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Major-label methods

"BMG is a company that frequently does things that seem to have no purpose other than to assure consumers that it really is run by idiots."

Critic Gary Oldins, in an interview at jerryjazzmusic.com

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Promising shows coming your way

1 Matt Pond PA The "PA" stands for Pennsylvania, where Pond assembled this band in the late 1990s. The appeal of his sensitive cello-laced pop-rock (which *The New York Times* compares favorably to the Shins) is geographically nonspecific. *9 p.m. Saturday, Doug Fir Lounge, 830 E. Burnside St.; \$9 advance, TicketsWest; 503-224-8499.*

2 Ashleigh Flynn and Sneakin' Out The usually antic instrumental trio Sneakin' Out shows another side to its talents, backing Flynn's passionate, thoughtful folk/pop. The incisive songwriter James Low, with his new band the Wreck, and the Ashley Henry Band join in this benefit for the Wetlands Conservancy. *7:30 p.m. Thursday, Doug Fir Lounge, 830 E. Burnside St.; \$15 advance, TicketsWest.*

3 Karan Casey Band Singer with the top-flight Irish folk band Solas, Casey's solo work is similarly reliable. Opening the show is the skillful and energetic English/Irish instrumental quartet Flook. *8 p.m. Sunday, Mission Theater, 1624 N.W. Glisan St.; \$21 advance, Ticketmaster.*

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ENTERTAINMENT Update

Trillium Cafe lines up local bands

The Trillium Cafe will feature the Wasco Brothers on Friday, March 3. On Saturday, March 4, it's the return of Django's Cadillac. Shows start at 7:30 p.m. Future dates include: March 10, the Wasco Brothers; March 11, Peabody's Daughter; March 17, mile marker 6; March 19, Connolly Brothers with Buck Smith. Trillium Cafe, 207 Oak St., Hood River, 386-1996.

Ashleigh Flynn, more at River City

Ashleigh Flynn will be playing at the River City Saloon on Thursday, March 2. Alternative bluegrass band Sneakin' Out will open the show. Nationally acclaimed Ashleigh Flynn has two full-length albums that "marry styles such as bluegrass to pop and instrumentation from dobro to drum beats."

On Friday, March 3, it's the return of the Scott Law Band. "Bringing well-crafted arrangements, soulful vocals and fine musicianship together, the Scott Law Band sets it up with hooks and hard grooves punctuated with sax and keyboards." River City Saloon is at 205 Cascade Ave., in Hood River. Call 387-BLUES for more information.

Taarka, HB Surround at Savino's

On Thursday, March 2, it's the acoustic sounds of Taarka at Savino's. On Friday, March 3, HB Surround Sound passes through on their mid-winter tour. Don't miss out on one of



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WEDNESDAY 3/1

BE-BOP BISCOTTI BAKERY **Blue Wrote Open Mic Poetry** Bring your hottest verses to this weekly, all ages reading. 7-9pm, Wednesdays. Free.

BENDISTILLERY MARTINI BAR **Mark Ransom Solo Acoustic** Ransom strums and hums, hot on the heels of the release of his new CD *Champion of Mystery*. 7pm. No cover.

BLACK HORSE SALOON **Karaoke with Bradley Dees** Wednesdays.

MCMENAMINS **Ashleigh Flynn and Sneakin' Out** Flynn, an intrepid Kentucky-raised singer-songwriter currently based in Portland, stops in Bend between gigs in Austin and NYC. Sneakin' Out complements Flynn's sound with their acoustic rock/classical fusion. All ages. 7pm. Free.

PEAPOD GLASS AND ESPRESSO **Drum Circle** Bring your drum and hop a freight car on the groove train. All ages, all skill levels welcome. Call 617-5330 for info. 6-9pm, Wednesdays. Free.