

Upcoming Music Events  
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- Saturday, Oct. 10, 7 PM  
**Tunesmith Night: Dakota Brown, Laddie Ray Melvin, Jesse Garrett Johnson**  
Lear's Main Street Grill, Enterprise
- Sunday, Oct. 11, 4 PM  
**Open Mic**  
Joseph Center for Arts and Culture
- Thursday, Oct. 15, 6:30 PM  
**Wildlands Firefighters Foundation Fundraiser**  
OK Theatre
- Saturday, Oct. 17, 7 PM  
**Old-Time Community Dance**  
w/ **Hokum Hi-Flyers**  
Enterprise Odd Fellows Hall
- Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1 PM  
**Dulcimer Class Begins**  
Woodshed, Enterprise
- Saturday, Nov. 14, 7 PM  
**Tunesmith Night: Artists TBA**  
Lear's Main Street Grill, Enterprise
- Sunday, Dec. 20, 4 PM  
**Community Christmas Concert**  
Joseph Center for Arts and Culture

## Tunesmith Night Season Opener October 10



A Showcase of Original Music  
Presented by the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance

The Wallowa Valley Music Alliance launches another season of the popular monthly songwriter showcase, Tunesmith Night, on **Saturday, October 10**. This month features **Dakota Brown, Laddie Ray Melvin, and Jesse Garrett Johnson**.

Pendleton, Oregon's twenty-four year old pop/soul singer **Dakota Brown** undoubtedly has a gift for singing. But it wasn't until after a major car accident when Brown discovered his love for singing.

"Something just clicked after that," Brown states. "I suddenly knew that singing was what I was meant to do." Already playing guitar prior to the wreck, the vehicle accident forced Brown to learn guitar opposite-handed after suffering severe injuries to his left hand. Soon after, Brown teamed up with local guitarist Luke Basile, eventually forming the Dakota Brown Band, releasing their EP titled "Find Your Way" in 2011. A new full length studio project is currently underway with three-time Grammy nominated producer, Brook Floyd.

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## Wildland Firefighters Fundraiser October 15



Come to the **OK Theatre** in Enterprise at 6:30 PM on Thursday, **October 15** for an evening of entertainment to raise money for victims of the recent fires in the Troy area. It's a Wildland Firefighters Foundation Fundraiser and will feature local musicians including **Jimmy Bivens, Henry Kinsley, Caleb Samples, Heidi Muller, Bob Webb, Janis Carper, Carolyn Lochert, Roger McGee, Bruce Coutant** and more. There will also be a raffle, silent auction, and bake sale, accompanied by TG beer and other libations. Admission by donation.

## Dulcimer Classes begin October 20

A beginning Appalachian Dulcimer class will be offered for five weeks on Tuesdays, October 20 to November 17, 2015, from 1:00 to 2:30 pm at the Woodshed, 705 S. River St. in Enterprise. The instructor will be Heidi Muller, a longtime player and teacher. Cost is \$95 and pre-registration is required. There are dulcimers available to rent for an additional \$40. Some new instruments are also available for sale from the instructor.

One of America's own folk instruments, the dulcimer has a sweet and delicate sound. It is one of the easiest folk instruments to learn, having just three or four strings. There is no need to have a musical background. Classes will cover basic right and left-hand techniques and students are typically able to play some simple songs by the end of the first class.

Register online at [wvmusicalliance.org](http://wvmusicalliance.org). For more information, please call Heidi Muller at (541) 432-0156 or email [wallowadulcimer@gmail.com](mailto:wallowadulcimer@gmail.com).



