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Winter 2015

Upcoming Music Events (More details inside...)

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 Lindsey, Rodd Ambroson
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 Enterprise
- Sunday, Feb. 15, 4 PM
 Open Mic at Josephy Center for Arts and Culture
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Please visit our website for the most current events listings, as **change happens!**

You can also sign up for our e-news, which is distributed via email whenever something new is added to our music calendar.

www.wvmusicalliance.org

If you have a musical event you'd like listed here please send it to: info@wvmusicalliance.org Deadline for next issue of the QuarterNote is Mar. 31.

Tunesmith Night

The Wallowa Valley Music Alliance celebrates Valentine's Day with another edition of the popular monthly songwriter showcase, Tunesmith Night, on **Saturday**, **February 14**. Held at Lear's Main Street Grill (111 W. Main, Enterprise) this month's program features **Campbell Davis**, **McKenzie Lindsey** and **Rodd Ambroson**.



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Campbell Davis is a native of Walla Walla, Washington, where the singer-songwriter began his career at the early age of 12. Growing up surrounded by music, he has always known music would be his life. Campbell became intrigued by the giants of guitar: Dave Matthews and Jimi Hendrix. Over the last two years, he has put his artistic efforts into songwriting, and as a result, released a self--

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McKenzie Lindsey was raised in Wallowa. Her interest in music started early on, with piano lessons at age 6, moving on to both classical and jazz voice for several years. She later learned guitar, and performed whenever she got the chance. McKenzie considers her style to be Indie-folk, influenced by such artists as Regina Spector, Norah Jones, and Lana Delray. When she's not performing at wineries and other venues in Walla Walla, she works at *Frosted*, a downtown cupcake shop. Washington, she works at *Frosted*, a cupcake shop, in downtown Walla Walla.

5th Annual Dulcimer Week Welcomes New Students

Registration is open for our 5th Annual Dulcimer Week in the Wallowas! Top instructors Karen Mueller from Minneapolis and Steve Eulberg from the Bay Area are joining Bob Webb and Heidi Muller to teach mountain dulcimer classes for all levels. Complete beginners, advanced beginners, intermediate and advanced students will come in from across the Northwest and beyond to learn in the beautiful setting of Wallowa Lake Methodist Camp. Rental dulcimers are available if needed and local folks are encouraged to attend. There are morning classes and afternoon electives, plus concerts, jam sessions and other evening activities. Register at www.wvmusicalliance.org or email wallowadulcimer@gmail.com for more information.



THANK YOU to all who contributed to our year-end fundraising campaign! We are thrilled to report that our total donations broke the \$7000 mark, proving that YOU SUPPORT MUSIC in Wallowa County. Every gift means a great deal to us, and if you didn't get a chance to donate before year-end, we always welcome your contributions online at www.usicalliance.org or by mail at WVMA, PO Box 148, Enterprise, OR 97828.

Tunesmith Night

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Many may recognize Joseph painter and sculptor Rodd Ambroson for his stunning visual works, and that same passion is apparent in his music. With flowing fingerstyle guitar backing his warm, rich voice, his ballads are full of imagery, emotion, and attention to detail. Three of his songs appear on the compilation CD "Songs



from the End of the Road" released in 2008.

Tunesmith Night is presented in a round-robin format, with each musician playing a song, then the next taking a turn, creating an interesting and varied performance. Admission is \$10 at the door or by season pass. Doors open at 6pm, music at 7pm, all ages welcome. As always, hosts Steve and Cathi Lear invite you to enjoy this superb music event, where patrons are encouraged to sample the delicious cuisine Lear's Main Street Grill has to offer. Plus, there's a nice selection of beer, wine, and mixed drinks available for your enjoyment.

