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DREAMFEST '13

// TWO-DAY MUSIC FEST TO SHOWCASE SOME OF SOUTH SOUND'S MOST BUZZ-WORTHY BANDS THIS WEEKEND AT LOUIE G'S



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"I got the best bands that I knew of, the bands that come in here and that actually do their work and put on a great show," said Galarza.

"If you've ever seen my place, it's set up for these kids to get better, get productive and get to work," he said. Dreamfest is "a big production. We let them see what a real production is like. They get lanyards. Everything is completely by the book. It's like playing a big arena show."

Teenage rockers Jason Kertson and the Immortals have been honing their chops at Louie's since they played their first show there two years ago. The band's namesake said he's especially stoked to get onstage Saturday.

"Louie's is kind of the only place in Washington of its kind," said singer-guitarist Jason Kertson, 16.

"I think it's mostly because Louie is such a caring guy," he said. "He actually cares about the people, helps the bands out and gives them advice. Pretty much anyone who wants to develop a fan base or just play a few shows can go to Louie G's and request a spot on a bill."

Among the more established acts playing this weekend is Tacoma's Ben Union, a band that will be playing its last show in Washington for the year.

Ben Union plays all over the Northwest, and band leader Ben Mira (a.k.a. Ben Union) ranks Louie's near the top of the venues his band headlines.

"I have nothing but good things to say about Louie," Mira said. "The stage is probably one of the biggest and best we've played as far as production goes. (Louie is) very generous. I think that he fills a hole in the Tacoma scene, the South Sound, as far as how he treats bands. But he makes the bands bring it, too. Because there's not a lot of foot traffic in Fife, you have to work hard (to promote.) But the reward is a lot better."

A portion of Dreamfest proceeds benefit Everett's Burned Children Recovery Foundation, a group that provides support for children who have been severely injured in fires. "They're trying to buy a chunk of land up in Bellingham to have a camp, so we're trying to raise money for them," Galarza said.

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