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THU, OCT 3 REGGAE NIGHT WITH STYLIE

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THU, OCT 10 DEADLY NIGHT SHADES

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THU, OCT 17 REGGAE NIGHT

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SAT, OCT 19 THE PRANKSTERS

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SAT, OCT 26 GIANT WALKING ROBOTS

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Whether he's reviewing an album or conducting an interview, Joe Roberts' passion for music is infectious and always shines in his brilliant writing. Chances are, you've seen him at a wide range of local shows, too! Read Joe's interview with luthier J. Luke Heaton on page 22.

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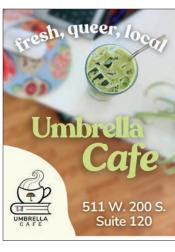
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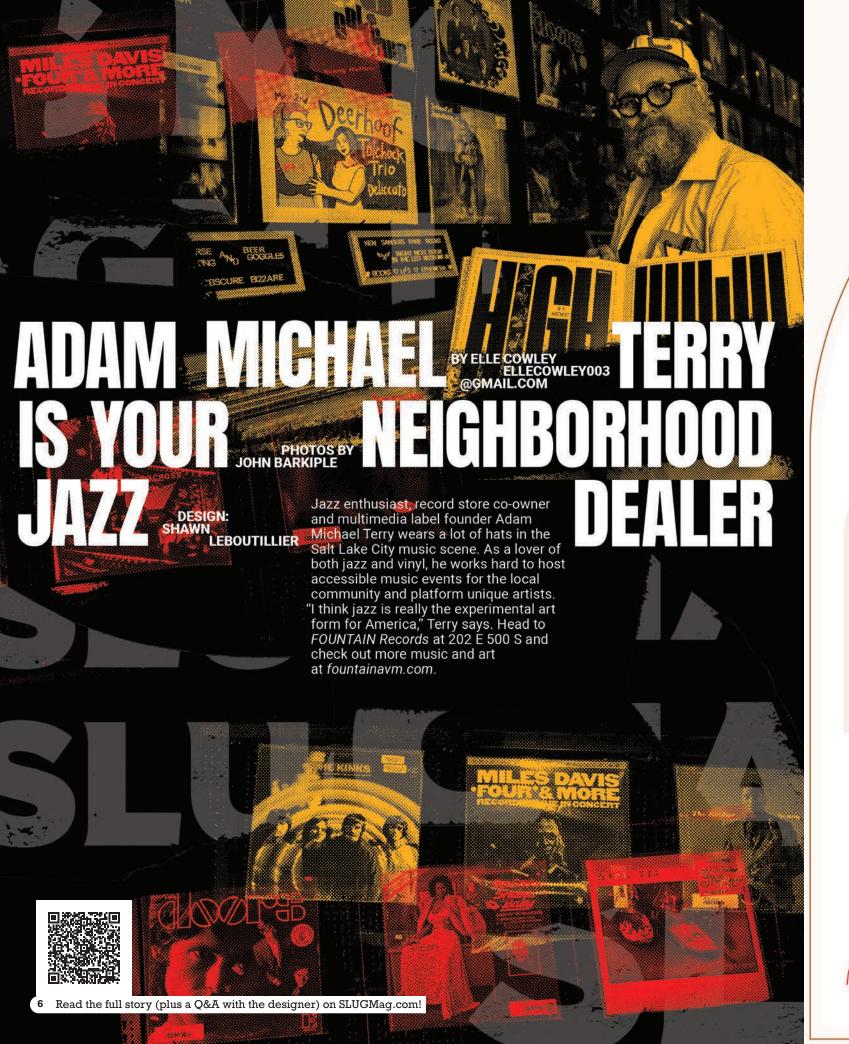














