

Pistol River Concert Association



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JOHNNY B CONNOLLY AND CASEY NEILL

On Saturday evening, June 30th, The Friendship Hall will be happily infused with music spanning old time Europe, to down home USA when Johnny B Connolly and Casey Neill take the stage.

Connolly made a name for himself in the Old Country in the 90's with his heartfelt and original sounds on the accordion. Born and raised in Dublin, Johnny's skill on the squeeze box landed him at seventeen in the acclaimed Celtic ensemble Anam. He came to US in 1996, eventually settling in Portland and immersing himself in that cities great music scene. His accordion tunes include classic Irish jigs and reels, French based ballads, and original scores dedicated to the American influences he has encountered the past 20 years.



An accomplished guitarist, singer and songwriter, Neill has been involved with Indie and folk music in the Portland area for years, and takes regular diversions into Celtic music as well. His spot on guitar, and expressive vocals, reminiscent of Harry Chapin, will bring a moving touch to this duos songs. Although Casey spends a considerable amount of his musical career with his long-time band, The Norway Rats, he has made solo ventures as well, including a performance on NPR's Mountain Stage.

Connolly has toured extensively across the US, and collaborated with numerous artists including Kevin Burke, Martin Hayes, The Chieftains, and Altan. Neill also has impressive tour credentials, sharing his tunes with crowds in the US, Europe, and Japan. Casey's equally notable collaborative list includes efforts with The Decembrists, Black Prairie, and Minus 5, and as a contributor to the Pete Seeger tribute album featuring the likes of Bruce Springsteen and Bonnie Raitt.

Although Connolly and Neill have performed, and recorded together as fellow band members, it has been 15 years since they toured together. They are excited to reignite their beautiful Celtic and folk sounds in a 2018 trek.

Doors open at 7PM on June 30, and the show starts at eight. Please join us at the Friendship Hall, for a night of rich Irish and folk tunes performed by Johnny B. Connolly on accordion, Casey Neill on guitar and vocals.

Shows on the horizon



Saturday, July 14, 2018
Burnt Heart Bluegrass
Bluegrass

Saturday, August 11, 2018
Kimo Hussey
Ukulele maestro

Saturday, October 13, 2018
Flamenco Pacifico
Flamenco

Tickets for all shows are \$20 and are available at:

Gold Beach Books 541-247-2495

Wright's Custom Framing 541-469-7900

Tickets can also be reserved at www.pistolriver.com, or by calling 541-247-2848 and picked up at the door.

Tickets may also be purchased, if available at the door



Notes from the Board:

UKULELE RETREAT AUGUST 9-12 at Pistol River with ukulele master Kimo Hussey. Workshops, lessons, and a show with Kimo included. Space is limited. Contact Les Stansell for more information and reserve a slot for this great opportunity! 541/247-7636 Or les@stansellguitars.com

A BIG THANKS to all who made contributions to PRCA in the last year! Your thoughtful gifts made it possible to make some great upgrades to the sound system and lighting, while not breaking the budget—meaning we were able to keep bringing in excellent acts for you to enjoy! Thank you, again!

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!

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 !!)

Please Print:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street Address: _____ City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Membership: Individual \$15 ___ Family \$20 ___ Amount enclosed _____

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Please mail this form to: Pistol River Concert Association, Post Office Box 6086, Pistol River, Oregon 97444 Thanks!!!