Bandcampin': Good stuff for your ears

BY BEN SALMON • For The Bulletin

andcamp is an online music platform used largely by independent artists and record labels to stream songs and sell merchandise. It's also a vibrant virtual community teeming with interesting sounds just waiting to be discovered. Each week, I'll highlight three releases available on the site that are well worth your time and attention. If you find something you dig, please consider supporting the artist with a purchase.

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SPECTRAL WOUND, "A Diabolic Thirst"

Like a lot of musical genres, black metal has evolved and mutated and splintered off into different directions over the past few decades, so now we have subgenres like symphonic black metal and blackgaze and black 'n' roll. But there are some bands still out there doing it like their forebears. One of those bands is Montreal's Spectral Wound, whose new album, "A Diabolic Thirst," is a wallto-wall, pedal-to-the-metal ripper, supercharged with an electrical storm of guitars, a bazillion blast beats and a howling demonic beast handling the vocals. Put this record on and let it peel the paint off the walls of your personal hell.

WURLD SERIES, "What's Growing"

If you're a faithful reader of Bandcampin', you know oblique, '90s-style indie rock is one of my musical comfort zones. I grew up on the original stuff

(Pavement, for example), and now I can't resist contemporary bands that draw from that old sound. Here, then, is Wurld Series, a four-piece from Christchurch, New Zealand, whose Bandcamp page touts their "skewed pop sensibility and lo-fi production aesthetic."

Doesn't that sound like Pavement? You bet it does, and so does Wurld Series, and that's OK. They're putting their own spin on a familiar form, and as a result "What's Growing?" is warm and wonderful and incredibly promising.

ORIGAMI ANGEL, "Gami Gang"

"Gami Gang" may have the simplest album cover art in

recent memory, but the music contained within is a 50-minute fireworks display of maximalist pop-punk that's just brimming with good ideas.

Origami Angel are two dudes (Ryland Heagy and Pat Doherty) from the Washington D.C. area blessed with a bottomless supply of hooks and the skills to deploy them wherever they want — in the n melodies, the caffeinated guitar parts, even the unpredictable rhythms that form the back-

incredible vocal

bone of their sound. Constantly teetering on the

razor's edge between "lots of fun" and "a bit too silly," "Gami Gang" ends up just being a total blast.

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THURSDAY 5/6

Just Us: Duo Jeff and Julie Carter will perform classic soft-rock covers and some original songs mixed in. Advance tickets required, no door sales; 5-7 p.m.; \$10; Faith, Hope and Charity Vineyards, 70450 NW Lower Valley Drive, Terrebonne; go.evvnt.com/777062-1 or 541-526-5075.

Faisal: The country band will perform on the outdoor stage; 5-8 p.m.; tickets required; General Duffy's Waterhole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; eventbrite.com

Skillethead: The local bluegrass band will perform; 6-8 p.m.; River's Place, 787 NE Purcell Blvd., Bend; go.evvnt.com/777005-0

An Evening with Wil Kinky: The rock, blues and soul artist will perform; 6-8 p.m.; The Brown Owl, 550 SW Industrial Way, Bend; go.evvnt.com/773405-0 or 541-797-6581.

Keb' Mo': The blues artist will perform live from City Winery in New York City; 6:30-8:30 p.m.; \$20; online; go.evvnt.com/777612-1 or 541-317-0700.



High Desert Nights feat. Mari, Third Seven, Sam

Kaiser: The local musicians will perform; 6-9 p.m.; Bunk+Brew Historic Lucas House, 42 NW Hawthorne Ave., Bend; go.evvnt.com/777751-0 or 458-202-1090.

Reno & Cindy: The local duo will perform. Advance tickets required, no door sales; 6-9 p.m.; \$10; Faith, Hope and Charity Vineyards, 70450 NW Lower Valley Drive, Terrebonne; go.evvnt.com/777068-1 or 541-526-5075

Kelly Farrell: The country artist will perform; 6:30-8 p.m.; Midtown Yacht Club, 1661 NE Fourth St., Bend; go.evvnt.com/777784-0

Countryfied: The country band will perform; 6:30-9:30 p.m.; \$15; General Duffy's Waterhole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; eventbrite.com

Saucy: The party rock band performs; 7-10 p.m.; The Horseshoe Tavern, 410 N. Main St., Prineville; go.evvnt.com/777715-0 or 541-447-9932.

Spring Sessions — Retro Night with Superball: The classic rock band will play '70s hits live on the outdoor stage and be live streamed on the Worthy Facebook page; 7-9 p.m.; Worthy Brewing Company, 495 NE Bellevue Drive, Bend; go.evvnt.com/772378-0

SATURDAY 5/8

Juju Eyeball: The local Beatles tribute band will

perform in the garden market; 4-7 p.m.; Schilling's Garden Market, 64640 Old Bend Redmond Highway, Bend; go.evvnt.com/777798-0 or 541-610-5921.

3 of We: The local rock trio will perform; 5-7 p.m.; Crux Fermentation Project, 50 SW Division St., Bend; go.evvnt.com/777759-0 or 541-385-3333.

DJPK: The local singer-songwriter Pete Kartsounes takes on a new persona and a new funky style; 5-7 p.m.; River's Place, 787 NE Purcell Blvd., Bend; go.evvnt.com/777017-0

Saturdays in the Yard with Arthur Buezo: The savage folk artist performs in the hostel's outdoor space; 6-8 p.m.; Bunk+Brew Historic Lucas House, 42 NW Hawthorne Ave., Bend; go.evvnt.com/777748-0 or 458-202-1090.

John Shipe & Mark Ransom: The Americana duo will perform on the patio. Reservations accepted; 6-8:30 p.m.; Sisters Depot, 250 W. Cascade Ave., Sisters; go.evvnt.com/777726-0 or 541-904-4660.

Karyn Ann: The indie-folk singer-songwriter will perform; 6-8 p.m.; On Tap, 1424 NE Cushing Drive, Bend; go.evvnt.com/777649-0

Spring Sessions — Travis Ehrenstrom: The roots rocker will perform live on the outdoor stage (and

celebrate his birthday), concert will also be live streamed on the Worthy Facebook Page; 6-8 p.m.; Worthy Brewing Company, 495 NE Bellevue Drive, Bend; go.evvnt.com/772379-0

The Woodsmen: The country, bluegrass, jazz and blues band will perform; 6:30-9:30 p.m.; \$10; General Duffy's Waterhole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Redmond; eventbrite.com

SUNDAY 5/9

MUSIC & MORE AT LOCAL NIGHTSPOTS THIS WEEK

Michalis Patterson: The folk-rock artist will perform on the patio; 5-7 p.m.; The Brown Owl, 550 SW Industrial Way, Bend; go.evvnt.com/777764-0 or 541-797-6581.

Coyote Willow: The roots duo performs; 6-8 p.m.; River's Place, 787 NE Purcell Blvd., Bend; go.evvnt. com/777022-0

WEDNESDAY 5/12

Spring Sessions — Barringer & Baker: The duo will perform a variety of music from the 1960s through '80s. Concert will also be live streamed on the Worthy Facebook page; 6-8 p.m.; Worthy Brewing Company, 495 NE Bellevue Drive, Bend; go.evvnt. com/772381-0