

Musicians to Perform in Bend as Benefit for Autism Group

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The Breedlove Guitar Company and the Tower Theatre Foundation Team up for a Magical Evening of Music on August 9th to Benefit Oregon Autism Group. The Breedlove Acoustic Fest 2006 will present some of the best acoustic musicians on the planet on August 9th at 7:00 pm in a concert event benefiting children with autism and their families. The event will be held at the Tower Theatre in beautiful downtown Bend, Oregon. The evening will feature Ed Gerhard, Brad Davis, Tim May and Special guest Randy Scruggs. Each Artist, and their unique guitar and vocal styles, will be featured. All proceeds will benefit the Central Oregon Autism Resource Group, which will have staff members on hand to pass out flyers and answer questions. Judy Lynne, author of *Autism: Heartfelt Thoughts From Mothers* (<http://www.autismthoughts.com>), will give a short presentation preceding the musical performances.

The latest statistics from the Oregon Department of Education are that 1 in 98 Oregon children have autism. If autism goes up another 22% this next year as predicted, 1 in every 80 children in Oregon will have autism. Oregon has the highest rate of autism in the United States. The national average is a diagnosis of autism in 1 in every 166 children. Breedlove has pulled together these musicians from all over the country to participate in the Breedlove Extraordinary Experience (August 10-13). Adding the benefit concert was a way to allow the local community a chance to hear these talented musicians perform and, at the same time, contribute to a great cause. Doors open at 6:00 P.M. Music starts at 7:00 P.M. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased online at <http://www.towertheatre.org/>. Other Sponsors are KSJJ and Suntrack Sound and Flatpicking Guitar Magazine. Even if you can't make it to the show, you Can Help Support this wonderful cause by purchasing a ticket to the show for a child with autism or their family members. Email dan@flatpick.com (subject: Autism) to find out how.

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