

# Pistol River Concert Association



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## 2020 IS IN THE REAR VIEW MIRROR!

Well, we made it through 2020, but unfortunately, the pandemic marches on. While vaccines bring flickers of light at the end of the tunnel, even soul-soothing gatherings like Pistol River Concerts remain off-limits for now. Until we can safely bring musicians and audiences back to Pistol River, we hope you are finding music on your own and supporting musicians as you can through purchases or virtual concerts.

If you're not sure which artists to assist, a quick look at the [pistolriver.com](http://pistolriver.com) website might provide a little inspiration, and maybe a bit of nostalgia. Just hit the *History* tab, then scroll down to see the amazing tally of almost 40 years performers that have graced the Friendship Hall stage. It's hard not to be wowed by some of them: Dar Williams, Chuck Pyle, Greg Brown, Robin and Lucinda Williams, Ray Wylie Hubbard. Some big names in the music world that performed in little ol' Pistol River!



*Greg Brown—The big one I missed!*

When you scan this list, ask yourself these questions:

- What is the best show you've seen at Pistol River? A tough one for me. I'm always awed by the quality of vocals and instrumentation our performers bring. But two shows— Los Pinguos, and The Slocan Ramblers— stick with me not only for the music but for the fun the crowd was having. Lots of hands clapping, and dancing in the aisles!
- What show do you wish you'd seen? For this Folk-lover, it'd have to be Greg Brown. I've been a big fan since discovering him on NPR and his semi-regular spots on *A Prairie Home Companion* years ago. The thought of missing his deep voice and great story telling on our stage brings an aching to my heart!
- And finally - who on the list may we have caught on their way up in the industry? The aforementioned Slocan Ramblers seem to be on track for making it big, dubbed 2020 Momentum Band of the Year by the International Bluegrass Music Association. And I have an idea that the "psychedelic folk" sound of 2018 guest Marty O'Reilly and the Old Soul Orchestra could find a significant following down the line.

It'll be great to hear the music roll through the Friendship Hall when we can do so. But until then, take a look at the web site, keep safe, and keep the music in you however you can!

*The 2021 Lineup to be determined!*

**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](http://www.pistolriver.com), or by calling 541-247-2848 and picked up at the door.



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## 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!

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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