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Two Festivals, One Weekend

OUR MUSIC WRITER PICKS HIS FAVORITE ACTS
AT THE WHIT'S BLOCK PARTY AND PICKATHON

By Will Kennedy

Music fans, you're in luck. This weekend offers two live music festivals to choose from.

The Whiteaker Block Party, an annual celebration of the people and music that help put the Whit on the map, runs all day Saturday, Aug. 3. It offers the best opportunity to catch all sorts of local bands you've been hearing about all year.

There's also Pickathon up the road near Portland, an independent music fest that gains in popularity every year, featuring some of music's most popular names.

If you're staying in town for the Block Party, start your day with the rockabilly and punk of **Real Gone Trio** at noon on the G-Spot stage. Then head over to

the Ninkasi Stage at 1:30 pm for the pure FM-radio pop of **The Graduating Class**. Catch Graduating Class now before they're burning up your next Spotify playlist.

Or instead, see **Dimly Lit** at 1:10 pm on the G Spot Stage. For a pleasant comedown, check out some darkwave with **Stariana** at 3:55 pm on the Main Stage, while **Daddy Rabbit** plays '50s and '60s covers and originals with a punk-rock twist at 2:20 pm on the Cornerstone stage.

Also on the Cornerstone stage is **Brittany Bailey** at 3:30 pm, **JD Miller and the Broken Heart Rodeo** at 5 pm and **Yeehawk** at 7:30 pm, all representing Eugene's emerging classic country scene.

Back over on the main stage, **Ferns** play indie rock at 5:05 pm, **Red Cloud** plays heavy rock at 5:20 pm on

Uncle Brad's Secret Stage, and at 5:50 pm **Surfs Drugs** play the G-Spot Stage. You never know what Surfs Drugs have in store, but it's always weird.

The Whiteaker Block Party is free.

If you're in the mood for a road trip, Pickathon features plenty of great music to choose from. (At least Pickathon goes for four days, so in theory it's possible to catch both the Block Party and Pickathon.)

First, moody Portland rockers **Soft Kill** play the Galaxy Barn at 1:20 am on Thursday, Aug. 1, because at Pickathon, the party goes all night long.

Other Pickathon must-sees include **Flasher** at 6:40 pm, featuring members of Priests, New Zealand indie rockers **The Beths** at 10 pm, and **Viagra Boys** 1:20 am. All three play the Galaxy Barn, Friday, Aug. 2.

Also on Aug. 2, there's **Black Belt Eagle Scout** at 4:20 pm at the Lucky Barn as well as **Sneaks** at 7:40 pm on the Woods Stage. **Laura Veirs** plays Aug. 2 at 2:40 pm at the Lucky Barn.

On Saturday, Aug. 3, don't miss **Nap Eyes** at 5 pm as well as Eugene metalheads **Yob** at 10 pm, both at the Galaxy Barn. In addition, **Lambchop** plays Lucky Barn at 7:40 pm and **Khruangbin** plays the Woods Stage at 9:20 pm.

Rounding out the last day of the festival is **Julia Jacklin** at 10:15 pm on the Starlight Stage and **Nathaniel Rateliff** at 11 pm on the Woods Stage.

For complete music lineups of either the Whiteaker Block Party or Pickathon, go to whiteakerblockparty.com or pickathon.com. Pickathon is a ticketed event.



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