

# Pistol River Concert Association



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## RAY BONNEVILLE SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017 8 PM

HAPPY 35<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY!! That's right, the Pistol River Concert Association has now been bringing great quality music from professional musicians to the South Coast for 35 years in the cozy, up close and personal setting of our Friendship Hall stage. And the great shows aren't stopping! Next up is an August 19<sup>th</sup> visit to Pistol River by long time blues and folk specialist, Ray Bonneville.

Quebec born, and Boston raised, Bonneville learned piano and guitar at an early age, and was performing in a band while still in high school. Upon his discharge from the Marines following a Viet Nam tour, he became enamored with the blues sounds being cranked out by the likes of Paul Butterfield and James Cotton. Ray taught himself the harmonica and has been playing and performing since.

Over the years, Bonneville has played and recorded with numerous artists, including Mary Gauthier and Ray Willy Hubbard. He has also produced eight CD's with his band or in solo efforts: He discovered that between his guitar, harmonica, vocals and active foot-work, he could be his own four-man band if need be! His clear deep vocals bring Mark Knopfler to mind, while the style and delivery of his folksy-blues tunes have drawn comparisons to JJ Cale and Daniel Lanois.

Although Ray did not start penning his own tunes until he was in his forties, he has become a prolific songwriter, known for his deep, to the point lyrics. "I have roughly 12 lines to make a story, so every one has to trigger the listener's imagination" he says. Bonneville's tune "I am the Big Easy" - a post-hurricane Katrina ode - was recognized as the Song of the Year for 2009 by the International Folk Alliance. He was also named the Solo Winner at the 2012 International Blues Challenge, and was a Showcase Artist at this year's Folk Alliance International Conference.

Please join us August 19<sup>th</sup>, at 8 PM at the Friendship Hall for a great night of acoustic folk-blues performed by Ray Bonneville. Here's to the next 35 years of great PRCA performances!



## Shows on the horizon

Saturday, September 16, 2017  
35th Anniversary Fundraiser!  
More information to come!

Saturday, October 14, 2017  
Jeff Scroggins and Colorado  
Bluegrass

Saturday, November 11, 2017  
Kimo Hussey  
Modern/Classical Ukulele



**Tickets:** for all concerts are \$15.00 and are available at:

Gold Beach Books 541-247-2495

Wright's Custom Framing 541-469-7900

Tickets can be reserved at [www.pistolriver.com](http://www.pistolriver.com), and picked up at the door.



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## Notes from the Board:

**THANKS TO MR. LENSING'S RILEY CREEK 7TH GRADERS FOR THEIR ARTWORK!** We are looking into a new look for our logo, and these young artists provided some great ideas! We'll include a few of their works in the next few newsletters. Let us know if one fits the bill for you, or if you have a logo idea!

**A SPECIAL THANKS TO GOLD BEACH BOOKS AND WRIGHT'S CUSTOM FRAMING** for being our ticket outlets. We couldn't do it without you! If you purchase tickets for our shows from these businesses, please give them a hearty thank you for their continuing contribution to the arts in our area!

**THAT GREAT NEW SOUND SYSTEM IS STILL BEING PAID FOR!** We are still accepting donations to cover the costs. If you would like to help in those efforts, please contact us!

**WE HAVE DISCONNECTED OUR PHONE,** so reservations can no longer be made via that route. Sorry for any inconvenience, but the cost to maintain the phone was proving uneconomical.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Oasis House is no longer accepting unsorted used donations. Please do not drop off your softly used items at the Friendship Hall, but do take them to one of the local thrift stores in your community. Thank you!

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## Want to become a PRCA Member?

We welcome anyone as a member of the Pistol River Concert Association that has an interest in supporting the concert series. If you want to get a heads up on upcoming shows and wish to become a member or if it is time to renew your membership, please fill out, detach and mail the registration form below along with your check made payable to the Pistol River Concert Association. (It's tax deductible !!)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership: Individual \$15  Family \$20  Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose one: I would like to receive newsletter notification via e-mail  or Postal Service mail:

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