WISHBONE ASH FEATURING ARGUS LIVE

On Tuesday, March 10, the Community Center for the Performing Arts proudly welcomes Wishbone Ash to the WOW Hall. For this special show, Wishbone Ash will perform their landmark album, Argus, in its entirety.

Wishbone Ash celebrates a half-century of guitar power in 2020. Formed in October 1969 in London, England, Wishbone Ash is one of the most influential guitar acts included Springsteen, Kiss and Aerosmith. With a new album, "Blowin' Free", it was on "Argus", just released, they are currently being discovered by new generations of rock fans.

The album's iconic cover design is one of Hipgnosis' legendary works - a sentry surging a misty landscape - encapsulating the imagery of 'The Warrior' on the cover, the one-eyed watcher. Ironically, DJ Last Word will play first. Tickets are $20 in advance, $25 day of show and $50 VIP. Doors open at 7:30 pm and showtime is 8:00.

By Gabriel Gonzaga-Valenzuela

Attention all hip-hop heads! Brother Ali (aka Jason Newman) makes his return to the historic WOW Hall on Saturday, February 15, with special guests Open Mike Eagle and DJ Last Word.

Brother Ali has earned widespread critical acclaim for his deeply personal, socially conscious and inspiring brand of hip-hop. Newman brought underground rap into the forefront of national media by voicing his American struggle.

As a political activist, Brother Ali uses his platform to entice conversation. In "Uncle Sam Goodama", which garnered five million views on YouTube, Ali references "Bloodshed, genocide, rape and fraud written to the pages of the law, good lord."

Since 2007, Brother Ali has released four albums and one EP that have charted on the Billboard 200. His chart-topping success prompted global tours. Ali made national television appearances on The Late Late Show, Late Night with Conan O'Brien, and Late Night with Jimmy Fallon alongside The Roots.

In times of viral fame and an expedited ladder to the top, Brother Ali took no shortcuts. He has been performing since the 90s alongside acts like Talib Kweli, Atmosphere, Immortal Technique, Killer Mike, Chuck D and 9th Wonder. Ali earned his spot on the stage, sustained success and became a global rap icon.

Brother Ali's unique perspective derives from his religion, skin condition and race. Through intricate storytelling, Brother Ali continues to elicit deep emotion and question American ideals. His latest project, Secrets & Escapes, concentrates on his growth as a husband and father.

Open Mike Eagle was a member of California's Project Blowed collective before going solo in 2010.

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A SHOWCASE OF NORTHWEST PERFORMERS

FEBRUARY 13: THE MACKS / CANDY PICNIC UNDER THE CLOTHESLINE / DEAD CHEMIST

THE MACKS
The Macks are a rock and roll band originally from Portland, Oregon. Formed in 2011 out of high school bands, brothers Ryan and Joe Deaton and nephew Jason Campbell created their dream band. They have been on the cover of the city and played with some of the biggest names in the business. The band has released two albums, "Second Chance" and "The Macks EP," and have been featured in several local and national publications.

CANDY PICNIC
Candy Picnic is a band of teenagers hailing from Eugene, Oregon. They formed in 2018 with the goal of creating music that resonates with their generation. Their sound blends elements of punk, rock, and folk, creating a unique and engaging experience for listeners.

DEAD CHEMIST
Dead Chemist is a high-energy Rap Punk Trio from the rainy hills of the Willamette Valley. Their music is a fusion of heavy metal, punk, and hip-hop,infused with psychedelic rock to produce an unconventional sound. Dead Chemist is known for their electrifying live performances and their ability to connect with audiences.

UNDERTHECLOTHESLINE
Undertheclothesline is a DIY punk rock band based in Eugene. They are known for their raw and unrefined sound, combining elements of punk, garage, and surf rock.

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FEBRUARY 28: NOVACANE FASHION JACKSON / LAUNDRY / SPILLER

NOVACANE
Novacane has been a constant favorite among fans and critics alike. Their music is a blend of alternative rock and pop, with a focus on storytelling and memorable hooks. They have released several albums and are known for their engaging live performances.

FASHION JACKSON
Fashion Jackson are a band of trailblazers hailing from Eugene, Oregon. They combine elements of surf rock, punk, and blues to create a sound that is uniquely their own. They have released several albums and have been featured in several local and national publications.

LAUNDRY
Laundry is a punk rock band from Portland, Oregon. They are known for their fast-paced, high-energy shows and their ability to connect with audiences.

SPILLER
Spiller is a band that has been playing together for over a decade. They have released several albums and are known for their skilled musicianship and engaging live performances.

TO PLAY THE WOW HALL?
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- Name:
- Contact Information:
- Bio:
- Social media links:
- EPK:
- Specifying genre:

Please send your information to booking@wowhall.org.
The perfect musical pairing, EOTO draws upon their rich history, training, and diverse influence to create innovative and fully improvised electronic music; experience unlike any other on the scene today. EOTO has also had unique collaborations with many musicians including the drummers of Young, Strange & Curious, electronic dance music's most revered drummer, Allen Aucoin / DrFameus and drummer Sidecar Tommy (Beats Antique), Gigantic), David Satori and Sokoluk Tommy (Antigu) Kavvadas Tours, Tina Chalk, Nice Kea, James Jansever, Kim Krost, James Jansever (Snad)

EOTO SHOW

On Sunday, February 16, the Community Center for the Performing Arts is pleased to welcome EOTO back to the WOW Hall for an evening of special guest performances.

