

Sundays in the Park concerts on July 26 features ...

Bumpus



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On Sunday, July 26 in Todd Grove Park at 6 p.m., Blue Drug Pharmacy, The City of Ukiah and KWNE-FM are proud to present the fourth concert of the 2009 Sundays in the Park concert series featuring the Chicago Funk & Soul group, Bumpus.

Bumpus has done something few modern bands have done by tapping into a deeply buried vein that rediscovers the sound of timeless soul music. Their new 'All The People' CD and sound digs deep into the band's influences and delivers an amalgamation of Sly Stone's sweaty anthems, early Funkadelic rubbery folk beats, and

Creedence Clearwater Revival's personal politicism. Whereas Stereoscope showcased a band coloring their grooves with recently discovered modern / indie rock / hip-hop sensibilities, All The People plunges both arms elbow deep in the primordial ooze to pull out music built around inner emotional truth.

Bumpus has been performing consistently for much of its 10-year existence, focusing on grooves laid out by greats Sly Stone, Stevie Wonder and Prince.

But rather than churning out watered-down rehashes, they have reached down deep and pulled out a sublime turner with their new CD 'All

the People'.

Instead of just jamming on endless funk vamps, Bumpus' new sound harkens back to the great progressive soul albums of the 1970s, with plenty of concise pop appeal. Their songs are chock-full of inventive progressions and sunshine-bright choruses, with vocalist-guitarist James Johnston strutting and wailing throughout, sustained by the warm gospel harmonizing of Ava Fain and Erika Jones. With Chicago soul music this good, Bumpus should certainly bring a 'soul-stirring' performance to their first performance in northern California.

Fruitcakes

SPACE performance inspired by history

By MONICA KRAUTH
The Daily Journal

Expect revolutionary history to come to life as this year's summer camp students from Near and Arnold's School of Performing Arts and Cultural Education take the stage this weekend at Mendocino College.

A cosmic baker opens the musical during a "live taping" of a cooking show shown at the edge of the universe. Rather than looking at culture as a melting pot, he explains that it's more like a fruitcake.

Meanwhile, he folds in the ingredients, the key one being a classroom in Ukiah filled with untainted minds.

The teacher is introducing them to the voices seldom included in the history books - the disenfranchised, the children, the women, the slaves, the workers

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SPACE camp kids used MTA bus services to get to their field trip to the Real Goods Solar Living Institute.

Heavy metal in Ukiah?



Members of the band Faded at Four, from the left, Martin Scheel, Chris Murphy, Jon Foutch, Keith Vidra.

Faded At Four - From Lake County, to Hollywood to Ukiah

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The last year for Faded At Four has been a year that has challenged them to work hard, tighten their act and has driven their performance to levels they had not imagined they could reach.

Faded got their first taste of competition locally in Ukiah Music Center's Bandslam 2007 performing amongst a strong showing of the talented musicians in Lake and Mendocino Counties. The competition was tough, but Faded came away winning the Uber Grand Prize. Their winning was based upon their talent as musicians, their performance skills and the loyalty and dedication of their fans.

In September 2007 after playing several times at Konocit Harbor

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What's Playing

THURSDAY

MUSIC OF OUR TIME CONCERT -- Eclectic new music at the Mendocino Music Festival event; Preston Hall, Mendocino; 44831 Main St., Mendocino; 3 p.m.; \$16; 937-4041.

JAZZ ILLUSION'S JIM TUHTAN & DAWN SENFTEN -- Guitar and vocal jazz standards and originals; Patrona; 130 W. Standley St., Ukiah; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; No cover; 462-9181.

JOSEPH ISRAEL -- Solo roots reggae; Ukiah Brewing Company; 102 S State St., Ukiah; 7 p.m.; Tips accepted; 468-5898.

'LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS' -- 1960's doo-wop style musical comedy; Ukiah Players Theatre; 1041 Low Gap Rd., Ukiah; 7 p.m.; \$15 General, \$12 student/senior, \$10 children; 462-9226.

JENNA MAMMINA -- Jazz/pop crossover; Shanachie Pub; 50 S. Main St., Willits; 8 p.m.; \$4 cover; 459-9194.

