



BEST LOCAL MUSICIAN

Mark Ransom

SECOND PLACE
Brad Jones

For the second year in a row, Mark Ransom has won the approval of music fans in the Central Oregon community. "Thanks to the Source readers for their ongoing support." This time last year, he had just released his first album *Man of My Word*. This year, he has just completed a second album with his band The Rhythm Beans, entitled *Ocean in the Air*.

And his music publishing company is starting to take off just like he wanted. Magic Turtle Music just launched a web site -

www.magicturtlemusic.com that features Ransom and several other songwriters who have a similar style to his.

Rather than be a one-person hip-pocket publisher, Ransom has surrounded himself with other artists who share a common connection. They've either collaborated on music or shared similar formative experiences in high school and college. "I believe with many things in life and in music, the whole is often greater than the sum of the parts."

Ransom has also spent the last year focusing on his performances as well. "Performing really enhances my songwriting, helps with creating new material and keeping it interesting for everyone." The Rhythm Beans are planning a tour of the West Coast that will take them from San Francisco to Seattle and back to Bend. You can find his upcoming performance schedule on his web site.