

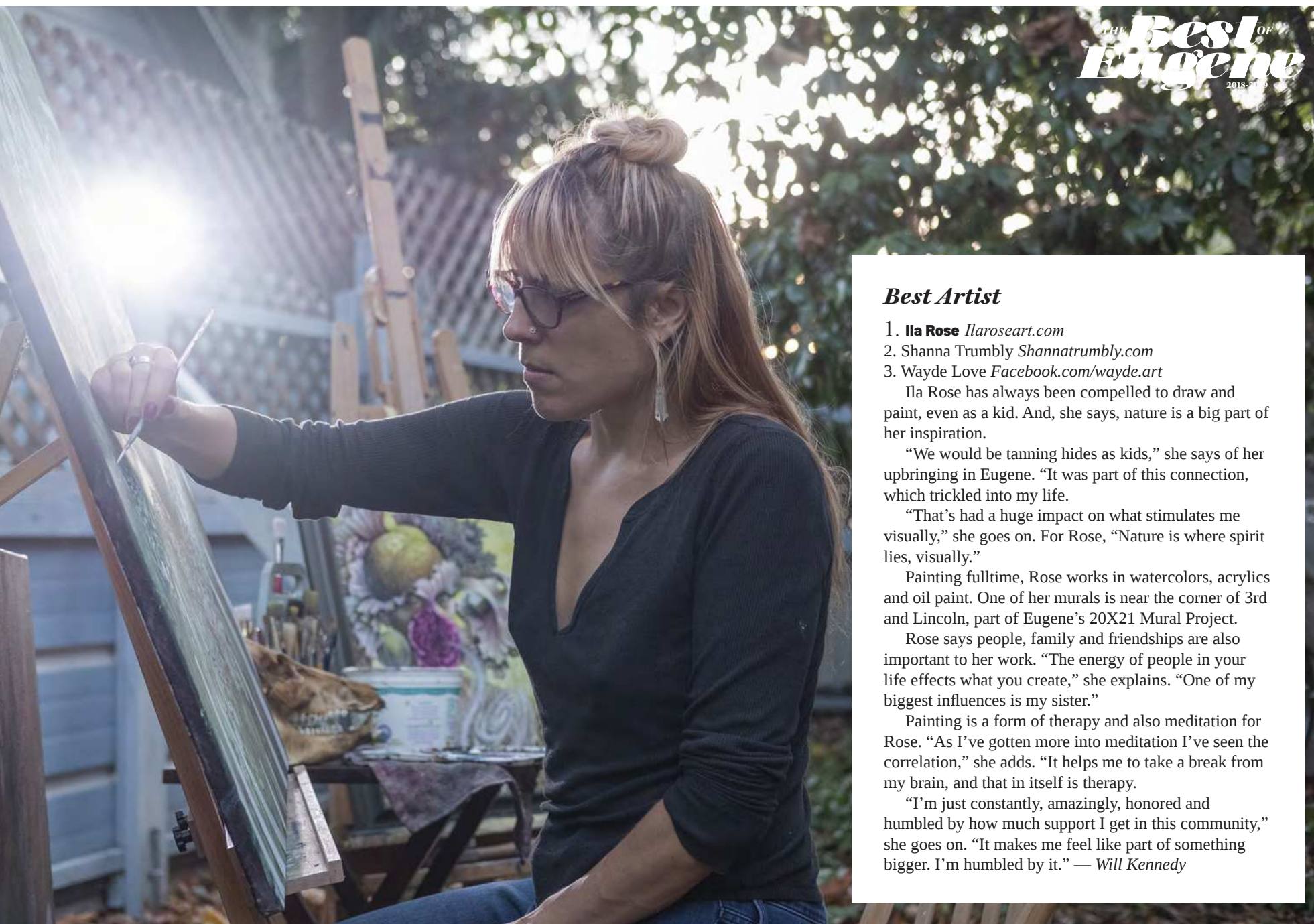


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Best Artist

1. **Ila Rose** Ilaroseart.com
2. Shanna Trumbly Shannatrumbly.com
3. Wayde Love Facebook.com/wayde.art

Ila Rose has always been compelled to draw and paint, even as a kid. And, she says, nature is a big part of her inspiration.

“We would be tanning hides as kids,” she says of her upbringing in Eugene. “It was part of this connection, which trickled into my life.

“That’s had a huge impact on what stimulates me visually,” she goes on. For Rose, “Nature is where spirit lies, visually.”

Painting fulltime, Rose works in watercolors, acrylics and oil paint. One of her murals is near the corner of 3rd and Lincoln, part of Eugene’s 20X21 Mural Project.

Rose says people, family and friendships are also important to her work. “The energy of people in your life effects what you create,” she explains. “One of my biggest influences is my sister.”

Painting is a form of therapy and also meditation for Rose. “As I’ve gotten more into meditation I’ve seen the correlation,” she adds. “It helps me to take a break from my brain, and that in itself is therapy.

“I’m just constantly, amazingly, honored and humbled by how much support I get in this community,” she goes on. “It makes me feel like part of something bigger. I’m humbled by it.” — *Will Kennedy*

Best Local Band

1. **Fortune’s Folly** Fortunesfollyband.com.
2. Sol Seed Solseedmusic.com.
3. High Step Society Highstepsociety.com.