FRIDAY

'FRUITCAKES' -- Musical theater performance on historical revolutions; Mendocino College Little Theater; 1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah; 7 p.m.; \$12 for adults, \$6 for youth under 18; 462-9370.

'HOPE' -- Live performance; Trinity Baptist Church; 900 S. Dora St., Ukiah; 7 p.m.; No cover, donations accepted; 467-8400.

'LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS' -- 1960's doo-wop style musical comedy; Ukiah Players Theatre; 1041 Low Gap Rd., Ukiah; 8 p.m.; \$20 general, \$17 general, \$10 children under 12; 462-9226.

THE KENT STEPHENSON BAND -- Live Western music; The Inn Place; 44930 Highway 101, Laytonville; 9 p.m.; \$5 cover; 984-9999.

MENDOZONE -- Live rock/reggae and more; Club Calpella; 6175 N. State St., Calpella; 9 p.m.; No cover; 485-8630.

O.T.S. TRIO -- Heavy funk-laden groove; Shanachie Pub; 50 S. Main St., Willits; 9 p.m.; \$5 cover; 459-9194.

SWEET SPOT -- Blues, rock and funk; Ukiah Brewing Company; 102 S State St., Ukiah; 9:30 p.m.; \$7 cover; 468-5898.

ADULT ROCK CAMP -- Rock; Treblemakers Music School, 171 A Brush Street; Ukiah; 7 p.m.; free.

SATURDAY

DON WILLIS -- Continental and popular accordion favorites at the Ukiah Farmers' Market; Alex Thomas Plaza; Corner of School and Clay Streets, Ukiah; 8:30 a.m. to noon; Free.

'FRUITCAKES' -- Musical theater performance on historical revolutions; Mendocino College Little Theater; 1000 Hensley Creek Road, Ukiah; 2 p.m.; \$12 for adults, \$6 for youth under 18; 462-9370.

REDBUD -- Live acoustic music; Himalayan Cafe; 1639 S. State St., Ukiah; 6:30 to 8 p.m.; No cover; 467-9900.

WILL SIEGEL AND FRIENDS BAND -- Dance music; Bartlett Hall; 495 Leslie St., Ukiah; 7 to 10 p.m.; \$9 cover.

'SHAKE YOUR GROOVE THANG' -- 21 and over dance party with music by DJ Sister Yasmin; The Sign Of The Whale; 194 Main St., Point Arena; 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.; No cover; 884-4703.

'LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS' -- 1960's doo-wop style musical comedy; Ukiah Players Theatre; 1041 Low Gap Rd., Ukiah; 8 p.m.; \$20 general, \$17 general, \$10 children under 12; 462-9226.

THE GO DAWGS -- Blues and rock; Shanachie Pub; 50 S. Main St., Willits; 9 p.m.; \$5 cover; 459-9194.

FADED AT FOUR -- Live metal; Ukiah Brewing Company; 102 S State St., Ukiah; 9:30 p.m.; \$5 cover; 468-5898.

MUSICIANS FLEA MARKET -- Get rid of old music gear or get new stuff; Ukiah Music Center; 745 N State St.; Ukiah; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; free.

SUNDAY

WILL SIEGEL, GEORGE HUSARUK & STEVE BAIRD -- Jazz guitar, flutes and bass musicians playing jazz, blues and Americana at the Redwood Valley Farmers' Market; Lions Park; Redwood Valley; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

'LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS' -- 1960's doo-wop style musical comedy; Ukiah Players Theatre; 1041 Low Gap Rd., Ukiah; 2 p.m.; \$15 General, \$12 student/senior, \$10 children; 462-9226.

BUMPUS -- Chicago soul music at Sundays in the Park concert; Todd Grove Park; 600 Live Oak Ave., Ukiah; 6 p.m.; No cover.

TUESDAY

VOLFONIX -- Live rock/soul; Shanachie Pub; 50 S. Main St., Willits; 8 p.m.; Tips accepted; 459-9194.

WEDNESDAY

VOLFONIX -- Funk-fried rock band; Mendonesia Cafe; 3 S. Main St., Willits; Noon; No cover; 459-1001.