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MOUNT ANGEL: ALL AGES

Country and western gospel music concert

Faithful Heart performs its brand of country and western gospel music on Sunday at the Mt. Angel Performing Arts Center, 220 E. Charles St.

The Dallas-based band was founded in 1974 and is made up of seven musicians who play a mix of instruments including guitars, mandolin, harmonica, pedal steel guitar, bass and percussion.

The all-ages concert starts at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the Angel's Table in Mount Angel or by calling (503) 873-9611.

SALEM: FREE, ALL AGES

Hush Concert is about quiet entertainment

Hush Concert 2 is 8 p.m. Saturday with a lineup of quiet, experimental bands.

The idea of the concert is that music can be interesting, evocative and cool — while not blowing out your eardrums.

Headlining the concert is Rootvilla, a three-piece band from Keizer that plays exploratory pop music.

Also playing are Animal Beard, Lisa LeGros and Tom Nunes, DSR and Julian Snow Index.

There is no cost for the all-ages show, which will be at the Governor's Cup, 471 Court St. NE.

Call: (503) 581-9675.

SALEM: ALL AGES

Orchestra plays final concert of the season

The Salem Chamber Orchestra will present its final concert of the 2003-04 season, "The Russians Are Coming," at 7 p.m. Sunday in Hudson Hall on the campus of Willamette University at 900 State St.

The concert will feature Willamette University professor Jean-David Coen in a performance of the Pieter Ilich Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto #1 in B-flat minor, Op 23. The orchestra also will perform Symphony #5 in D minor, Op 47 by Dimitri Shostakovich.

Tickets are \$21 and \$10 for students.

They can be purchased at the door or by calling (503) 375-5483.

Willamette University students may purchase tickets for \$3 at the door.

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Area bands to shred in skate park

Fifteen bands will play at Skate Rock on Saturday in Marion Square Park.

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Think of Skate Rock as Salem's own version of The Warped Tour.

There will be some skateboarding — although none of it is officially part of the event — and a whole lot of rock music.

Fifteen bands will perform at a free concert from noon to sundown at Marion Square Park on Saturday.

Skate Rock will offer up a full day of juicy, rockin' bands, from the catchy retro rock of Pink Vixens to the hard-core punk music of Living in Exile to the emo-style rock of Ohayo.

The event is the brainchild of local musician Kyle Sanders, who runs Scab Records and is the lead singer of the pop-punk band Lidix.

Sanders, 26, grew up in Salem and wanted to do something cool for the area's young people.

"When they built that skate park, I knew that that was the coolest place in Salem," Sanders said.

"I always wanted to put on a show there and now I finally can."

Many of the bands playing at Skate Rock are on Scab Records, the label that Sanders started to help local high school-age bands get started. Sanders records the bands' CDs for free and mentors them on crucial musical assets such as promotion and buying the right gear.

Almost every high school in the Salem area will have a band represented at Skate Rock.

Up-and-coming all-girl band Pink Vixens has members who attend Gervais, McKay and West Salem high schools. The group — which includes guitarist and lead singer Cassie Pittman, bass player Tammy Barnes, guitarist Kandace Bangert and drummer Krystina Stricker — just recorded its first CD, which it will be giving out at Skate Rock.

"The album basically has a little of everything," Pittman said. "From pop to rock to harder rock. It's really different. Every song has its own sound. We only play all original music."



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PERFORMING: Pink Vixens' bass player Tammy Barnes and her bandmates will perform at the alternative rock show Skate Rock at Salem's skate park.

Skate Rock

WHAT: More than 15 punk, rock and alternative bands perform at an all-ages show at Salem's skate park

THE BANDS: Ohayo, Radical A, Ugly Litter, Sars, Drifted, 12 Gauge, Finger-cuffs, Pink Vixens, Living in Exile, Ransom Taxi, Academy, Lidix, The Mopps, Hubcap Annie and Decadence

The group said it looks up to all-female rock bands such as Veruca Salt but believes its sound is completely its own.

"We're all influenced by different groups so it all just kind of combines to create our own sound," Pittman said.

Another fast-rising high school band is Radical A, a four-piece rock band that started about two years ago.

Bass player and singer Johnee Kemper and drummer

WHEN: Noon to sundown Saturday

WHERE: Marion Square Park, Marion and Commercial streets in downtown Salem.

COST: Free

CONTACT: E-mail Kyle@Lidix.com or visit www.scabrecords.com

Elliot King go to North Salem High School, while guitarist and vocalist Josh Brenneman and guitarist Steve Moles graduated from Sprague and McKay high schools.

The band played its first big show at the YMCA Teen Center last summer and by playing consistently has developed a following of people who love their simple but catchy pop-rock sound.

"When I was younger, my dad introduced me to Green Day

and Blink 182 and it started a big love for music," Kemper said. "I think our sound is evolving away from that. Our newer sound has more guitar parts and changes, less power chords and more picking patterns."

Kemper said local high school students identify with Radical A's songs. He expects a big crowd at Skate Rock.

"I think they can relate to it because we're all still young, writing about getting older and growing up," he said.

"It's going to be such a big deal for us to play this show. It's an all-day music festival. For me, it's like a little Warped Tour for Salem."

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