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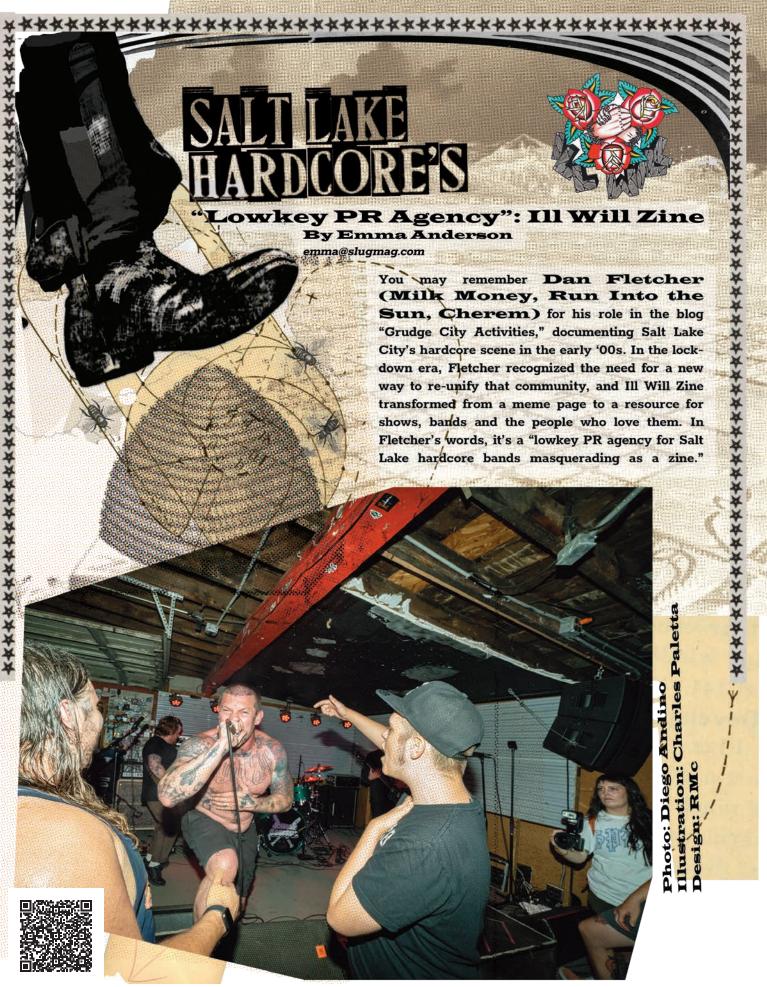




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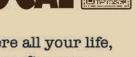






