

Sisters Folk Festival announces 2008 winter concert series

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SISTERS, Ore. – The Sisters Folk Festival presents the next two concerts in the 2008 Winter Concert Series. David Lindley will perform on February 10 and Tracy Grammer on March 2 at the beautiful Five Pine Lodge and Conference Center in Sisters.

On February 10, multi-instrumentalist David Lindley will perform music that redefines the word "eclectic." Lindley, well known for his many years as the featured accompanist with Jackson Browne, and leader of his own band El Rayo-X, has long championed the concept of world music. The David Lindley electro-acoustic performance effortlessly combines American folk, blues, and bluegrass traditions with elements from African, Arabic, Asian, Celtic, Malagasy, and Turkish musical sources. Lindley incorporates an incredible array of stringed instruments including but not limited to Weissenborn Hawaiian lap steel guitar, Turkish saz and chumbus, Middle Eastern oud, and Irish bouzouki. The eye-poppingly clad "Mr. Dave's" uncanny vocal mimicry and demented sense of humor make his onstage banter a highlight of the show.

On March 2, Tracy Grammer will perform in Sisters while currently touring in support of *Flower of Avalon*, her much anticipated solo debut. In January 2006, the album showed up on "Best of" lists and listener polls around the country, and was the #1 most-played album on folk radio across the United States. Grammer first graced the stages of the Sisters Folk Festival with long time partner Dave Carter, and demonstrated why Dave and Tracy went on to international acclaim with their beautiful melodies and inquisitively poetic lyrics. Tracy Grammer tours internationally with songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Jim Henry. With acoustic and electric guitars, beautifully matched voices, dobro, mandolin and violin, this duo shares original songs, instrumentals, and pays homage to Carter and other stellar writers while charting a brand new course for themselves in the musical landscape. Grammer says, "I'll keep on singing, and I'll keep on telling my story, however that evolves. Working with Dave Carter was the first step on what I hope is going to be a long and fruitful road for me: the endless quest for authenticity through music."

The Campbell Brothers were the first in the series and surpassed all expectations. The crowd was dancing throughout the evening. "We couldn't be happier with the turnout and the show," said Events Director, Katy Yoder. "The audience left the concert walking two feet off the ground; it was incredible." The next two concerts should be top quality as well; both David Lindley and Tracy Grammer are fantastic performers bringing their own style of music to Central Oregon.

“The Sisters Folk Festival is bringing year-round cultural arts opportunities by providing performing arts programming that is educational and engaging, and that expose people to the beauty and unique quality of life of the Sisters Country.” --Brad Tisdell, Artistic Director, Sisters Folk Festival

To purchase tickets call the Festival office at 541.549.4979. Tickets are also available at Paulina Springs Books (Sisters & Redmond), Five Pine Lodge and Conference Center in Sisters, and the Curiosity Shoppe in Bend. David Lindley tickets are \$20 adult/\$10 student (\$25 & \$15 at the door). Tracy Grammer tickets, are \$15 Adult/\$10 student (\$20 & \$15 at the door). Shows start at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Five Pine Lodge and Conference Center is located at 1021 Desperado Trail in Sisters, and is part of the “Unique Properties of the Sisters Country” and can be contacted at 541.549.5900, or through their web site. Ticket and accommodation packages are available. Please contact Five Pine directly.

For more information on the 2008 Winter Concert Series or the Sisters Folk Festival, visit their web site or call 541.549.4979.

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