

★ Jeff White w/Charlie Cushman, Michael Cleveland, Jeff Guernsey & Mike Bub

Sat., Jan. 23, 9 p.m.

@ **The Station Inn** 402 12th Ave. S. (map)

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Bluegrass

Let's just say 2015 was a good year for the principals in Saturday's Station Inn lineup. Michael Cleveland reclaimed the IBMA's Fiddle Player of the Year title — thereby becoming once again its most frequent recipient — while Jeff White emerged from country-sideman near-anonymity when he was drafted to join the Earls of Leicester, the Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs tribute band that cleaned up at the same awards ceremony. Long overdue for another solo album, he's an exquisite guitarist and a supple, soulful vocalist regardless of whether he's tackling a bluegrass classic or one of his own deft compositions. The pair is joined, as is often the case, by banjo man Charlie Cushman (another Earl of Leicester), first-call bass man Mike Bub and the supremely underrated multi-instrumentalist Jeff Guernsey. He, White and Cleveland have been musical pals for nearly as long as Cleveland's been alive, and it shows in music that is, as they say, tight as a tick.

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