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](http://www.wvmusicalliance.org)

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

## Tunesmith Night *(Continued from page 1)*

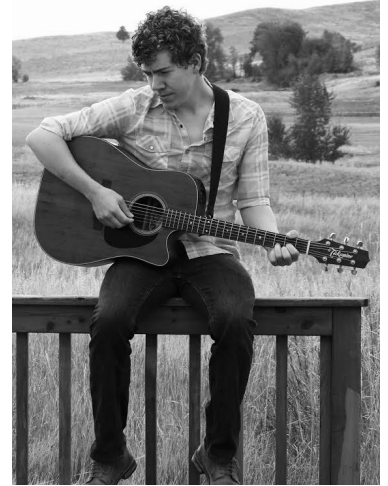


**Laddie Ray Melvin** comes to us from Spokane, Washington and says, "I have been writing songs for a long time, and I always attempt to establish a narrative flow in my songs while using imagery to support that effort." Melvin also tries to create character driven songs. His work is influenced by writers like Guy Clark, Dave Carter and Tracy Grammar and in 2001 he was a finalist at the Sisters Folk Festival where he was immersed in music like theirs. Melvin says, "I will keep listening to what others offer the world, and work on the craft until someone takes the pencil out of my hand and says, 'That's enough.'"

**Jesse Garrett Johnson** grew up in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee where he began playing guitar and writing music at the age of ten. Portraits of the south and people he's known form the stories in Johnson's songs. His music has been influenced by Elliott Smith, Nick Drake, Neil Young, and many others who rely on the simple pairing of a

guitar and a voice. Johnson is working on an album of home recordings to be released in spring 2016, and when he isn't playing music, he teaches writing at Fishtrap in Enterprise.

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.



## Old-Time Community Dance News

Join us for the Old-Time Community Dance on Saturday, **October 17**, 7:00 to 10:00 PM at the Enterprise Odd Fellows Hall. Dance squares, circles, reels, contras, waltzes, polkas with caller and special musical guests the **Hokum Hi-Flyers**. Beginners welcome, all dances will be taught, and no partner or special clothing required. Admission \$5/person, children under 12 FREE.

Based in Boise, Idaho, the **Hokum Hi-Flyers** play old-time mountain music and other forms of unplugged American roots music on fiddle, banjo, guitar, mandolin, bass, and harmonica. Part of the living tradition of "old, weird America," they sing songs of love and murder, sin and redemption, whiskey and whimsy. High-spirited dance tunes will get you on your feet and hollerin' at the rafters. Come chase away the blues at their regular square dances at the Mardi Gras Ballroom in downtown Boise. They serve up hokum and they serve it hot. Check the Hokum Hi-Flyers out online here: <https://soundcloud.com/banjoscott/sets/the-original-hokum-hi-flyers> and here: <https://www.facebook.com/HokumHiFlyers>.



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

## Terminal Gravity



Oct. 15—The Earnest Lovers 6PM  
 Oct. 18—Karyn Ann 7PM  
 Oct 18—Hokum Hi-Flyers 7PM  
 Oct 21—Colton Elwood Haney 7PM  
 Oct. 22—Dedric Clark & the Social Animals 7PM  
 Oct. 31—Malachi Graham & Bart Budwig 8PM  
 Nov. 6—Open Mic  
 Dec. 4—Open Mic

## OK Theatre

Oct. 15—Wildlands Firefighters Foundation Fundraiser 6:30PM  
 Nov. 14—Liz Vice 8PM  
 Dec. 18—Caleb Klauder & Reeb Williams 7PM



**Josephy Center** Open mic resumes **every second Sunday, 4-6 PM** beginning Sunday, Oct. 11 with host **Ted Hays**.

## Classical Music Highlights

Here's what's happening in the world of classical music:

### Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra (<http://granderondesymphony.org>)

The fall concert will be Wednesday, November 18, 7:30 pm, Mackenzie Auditorium, EOU campus, LaGrande. The Baker City concert using the same repertoire will be Saturday, November 21. This first concert will feature collaborations with Baker High School's choir directed by DeeAnn Sands. The Grande Ronde Symphony Orchestra will also perform in the Holiday Music Festival, Saturday and Sunday, December 5 and 6. Here's the fall concert program:

Mendelssohn Hebrides Overture  
Adoramus with Baker High School Choir  
Come to the Music with Baker High School Choir  
West Side Story  
Schindler's List (theme only)  
Peer Gynt Suite No. 1  
Brahms Hungarian Dance #5  
Beethoven Symphony #5

### Wallowa Valley Orchestra Concert

Youth concert Thursday, Oct 22nd, Enterprise High School  
General concert Sunday, Oct 25th, Wallowa High School

### Oregon East Symphony ([www.oregoneastsymphony.org](http://www.oregoneastsymphony.org))

NOSFERATU 7:30pm, Friday, October 30th - Vert Auditorium, Pendleton.

