

Pistol River Concert Association



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GREG BLAKE BAND

Time to get your hands ready for clappin', your feet ready for tappin', and the rest of your body ready for... well, some great music! Bluegrass returns to Pistol River on June 29th when The Greg Blake Band takes the stage at the Friendship Hall.

You regular concert goers may recognize Greg's name. He's the award-winning bluegrass guitar player and vocalist that has graced the Friendship Hall stage on a couple of occasions with Jeff Scroggins and Colorado.

Given Blake's West Virginia roots, and childhood interest in music, it should come as no surprise that bluegrass is the genre he plays. Just a note or two of his rich voice makes it obvious that the hill country music is in his blood. But it was actually in Kansas City where he began making a mark for himself in the industry, on his own and with the group The Bluegrass Missourians.



In the Greg Blake Band, Greg brings together several old friends and playing partners. Mandolin specialist Brian McCarty, and upright Bass player Grant Cochran shared the stage with Blake for fifteen years with The Bluegrass Missourians. McCarty's indoctrination to bluegrass came as a seven-year old, while Cochran didn't discover the music he'd end up playing for decades until his teens.

Rounding out the band are long time banjo picker Todd Davis and expert fiddler Annie Savage. Davis started playing bluegrass at age 12 and has developed a hard-edged Scruggs-style that has many midwestern musicians knocking on his door. Savage has had a violin in her hands since age two and was performing at ten. She was drawn to the free spirit of bluegrass early on, and now teaches fiddle playing by ear and notes.

Good bluegrass is always a hit at Pistol River, and this great group of seasoned musicians are sure to put on a fantastic show. So, make sure you get to the Friendship Hall early on June 29th to get a good seat for The Greg Blake Band. Doors will open at 7PM, and the pickin', clappin' and tappin' starts at eight. See you there!

Shows on the horizon



September 14, 2019
The Jimmy Grant Ensemble
Gypsy Jazz

October 26, 2019
David Jacob Strain and Bob Beach
Roots and Blues

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:

HELP!!! We have made some strides in adapting to Les and Mary's pending retirement from PRCA, but are still looking for options feeding and housing the performers the night of the shows. We have a great lead on taking care of this huge task that Les and Mary have performed for decades, but we are looking for backups and other options in case they are needed. This duty includes providing a quality pre-show dinner, after show snacks, a nice place for the musicians to sleep, and breakfast the next morning. These efforts save money for the bands and PRCA, helping to bring the quality music to Pistol River we look forward to every month. If you are interested in being a bigger part of the Pistol River experience, by either helping with sound or accommodations, please send an email to Mark Lanier at laniertml@yahoo.com, or talk with one of the board members. We're not tax specialists, but since PRCA is non-profit, these efforts may be tax deductible - talk to your pro! Thank you!

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!!!