

Pistol River Concert Association

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KIMO HUSSEY (CANCELLED)



(Though the Corona Virus has postponed our concert series for a while, PRCA wants to thank all of our members and lovers of great local live music for their continued support. We'll be sending out newsletters as usual, showcasing bands we've had and some we hope to. We encourage you to check them out on the web, and maybe purchase some of their music in what are lean times for these wonderful musicians!)

Hawaii native-son and ukulele aficionado, Kimo Hussey, has graced the Friendship Hall stage on a couple of occasions, and we'd hoped to bring him back this summer. A retiree from the Air Force, Kimo has become an ambassador, maestro and teacher of the instrument via live performances, youtube and other videos, online tutorials, and workshops (including one held at Pistol River!)

Hussey can put visions of warm ocean breezes and softly rustling palm trees in your head with classic Hawaiian tunes like "Aloha Oe" and "A Oia." But when he strumming songs like "Fly Me to the Moon," "Love Me Tender," "So Happy Together," "Scarborough Fair," "Blue Bayou," or Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah," he gives you an appreciation for how versatile and beautiful the ukulele can be. Such a joyous surprise for those of us who only knew the instrument from watching Tiny Tim tiptoe through the tulips!

In addition to teaching the workshop in 2016 (at a significant discount to his typical fees) Kimo hosted a baritone ukulele retreat here in 2018. He also donated sales of his products on his visits to PRCA. It seems that he has a soft spot for us here on the South Coast, so hopefully we can lure him back from the Islands in the post-Covid days to come!

To enjoy some of Kimo's music, or if you've got an itch to learn some ukulele, just type in his name on your search engine, and you'll find plenty of options to choose from.

Until next month, please stay safe and keep the music in you!

The 2020 Lineup

Los Pinguos, The Muddy Souls Band, Robbie Fulks

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.



Notes from the Board: The Friendship Hall needs some work!!

Can you imagine a Pistol River concert without the Friendship Hall? Neither can we! Whether you've been with us since our beginnings in 1982, just found us before Covid-19 struck, or more likely have been a fan since somewhere in between, you know how special and enjoyable the acoustic shows we sponsor are. The cozy, close atmosphere and great sound of the Friendship Hall gives the feel that the artists are performing right in our living room. But, like any building that's been around for a while, it needs a little TLC from time-to-time to keep the rain and critters out to protect the hominess within. The Pistol River Friendship Club, owners of the Hall, had set their sights on raising funds this year to replace the roof and siding. The great news is that they have successfully procured a grant through the Oregon Community Foundation that should cover the cost of the roof! But, that still leaves a need for funding for the siding. To that end, the Club is applying for other grants. Most grants require some amount of community support, either through funds or volunteering. With the ban on large gatherings due to the Corona Virus, the Club has not been able to rent the Hall or host fundraising activities to help with these community matching efforts. So, since the Friendship Hall is such an integral part of the Pistol River Concert Association model and experience, we are asking our members and friends to consider donating to the Pistol River Friendship Club to help in the restoration efforts of the Hall. The Club is a 501C3 Tax Deductible organization and can provide a receipt for your donation. Please send your donations, or address any questions to:

Pistol River Friendship Club
24252 Carpenterville Road
Gold Beach, OR 97444

Thank you for your support of your community, and great acoustic music!

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 _____

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

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