Described as “the love-child of Red Hot Chili Peppers and No Doubt” on their Facebook page, Fortune’s Folly has been tearin’ up the Eugene music scene since 2015. The group, fronted by Calysta Cheyenne (also the winner of our best singer/songwriter category), has an undeniably energetic and powerful stage presence that is bound to leave you dancing. The band is super-excited about the win, which they also landed last year. “Being chosen for this, especially for the second consecutive year, is a huge honor,” Alex Koleber, the group’s drummer, says. “The amazing people who support us and our music made this happen and we can’t thank them enough.”

He adds: “Eugene has a strong community of musicians and music-lovers who support each other and make it a great place to be a band.” — *Meerah Powell*

Best Live Music Venue

1. **Cuthbert Amphitheater** 2300 Leo Harris Parkway. 541-762-8099. Thecuthbert.com.
2. Hi-Fi Music Hall & Lounge 44 E. 7th Avenue. 541-345-4434. Hifimusichall.com.
3. McDonald Theatre 1010 Willamette Street. 541-345-4442. Mcdonaldtheatre.com.

Best Local Singer/Songwriter

1. **Calysta Cheyenne** Fortunesfollyband.com.
2. Halie Loren Halieloren.com.
3. Tesstamona Facebook.com/tesstamona.

Best DJ (Music)

1. **DJ Food Stamp** Facebook.com/DJ-food-stamp.
2. Jon Smith Facebook.com/DJjonsmith.
3. Connah Jay (Connor J. Sullivan) Soundcloud.com.connahjay.

Best Local Food Market

1. **Lane County Farmer’s Market** Oak Street & E. 8th Avenue. 541-431-4923. Lanecountyfarmersmarket.org.
2. Kiva 125 W. 11th Avenue. 541-342-8666. Kivagrocery.com.
3. Sundance 748 E. 24th Avenue. 541-343-9142. Sundan-cenaturalfoods.com.

Best Veterinarian

1. **Animal Health Associates** 2835 Willamette Street. 541-345-1544. Aha.vet.
2. Q Street Animal Hospital 235 Q Street, Springfield. 541-746-8491. Qstreetanimalhospital.com.
3. Amazon Park Animal Clinic 725 E. 25th Avenue. 541-485-0161. Amazonparkvet.com.

Best Body Mod Business

1. **High Priestess** 525 E. 13th Avenue. 541-343-3311. 210 W. 6th Avenue. 541-342-6585. Highpriestess.com.
2. Northwest Tattoo 142 E. 13th Avenue. 541-393-6570. Nwtattoo.com.
3. Anchored Ink 160 E. 18th Avenue. 541-790-9566. Facebook.com/Anchoredinktattoo.

Best Drag Queen

1. **Slutashia** Facebook.com/Slutashia.
2. Karess Ann Slaughter Facebook.com/glamazonseugene.
3. Monique La Faye Facebook.com/missmoniquelafaye.

In the past few years, the drag scene in Eugene has exploded, opening the door for new performers and events to make their way on to the scene. Slutashia has quickly become a Eugene household name, hosting The Slutashia Exxxperience at Cowfish several times a year. Along with performing, Slutashia is also a recording artist and YouTuber, as are many famous queens.

“It was such an honor to find out I was nominated for Best Drag Queen of Eugene,” she says. “Drag has given me

the strength to be the entertainer I have always dreamed of being. I know this is only the beginning for me and I love all the support I have received from the people of Eugene.”

Catch her at her next event, Drag-4-Hunger, a benefit for FOOD for Lane County, 8:30 pm Friday, Nov. 30, at Cowfish (62 W. Broadway).

And catch some perennial favorites and gorgeous drag queens — second- and third-place winners Glamazons’ Karess Ann Slaughter and Monique La Faye — every first and third Friday at Cowfish at 9:30 pm and midnight. — *Amber Cecil*

Best Actor/Actress

1. **Storm Kennedy** Stormkennedy.com.
2. Colin Gray. Facebook.com/colintheroo.
3. Evynne Hollens Evynnehollens.com.

You might say that Lisa Wilken has taken Eugene theater by storm — by “Storm Kennedy,” that is, Wilken’s professional and stage name around town for most of three decades.

A 1981 graduate of South Eugene High School, Kennedy headed to the Big Apple to pursue a career in modeling. She was discovered, theatrically speaking, while lunching at a New York eatery — shades of Lana Turner and the Schwab’s Pharmacy soda counter — when a man walked up to her table and asked whether she was an actress. Turned out he wasn’t a creep, and she ended up performing at Don’t Tell Mama, a popular Restaurant Row cabaret where she played Gloriana in “A Visit With the Muse.”

More roles didn’t land easily in her lap, though, and she moved back to Eugene in the late 1980s, working most of her career in television and radio. The name “Storm Kennedy” came with a weather job at radio KMGE, known in those days as Magic 94.

Over the years she’s performed in a variety of media, including film: As an extra, she once stood next to Warren Beatty in a scene in *The Pickup Artist*. “You can see the

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