

Pistol River Concert Association

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THE MUDDY SOULS

We've got a great show of Oregon talent coming our way on March 30th, when The Muddy Souls take the Friendship Hall stage.

Once the music starts, it's easy to think that the Eugene-based band is a classic bluegrass group. All the strings being strummed and harmonies being sung certainly point in that direction. But little by little, the listener comes to realize that there's something different – and wonderful - going on. The traditional bluegrass rapid-fire instrumentals and rotating solos are regularly on display, but they are not what The Muddy Souls rely on.

Headed up by Peter Romanelli on guitar, The Muddy Souls also features Grace Honeywell on fiddle, Jacob Camara playing the banjo, Ansten Slone on the mandolin, and Mila Butler plucking the bass strings. Like any good bluegrass band, all five join in on the singing duties. But, with songwriting that leans toward folk, and cadences and beats more reminiscent of country, this quintet produce a beautifully unique sound: A bluegrass presentation with a folksy vibe.

Come join us Saturday March 30th for a 7:30PM show at the Pistol River Friendship Hall for a great acoustic night with The Muddy Souls.



BUT FIRST - A BONUS MARCH SHOW!

You may recall that last year, we teamed up with the Curry County Public Library in Gold Beach for a concert and membership drive. That went so well, we thought we'd try it again! So, on Tuesday, March 26, the library will host The Hanneke Cassel Band for a FREE concert.

Some of you may be familiar with—or know personally—Hanneke Cassel, as she was Port Orford raised before taking the fiddle world by storm. Her prowess in classic Scottish and Cape Breton style fiddling combined with her Americana flare have lead to performances around the world, and teaching the craft from fiddle camps to the Berklee College of Music. Joining Hanneke on stage will be award winning and pioneering cellist Tristan Clarridge, and Berklee College graduate and Boston Indie Rock scene guitarist Christopher Lewis. This will be a wonderful show!

We will have a reserved section for new or renewed PRCA members for this otherwise first come first served performance, so show up early to sign up or renew and claim a seat (sorry but we can't reserve seats earlier.) The show starts at 5:30PM, and we will be on hand to register members starting at 4:30.

Next up: Biddy on the Bench (Celtic) June 8!

Tickets for all shows are \$20 at local outlets and at the door (if not sold out!)

- **First Chapter Coffee House 458-236-5135**

- **Wright's Custom Framing 541-469-7900**

Tickets can also be purchased on-line for \$21.

- **www.pistolriver.com/tickets**



Notes from the Board:

We are modernizing our ticket sales and member contact information! In addition to our usual local outlets and tickets at the door when not sold out, tickets may now be purchased on-line at our website. On-line tickets include an additional \$1 service fee per ticket. The newsletter and other correspondence will soon be sent to members via MailChimp, but should include "Pistol River Concert Association" in the address line, so check your spam files for before deleting!

We want to recognize and thank our new Gold Beach ticket seller, First Chapter Coffee House, as well as our old Brookings friend and ticket outlet, Wrights Custom Framing. Please give them a thank you for their PRCA and community support – and maybe buy a cup of coffee or art supplies while you're at it as your community support!

It may not be obvious when you walk in, but a lot of maintenance has been done to the Friendship Hall. A grant to the Pistol River Friendship Club was huge, but there were also many donations from our members as well, so thank you to all who contributed.

Lastly, like the Friendship Club, the Pistol River Concert Association is a non-profit and community run and supported entity. Although we hold fundraising events from time to time, donations to either group at any time are always appreciated!



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 go to pistolriver.com/join. (It's tax deductible !!)