always present is Magic's nimble manipulation of sounds existing somewhere between ambient and concrete musical ideas. Slow Magic draws equally from modern electronica, soul, hip hop, worldly textures and new age music, and there's even some neo-classical on the track "Diamond Ring." Like a lot of current EDM, Slow Magic frequently builds to some kind of alarm or perhaps catharsis, sonic climaxes building as synthesized sounds crescendo, reaching peaks heightened and stretched by digital technology.

"I wanted to capture the raw sounds and feelings and freedom of my first albums," Slow Magic says via press release. "I let the songs write themselves without forcing them to go anywhere they didn't naturally go."

Float is optimistic, youthful and triumphant, explaining the popularity of artists like Slow Magic with younger music fans. Slow Magic tries on musical masks from behind his shielded visage, which also sounds like the fundamental process of growing up.

"Young people, who are still uncertain of their identity," poet W.H. Auden wrote, "often try on a succession of masks in the hope of finding the one which suits them — the one, in fact, which is not a mask."

Slow Magic performs with **Point Point** and **Orion** 9 pm Sunday, Dec. 3, at WOW Hall, \$15 advance, \$18 door, all-ages. — *Will Kennedy*

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