

By RON BALDWIN FOR COAST WEEKEND

usic festivals were once as scarce as hens' teeth on the North Coast. Not anymore.

The third annual Manzanita Music Festival takes place Friday and Saturday, Sept. 14 and 15. Mu-

sic starts at 1 p.m on both days.
The venues are all in downtown Manzanita and within walking distance: the San Dune Pub and MacGregor's Whiskey Bar, both on Laneda Avenue, and A Mighty Thai on Manzanita Avenue.



R&B guitarist Michael Williams, of the Michael Williams Band.

## Line-up

The big news at the festival is the Michael Williams Band.

The son of Texas blues singer Larry "Junior Medlow" Williams, Michael is a member of the legendary Austin band The Cobras.

After his father's death in 1997, Michael did what many young Texas blues men have done: move to Seattle. It wasn't long before he was dubbed "the next Jimi Hendrix." (One thing that distinguishes Williams from all the other "next Jimi Hendrixes": He persuaded real Hendrix producer Eddie Kramer to come out of retirement to produce his second album "Fire Red.")

The Michael Williams Band headlines both nights at the San Dune Pub. Tony "TC" Coleman — the drummer from B.B. King's band for 29 years who now lives

## **IF YOU GO**

When: Friday and Saturday, Sept. 14-15. Music begins at 1 p.m. both days.

Where: San Dune Pub, 127 Laneda Ave.; MacGregor's Whiskey Bar, 387 Laneda Avenue; A Mighty Thai, 725 Manzanita Ave.

**Tickets** and performance times are available at manzanitamusicfestival.org