Upcoming Tunesmith Night artists:

March 14—Lewi Longmire, Anita Lee Elliott, MidLo April 11—Gareth Tabor, Edmund Wayne, Heidi Muller May 9—Tracy Spring, Janis Carper, Dan Weber Plans are coming together for the 11th annual Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Camp, to be held at Wallowa School July 5-10, 2015. Families will gather to sharpen their skills playing traditional old-time fiddle music. With four levels of fiddle classes as well as instruction in



guitar, mandolin, singing, and dance, this camp fills to capacity every year with folks of all ages from around the region. Here's a list of this year's instructors:

Isaac Callender – High Intermediate Bluegrass Fiddle
Duane Boyer – Ultimate Beginning Guitar
Judy Lungren – Intermediate Southern Fiddle
Stuart Mason – DADGAD Guitar
Emily Muller-Callender – Vocal Repertoire
Jonah Shue – Intermediate Mandolin

Larry B. Smith – Dance Master

Loralyn Staples – Basic Fiddle/Intermediate Contra Dance Fiddle

Martha Stone – Intermediate Clawhammer Banjo John Weed – Intermediate Irish Fiddle Jon Weeks – Intermediate Bluegrass Guitar

Details will be on our website soon at wymusicalliance.org, and online registration opens on March 15.

Blue Mountain Old Time Fiddlers Association returns to the Cloverleaf Hall in Enterprise for the spring fiddle show—Saturday, March 7. Barbeque meal by Randy Garnett at 5pm, show at 6.

Coming Up at the OK Theatre



Here's a few highlights of upcoming live music at the **OK Theatre** in Enterprise:

Friday, Jan. 30—Seth Kinzie w/Elwood

Tuesday, Feb. 3—**Joseph** (the band) Fundraiser for Wallowa Band Nez Perce Trail Interpretive Longhouse project

Friday, Mar. 13—Fruition

Wednesday, Apr. 15—Brothers Comatose

Community Dance News

Join us for the Old-Time Community
Dance on Saturday, **February 21,** 7:00
to 10:30 PM at the Enterprise Odd
Fellows Hall. Dance Squares, Circles,
Reels, Contras, Waltzes, Polkas with a
Live String Band and Caller. Beginners
welcome, all dances will be taught, and
no partner or special clothing required.
Admission \$5/person, children under 12



FREE. For more info or to volunteer at our monthly dances please call Laura Skovlin, 541-398-0800.

Music on Tap at Terminal Gravity



Upcoming live music at Terminal Gravity Brewing Co., 803 SE School St., Enterprise:

Thursday, Jan. 29—**Elwood**

Saturday, Jan. 31—Carolyn Lochert &

Janis Carper

Friday, Feb. 6—Open Mic

Friday, Feb. 27—An American Forrest

Second Sunday Open Mic

The monthly open mic continues at the **Josephy Center for Arts** and Culture on the second Sunday of the month, from 4-6 PM. Perform yourself or sit back and relax and enjoy! All are encouraged to perform, whether



it's singing, playing the piano, karaoke or a comedy standup act! Potluck luck dishes are encouraged, but not required.

Classical Music Highlights

Here's a look at what's coming up in the world of classical music:

Saturday, February 21st (Condon) & Sunday February 22nd (Stanfield) Inland Northwest Musicians performing Borodin In the Steppes of Central Asia (www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com)

Sunday, March 1st (Enterprise High School) Wallowa Valley Orchestra

Wednesday, March 11th, 7:30 pm (LaGrande at McKenzie Auditorium, EOU) Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra performing Elgar Enigma Variations and Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 3 with soloist (http://granderondesymphony.org)

Saturday, March 14th, 7:30 pm (Pendleton Vert Auditorium) **Oregon East Symphony & Chorale** performing Mendelssohn Symphony No. 4 (Italian Symphony) and Mozart Requiem Mass in D Minor with soloists (www.oregoneastsymphony.org)

Saturday, April 25th, 7:30 pm (Pendleton Vert Auditorium) Oregon East Symphony "Canciones y Danzas" featuring music by Spanish composers and Nicaraguan classical guitar soloist Isaac Bustos (www.oregoneastsymphony.org)



