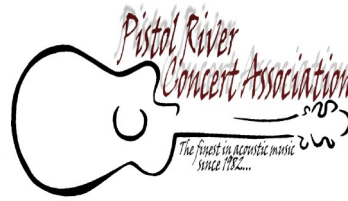


Pistol River Concert Association

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BIDDY ON THE BENCH

Hey, all you Pistol River connoisseurs of great music, get ready for a June 8th night of beautiful Celtic tunes, courtesy of Bidy on the Bench! The young lads that formed Bidy are based out of Portland, but once they start playing, you'll think you're tipping back a pint in an Irish pub.

It's interesting how folks born and raised in one part of the world develop such a passion for music from another spot. For the Bidy on the Bench members – two from Oregon and two with Ohio roots – the recipe was an early start playing music, and the influence and encouragement of family and friends.



An eighth birthday present of a tin whistle started guitarist and vocalist Kevin Grgurich down the Celtic path. His Cleveland upbringing was rich in Irish culture and influences, and ultimately led to him joining a local band with one of the best names ever – The Respectable Hooligans! Kevin found his way to Portland about ten years ago and teamed with the Bidy boys.

Trips to Ireland, Scotland and Brittany kick-started Eagle Creek native Noah Cotter into a love of singing Irish and British folk songs at thirteen. In high school he was active in various choir ensembles, but ultimately returned to the Irish and Old World folk that he loves. We also will likely see him playing the mandolin!

Casey Dyer grew up in an Oregon household enriched by his fathers country music playing in the shop and his mothers Irish folk (her roots!) coming from her studio. His mother introduced him to the tin whistle at 15, starting a journey to not only perfect that instrument, but many more – including the Uilleann Pipes.

Finally, fiddle player and violist Trevor Cormack first took bow to string at age nine. Instruction was heavy on the classics, but family and friends showed him the fun of Irish, American Old-Time and Bluegrass tunes. Trevor used his Ohio State Bachelor of Music Education degree to teach at various public schools before joining Bidy in 2017.

This is an exceptional young Celtic quartet, who will put on a great show. And the Pistol River Concert Association is excited to be using a grant from the Curry County Cultural Coalition designed to help such bands get a little more exposure and name recognition. Over the years PRCA has depended almost solely on donations and ticket sales to keep the music coming to the Friendship Hall, but as costs go up, so does the need for our resourcefulness. We have also secured a grant from the Gold Beach Community Fund, and will keep an eye out for other opportunities to help make the music happen.

You don't want to miss this show, so mark your calendar for Saturday, June 8th to come join us at the Friendship Hall for a night of old time Celtic music performed by Bidy on the Bench. We'll be raffling a CD for PRCA members, so ask about that at the door. The show starts at 7:30 and tickets are available at First Chapter Coffee House in Gold Beach, Wrights Custom Framing in Brookings or you can purchase tickets online at pistolriver.com. Hope to see you there!

Next up: Fellow Pynins (Folk) - July 13

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!

Lastly, like the Friendship Club who takes care of the Friendship Hall, 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. PRCA has relied primarily on ticket sales and donations to bring the great music to Pistol River over the years, but as with all things, expenses rise! In an effort to continue drawing quality bands but at reasonable ticket prices, we have begun applying for grants to help keep the music coming.



Want to become a PRCA Member?

We welcome anyone to the Pistol River Concert Association that has an interest in supporting the concert series. To get a heads up on upcoming shows, donate a bit to the cause, or to renew your membership, please go to pistolriver.com/join. (It's tax deductible !!)