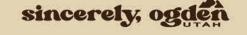




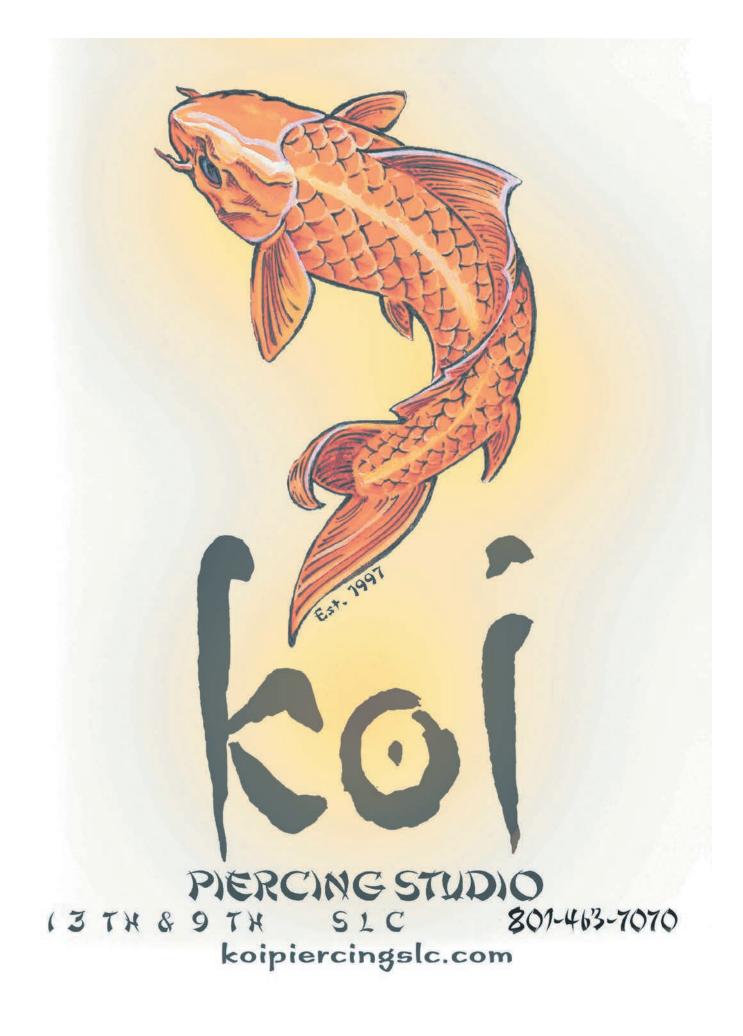


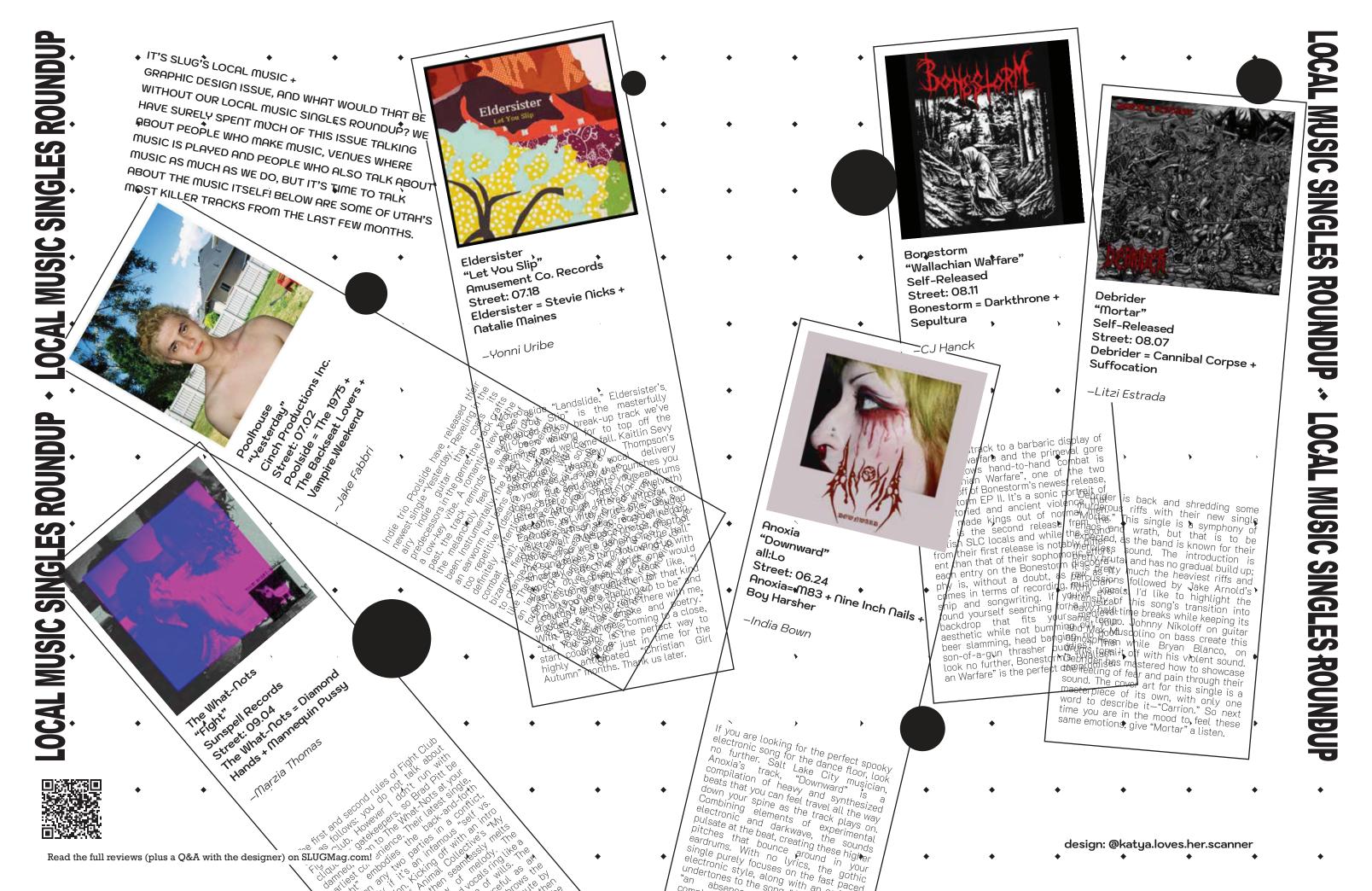
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## CHRIS NIELSEN and the SLC Synth Alliance