The Wallowa Valley Orchestra, part of the Inland Northwest Musicians, is seeking new members! If you play an orchestral string instrument; violin, viola, cello or string bass, or a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument, please consider joining us on Tuesday evenings! We rehearse in the Enterprise High School music room, from 6:30-8 PM. There is no fee, there is no audition. Students are especially welcome as the WVO is a teaching orchestra, formed by members of our community, giving anyone interested the option to rehearse and perform in a small orchestral setting. We do ask that you are able to read music and have access to an instrument. Musicians from neighboring counties are also welcome to join us. Contact the INWM office, 541-289-4696 if you have any questions, you can also find information on our website, www.inlandnorthwestmusicians.com

3rd Annual Hootenanny May 17

Mark your calendars! The **Third Annual Hootenanny and Sho-fly Pie Social** is scheduled for 4PM **Sunday, May 17** at the Enterprise Odd Fellows Hall. The theme for this year's popular fundraising event will be **The History of Country Music,** featuring a variety of local performers chronicling selected highlights of country music starting with the Appalachian string band music documented by the 1927 Bristol recording sessions. Our guest emcee will be famed radio host from Northwest Public Radio's *Inland Folk*, **Dan Maher.**



We try to keep up with current music happenings around Wallowa County and Facebook is an easy way to stay informed. If you have a

music event, instrument for sale, lessons to teach, be sure to let us know and we'll share it on our page!

Joseph Mountain Jubilee July 4

Saturday, **July 4, 2015** is the date for the 4th annual Joseph Mountain Jubilee (formerly the Joseph Mountain Music Festival), "Where the Mountains Meet the Music."

This one-day festival features a variety of original local, regional, and national "mountain-country-roots-a-billy-grass" music at multiple venues in beautiful downtown Joseph, Oregon. Falling between Dulcimer Week in the Wallowas and Wallowa Fiddle Tunes Camp, This event draws talent and audiences from these two long-running music camps, sponsored by the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance.

Founder and event organizer **Tammy Kruger** is pleased to bring this day-long event under the umbrella of the Music Alliance this year, improving positioning for sponsorships and grants to support the festival.

Venues hosting music at this year's festival include Mutiny Brewing Company, The Embers Brewhouse, Redhorse Coffee, Arrowhead Chocolates, Wallowa County Farmers Market, and others. Performances will be staggered throughout the day, beginning at 11AM and continuing into the evening.

Much of the music at Joseph Mountain Jubilee is free for fans. A couple of venues choose to have a small cover charge of \$3 or less. For up-to-date information on bands and other festival details, visit www.josephmountainjubilee.com. Event organizer Tammy Kruger can be reached at 541-398-0582.

Swart Serenades Sweethearts

Bring your sweetheart to the historic Wallowa Lake Lodge on Valentine's day, Feb. 14 for dinner and the piano stylings of **Gail Swart**. Spend the night and enjoy breakfast on Sunday morning—come make a memory! For reservations call the lodge at 541-432-9821.



Sponsorship opportunities are available for the 7th Annual JUNIPER JAM—The sweetest little music festival in Eastern Oregon! Visit www.juniperjam.com to download the sponsor packet for JUNIPER JAM 2015. We appreciate your support!



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Please contact us to make a donation, volunteer, or receive our quarterly newsletter, *The Quarter Note*.

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VOICE LESSONS From theory to jazz improvisation Call Carolyn Lochert at 541-398-1089

Cello, Guitar, Dulcimer, Ukulele or Mandolin lessons call Bob Webb 304-550-3799

Do you teach music? Contact WVMA at info@wvmusicalliance.org or 541-426-3390.

Do you have a musical instrument just sitting around collecting dust? Consider donating it to the Music Alliance!

Share your music! Wallowa Valley Senior Living invites musicians to come play for the residents. Contact Jennifer Olson at 541-426-5311.

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