

# music notes

## Charley Crockett will bring country music to Midtown Ballroom

You and I could sit down over a cold one and debate who's the best country singer in the world right now, and neither of us would be right or wrong. There's no right or wrong answer to such a question, of course.

But if one of us was touting Charley Crockett as the world's best country singer, that person would have a pretty strong argument.

Crockett's from the borderlands of Texas, and he cut his teeth performing on the street in cities across the world. Eventually, he evolved into a top-shelf blues- and soul-tinged country singer with a dusky tone to his voice and a preference for traditional sounds and throwback vibes.

Crockett rules, in other words, and he'll roll into Bend Thursday night for a show at the Midtown Ballroom. If you want to go,

here's hoping you already have a ticket, because this one's sold out.

### Charley Crockett, with Vincent Neil Emerson:

Sold out, 8 p.m. Thursday, doors open 7 p.m., Midtown Ballroom, 51 NW Greenwood Ave., Bend, midtownballroom.com.

## The Hu will visit Bend

The Hu sound like the centerpiece of an old comedy bit: "The Hu are playing Bend's Midtown Ballroom next week."

"Who?"

"That's right!"

In fact, The Hu is a band from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia that uses traditional Mon-



Charley Crockett

golian instruments to whip up a frenzied blend of folk music, rock 'n' roll, heavy metal, deeply resonant throat singing and Mongolian war cries. In 2019, they became the first Mongolian musical act to top a Billboard chart when their song "Wolf Totem" reached No. 1 on the Hard Rock Digital Song Sales list.

Their music is boisterous, droning and heavily percussive, like tribal chanting set to symphonic rock. They shred in ways that feel new and unique, and yet strangely familiar at the same time.

Also, I just realized their name is a play

on The Who.

**The Hu:** \$27.50, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, doors open 7 p.m., Midtown Ballroom, 51 NW Greenwood Ave., Bend, midtownballroom.com.

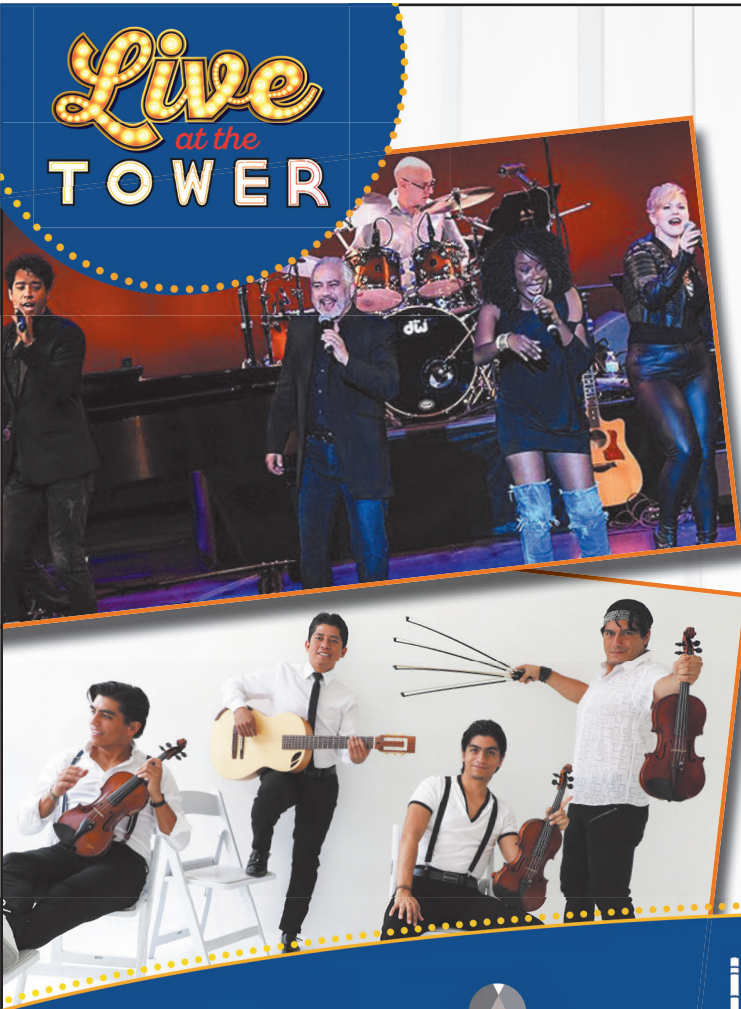
## Worthy will host Bryan Bielanski

If nothing else, Bryan Bielanski is unafraid of setting a high bar for his music. The North Carolina singer-songwriter's bio starts like this:

"Imagine Nirvana and the Beatles had a kid together who became an acoustic rock singer-songwriter: that's Bryan Bielanski!"

If you take a spin through Bielanski's 2022 album "Bryan's Super Happy Fun Time II," you can hear slivers of the Beatles' pop instinct and psych predilections, plus a healthy dose of Nirvana's melodic angst surfacing regularly in the guy's strummy rock songs.

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