A live band on tech hyperdrive, EOTO has forged new territory in the electronic dance music movement. Loaded and unlocked with computers, keypads, mix control, routine, sounds, and the heart in main technology, multi-instrumentalist Michael Travis and percussionist Jason Hann have not slowed down through the electronic dance music community due to their musical adventure from Mali, Ghana, Haiti, and Korea, worlds and percussionists. These nuances are always in use, no small feat in the EDé movement. Locked and loaded with computers, loopers, and extensive touring experience, EOTO's approach, and the wild world of EDé, has allowed them to explore multiple genres of music, while keeping diverse tastes in each instrument to the mix.

When Jason Hann joined Michael Travis in the rhythm section of the String Cheese Incident, he was no stranger to the big stage. Performing professionally since the age of 15, he has toured and recorded international with the likes of Bear Hires, Loreena McKennitt, Dr Doo, Jackin Lee Jones and Yhta. His depth and knowledge of percussion has taken him around the world to study in countries as far as Mali, Ghana, Haiti, and Korea, allowing him to create diverse tracks to switch seamlessly through a variety of genres of music, whether it's rock, R&B, Pop, Jazz, Latin, Latin-Jazz, Flamenco, African, Persian, Electronic, Techno and World music. With an extensive biography that reads like the who's who of music, it's no wonder he found himself naturally drawn to developing a new era of experimental sound of his own.

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WOW HALL NOTES

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EOTO is an electronic music project created by multi-instrumentalist and producer Brian Hanlon. Brian is a composer, producer, guitarist, bassist and keyboardist. A true musical virtuoso who's career has been dedicated to creating ever-evolving, mind-bending compositions. His music, spans Drum 'n' Bass, House and Psy-Trance, all while shaping his signature shred-rock guitar. Brian is best known for his work as founding drummer, chief engineer, and lead guitarist for Rock-Electronic touring sensation Yarmul. The act gained a reputation for its dynamic following of devoted fans, known as the Yarmalites, the fans continue to grow and thrive. Members in effect.

Sara Lee of Arcos Project: Let's talk. Need something else? I think this is a strong enough statement with fifteen years of performance and extensive touring experience. Saxophone is his main instrument of choice, but he also enjoys other woodwinds, percussion, production and vocal performance. His saxophone playing often features a feel of classical and world music.

Performance: The Duo

Who's that for sustained popularity. Congratulations to all the WOW Hall award winners and keep your eye out for the next WOW Hall Awards.

WOW Hall Award Winners

Eugene's Community Center for the Performing Arts is pleased to announce the official winners of the 26th Annual WOW Hall Awards for 2019. Eugene in 2019, the WOW Awards are designed to honor the public's favorite performers of the past year. A ballot was published in December and all fans were able to have a ballot for the WOW Hall Awards. A ballot was published in December and a ballot was available at the WOW Hall through July 1st.

Winner of the award for Favorite Local Band is the Cherry Poppin' Daddies! You may have heard them before, but have you heard them THIS year? They also took it home in 1995, 1997, 2005, and 2015!!!

The award for Most Innovative/Debut of the Year goes for WOW Hall Membership Party winner for Best Nonmusical/Variety Event for the sixth time. This shouldn't hold you long. One may not know that the event included food and beverage donations from numerous local establishments. If you're not already a supporting member of the WOW Hall, this is a pretty good reason to become one.

Best New Act has to go to someone different each year. Congrats to Advanced Laundry, the Eugene area's local favorite. They were able to show up in this category. Best Band Name is in the double-digit alphabet. Let's hear it for The Thunderpussy!

Winner of the $50 gift certificate was Yefr McLaws, whose selections were Novacane, Dominat3, Brynna Dean, Jimmy McKinney, Kishi Bashi, Soluna Deluxe, Jenny Wagner, Kishi Bashi, Soluna Deluxe, Jenny Wagner, and The Thunderpussy, respectively. As we are the winners. Each receives a certificate from the WOW Hall suitable for framing.

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WOW HALL AWARD WINNERS

Favorite Local Band:
1. Cherry Poppin' Daddies
2. High Step Society
3. (tie) Music's Edge Rock Camp
4. Fellowship of the Wing

Favorite Performer:
1. Phoebe Blume
2. WOW Hall Rummage Sale
3. (tie) Music's Edge Rock Camp
4. WOW Hall Rummage Sale

Best Instrumentalist:
1. Kishi Bashi (violin)
2. Brian McKinney (guitar)
3. Jojo West
4. Brian McKinney (guitar/mandolin)

Best Musical Performance:
1. The Muddy Souls
2. Thunderpussy!
3. Novacane
4. The Thunderpussy

Best Band Name:
1. The Thunderpussy
2. STRFKR
3. ALO
4. Fellowship of the Wing

Best Non-Musical/Variety Event:
1. WOW Hall Rummage Sale
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Best New Artist:
1. Lauren Johnson
2. Thunderpussy!
3. Lizzy's Bar
4. Best New Artist

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Best Band:
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UPCOMING

3/10 Wishbone Ash
3/14 Jam Into The Dead III
3/19 Steve Holterter
3/20 sweater for an astronaut

MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY

Monday, February 3
Personnel Support Committee
5:30 PM

Tuesday, February 4
Finance & Fundraising Committee
5:30 PM

Wednesday, February 5
Programming & Publicity Committee
5:30 PM

Monday, February 10
Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 PM

All Meetings at the WOW Hall
Subject to change.

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