### HOLIDAY MUSIC FESTIVAL

6:30pm, Sunday, December 13th - Vert Auditorium \*open seating. Includes The Oregon East Symphony Chorale performing Ralph Vaughn Williams' "Fantasia On A Christmas Carol" plus The Pendleton Men's Chorus and the Sherwood-McKay Children's Chorus also appear.

### Inland Northwest Musicians

Holiday Concert Dec 11 & 12 in Echo, Oregon

We hope you'll remember the Music Alliance in your year-end giving, especially as Juniper Jam (one of our major fundraisers) fell a bit short this year due to inclement weather. As a nonprofit organization, we appreciate your generosity when our letter reaches your mailbox in early December. Also, it's quick and easy to donate online at any time of year—visit [www.wvmusicalliance.org](http://www.wvmusicalliance.org).

## Jeff Scroggins & Colorado Play Eastern Oregon

Colorado based bluegrass superband **Jeff Scroggins and Colorado** will be performing at the Pendleton Presbyterian Church, 201 SW Dorion Ave, Pendleton, OR on Monday, **October 12th** and at the La Grande United Methodist Church, 1612 Fourth St., La Grande, OR on Tuesday **October 13th** at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10 and are available online at [www.theacousticshed.com](http://www.theacousticshed.com) or at the door.

Jeff Scroggins & Colorado is a high-energy five-piece bluegrass band located in the Western Frontier state of Colorado. Their distinctive sound showcases an eclectic range of influences that marry second and third generation bluegrass, delivering a unique experience that captivates audiences and keeps them guessing: It's a powerful, high mountain "bluegrass explosion" that features world-class banjo and mandolin playing, incredible vocals, a solid and energetic rhythm and an easy stage banter that has delighted listeners all over the world.

For more information please contact Isaac Callender at [406-223-3210](tel:406-223-3210) or [info@isaaccallender.com](mailto:info@isaaccallender.com)

## Christmas at the Lodge

It might seem like a long way off to plan for the Christmas season, but it's coming up sooner than we think. The single event in Wallowa County that marks the beginning of yuletide celebrations is **Gail Swart's** caroling party and dinner at **Wallowa Lake Lodge**. It takes place on December 5th and 6th, 2015. This long-running seasonal favorite offers a chance to gather around the piano and sing carols with your neighbors and friends by the warm glow of the fire. Great local musical entertainment will be presented after a delicious dinner, topped off by homemade holiday cookies made by Gail herself. For reservations, call the lodge at 541-432-9821. One dollar of each \$30 ticket (gratuity included) will be donated to the **Joseph Center for Arts and Culture**. That's a lot of entertainment value!

## Music Alliance & Josephy Center Holiday Celebration

Mark your calendars for the ninth annual Music Alliance **Community Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 20** at 4 PM. The event will again be held at the **Josephy Center for Arts and Culture** and admission is by donation, with proceeds going to support programs at both the Josephy Center and the Music Alliance. An all-star cast of local musicians will provide holiday favorites. Please watch our website and Facebook page for details.



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!



Founded in 2004, The Wallowa Valley Music Alliance is an Oregon non-profit corporation with tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal

Revenue Code. Your contribution to the WVMA is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law.

Board of Directors: Bob Webb (President), Carolyn Lochert, Heidi Muller, Sandi Richerson, Dave Riley, Heather Tyreman. Executive Director: Janis Carper.

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

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### Quarter Note Classifieds

For lessons in **guitar, mountain dulcimer, or ukulele**, contact Heidi Muller at 304-382-9422

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

Do you teach music? Contact WVMA at [info@wvmusicalliance.org](mailto:info@wvmusicalliance.org) or 541-426-3390.

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