By Peter Eckhardt • peter.eckhardt711@gmail.com

#### **Design: Vella Price**

Photo: John Barkiple

Since its founding in 2015, the SLC Synth Alliance has been a cornerstone for the Beehive State's electronic music community. Over the better part of a decade, collective founder and self-proclaimed "sonic researcher" Chris Nielsen has worked to make the Alliance a space for performance and gnarly digital noise. His focus on live mixing, physical tech and community creates a space where local musicians like fezmaster, Anode and Proxy Wars have found like-minded artists and audiences.

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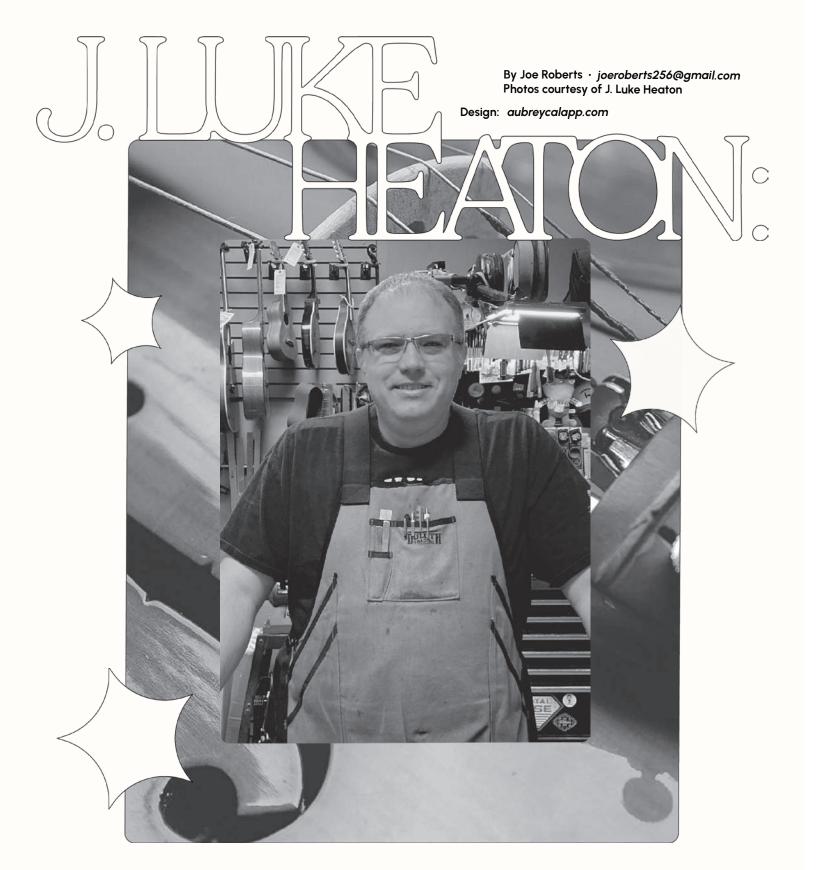


