

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

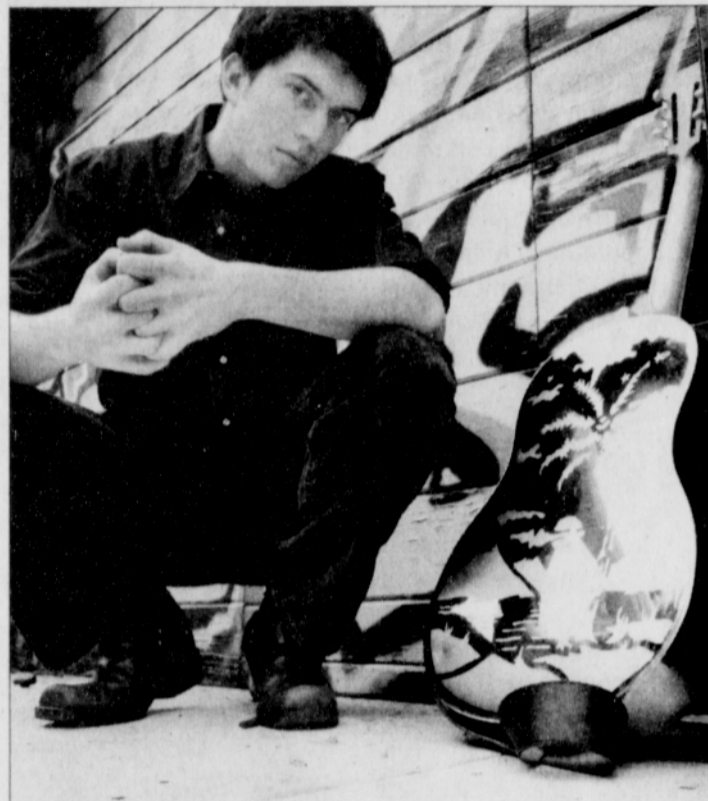
## Laid-back Soul and Blues

### Boz Scaggs teams up for Sunday concert

Blowing in like a cool summer breeze, Boz Scaggs brings his smooth, laid-back soul sound to the Oregon Zoo, Sunday, Aug. 17, at 7 p.m., as part of the zoo's summer concert series presented by Fred Meyer and Wells Fargo. Opening the show is 24-year-old blues prodigy David Jacobs-Strain.

Scaggs began playing guitar when he was 12, and found a musical kindred spirit in his prep-school friend Steve Miller. In 1967, he joined the Steve Miller Band as a guitarist. After playing on the group's first two records, "Children of the Future" and "Sailor," Scaggs left to pursue a solo career.

Scaggs attained widespread



Blues prodigy David Jacobs-Strain is from Eugene.

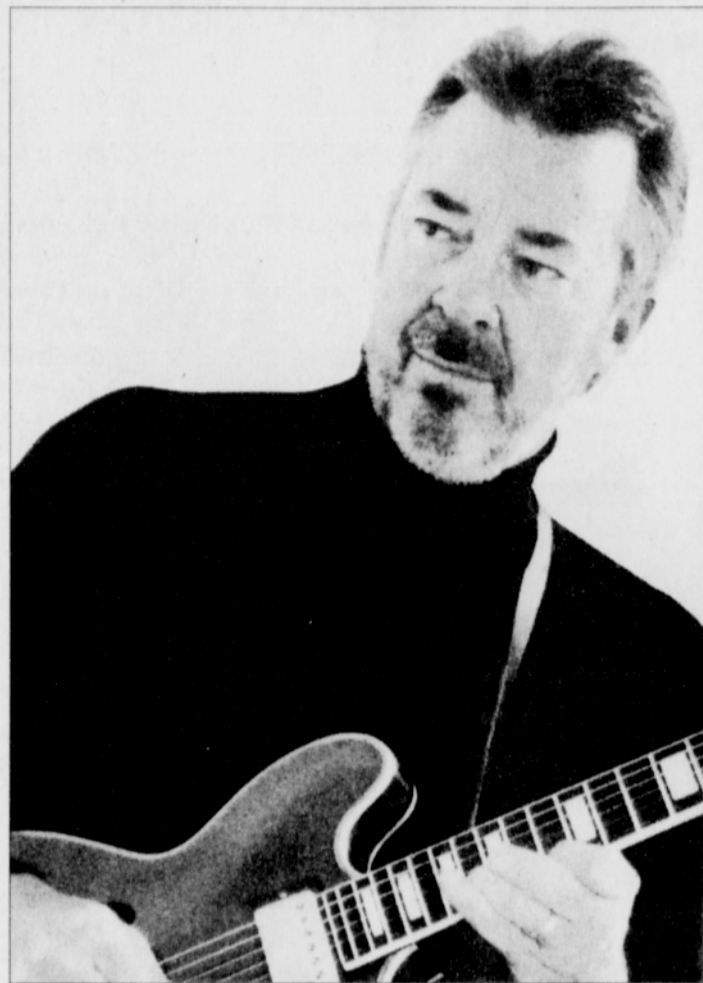
commercial success in 1976 with "Silk Degrees." Featuring a soaring, soulful voice that Rolling Stone said "could easily hold its own on any street corner in New York," the album reached No. 2 on the pop charts and featured hits like "Lowdown" and "Lido Shuffle."

Like Scaggs, Jacobs-Strain flexed his musical muscles at a very young age. At 9, he purchased a guitar at a garage sale and became enraptured with the folk scene of his hometown of Eugene.

After seeing a Taj Mahal concert, Jacobs-Strain gravitated toward the blues. He released his first album, "Skin and Bones," while still in high school.

Tickets for the concert can be purchased at the Oregon Zoo for \$24 each.

Tickets can also be purchased with service charge online or at Ticketmaster locations.



Boz Scaggs will perform Sunday at the Oregon Zoo.



Local DJ O.G. One has returned to Portland's airwaves.

### Hip Hop DJ Back on Air

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### Usher Cleans House

Amid disappointing sales for his new album, R&B singer Usher has cleaned house, parting ways with his manager and publicist.

In a short statement issued by his LaFace/Zomba label, it was announced last week that the artist "has dissolved his management arrangement with Benny Medina and has re-engaged (his mother) Jonnetta Patton as his manager."

Patton managed her son until May 2007. He then hired Medina, who also manages Mariah Carey. The industry veteran was integral in the launch of Usher's album, "Here I Stand." In 10 weeks, it has sold 948,000 units in the United States, according to Nielsen SoundScan. It's the No. 8 best-selling album of 2008 so far. However, it hasn't come close



Usher

to matching the gaudy numbers of its predecessor, 2004's "Confessions," which sold 3.77 million copies in its first 10 weeks and is at 9.6 million to date.

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