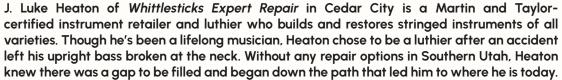






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Wren Kennedy and Joe Pedersen have evolved to become the backbone of the local music community, with Sunspell Records born from an idea in 2016. Having played music for decades and studied sound manipulation, this duo is unparalleled in their complementing strengths and expertise. Navigating the complexities of the COVID-19 pandemic shortly after opening in 2019, the pair exhibited resilience in inspiring artists to continue their musical pursuit. Sunspell Records celebrated its fifth anniversary in August, proving their dedication to excellence in quality of sound and support for local artists.



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# MERCY SEAT

**LOCALIZED** 

By Emma Anderson • emma@slugmag.com

**Photo: Jovvany Villalobos** 

**Design: Chris Bickmore** 

Mercy Seat is the dark dream-pop project of DJ **Ophelia May**, to whom you owe thanks if you rejoice in the abundance of Goth Night events in Salt Lake City. Her music—which is, at the time of writing, only able to be experienced in a live setting—consists of ethereal soundscapes layered with her haunting vocals as a way to express May's deepest emotions. Hear her set alongside **Balduvian Bears** and **Proxy Wars** at *Kilby Court* for this month's *SLUG Localized* show on October 17.











Ogden's Haven for Subculture

By Litzi Estrada • litzi 1230@gmail.com

LTHOUGH LOCAL VENUES endured many hardships during the COVID-19 pandemic, it motivated many people to start things up again for the Salt Lake music scene. Julius Gray had been eager to again for the Sait Lake music scene. Julius Gray had been supposed open up Black Lung Society after the closure of one of his beloved open up Black Lung Society after the Closure Occioty location in all-ages venues, Gold Blood Collective. The new Black Lung Society location in Ogden has since impacted the hardcore scene as an inclusive all-ages venue with aspirations to keep building a community centered around music. TO BE CONTINUED...

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Healy - 10.11 Soundwell | Coco & Clair Clair - 10.12 Soundwell | Wasia Project 10.13 Soundwell | Valley - 10.13 The Union

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The Moss 0.26 The Union | Real Friends - 10.27 Soundwell | Yoke Lore - 10.27 The Union

Destroy Boys - 10.29 The Complex | Krooked Kings - 10.31 The Depot

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	Point North LOW TICKETS	10.5
	Diabolical Records + 99.9FM KUAA Present: Acid Mother's Temple w/ Spirit Mother + Musor!	10.7
0	Your Old Droog	10.8
1	Caskets LOW TICKETS	10.9
•	Edwin Raphael	10.10
2	Honey Days!	
3	Friday: Lapdog, Harpers, Musor, & Morel Saturday: Chegoya, Sleep Cult, Tomper, & Morel	10.11-12
5	SPRINTS	10.13
6	Willi Carlisle	10.15
7	Ruby Waters LOW TICKETS	10.16
E CO	Pain Or Truth + Dying Wish	10.17
8	HEARTBREAKER HALLOWEEN	10.18
9	M.A.G.S	10.21
1	Cocopalooza	10.23
4	Snotty Nose Rez Kids	10.24
4	Horror Icons IV feat. Morphine Love Dion	10.25
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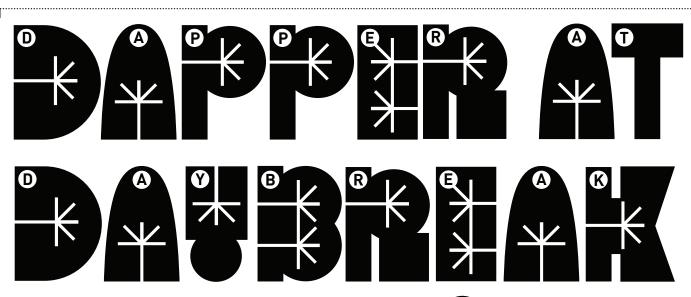












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