

Bart Budwig, Matt Zeltzer play the Fort Americana folk songs on tap Sunday from two songwriters

ASTORIA — Americana songwriters Bart Budwig and Matt Zeltzer will bring their folk tunes to the upstairs stage at the Fort George Brewery at 8 p.m. Sunday, April 26. The brewery is located at 1483 Duane St. All ages are welcome.

Budwig grew up on the Idaho Palouse, with a pawn shop trumpet and a heart as big as a skyscraper — if skyscrapers knew how to be humble. He learned melody from classic jazz charts and learned that fault-lines in big hearts create drifting continents, cut new oceans and forge new mountains. Everyone close to him disappeared, whether to death or Texas, and from Texas he got a letter from Waylon Jennings entreating him to pick up a guitar and a pen.

Budwig doesn't write the big songs. He writes the songs about the places between the hills, in the draws and hidden canyons, where truth is a little more in focus, stories can take their time gettin' told, heartbreak is a place of deep reflection, and melodies don't have to wear rhinestone suits or drive new, shiny cars to be beautiful. He's also not afraid of working out of the spotlight. Budwig engineered not only his own full-length "Whiskey Girl" (2012), but also albums



Submitted photo
Matthew Zeltzer, left, and Bart Budwig will play Americana tunes at the Fort George Brewery on Sunday, April 26.

and tours with Radiation City, Holiday Friends, Girlfriends, Misé, John Craigie, Edmund Wayne, and Mama Doll. He also made the rare (for songwriters these days) move of covering both a Waylon tune and a friend's (An American Forrest) tune on "Whiskey Girl."

His second full-length album, "The Moon & Other Things," is due out in late 2015. In the meantime he's busy regularly updating "Jalapeno Business," a covers and duets record available for free on Soundcloud, featuring Joseph, Craigie, Forrest, Luke Ydtsie (of Blind Pilot), Janis Carper, and a whole slew of other Northwest musicians. Budwig will be touring the Northwest from his home of Enterprise when not locked

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8 p.m. Sunday, April 25
Fort George Brewery
1483 Duane St., Astoria

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away in the studio producing his friends' records.

California songwriter Matt Zeltzer paints a desolate, yet love-torn America, just as much influenced by Cormac McCarthy and John Steinbeck as by Neil Young. Mediating a soul torn between fatalism and romance, he weaves folk, blues and soul idioms, acknowledging his predecessors, while staring blindly into the future of American music. Zeltzer rarely finds room for the ornate in his writing, nor in his music, known for its simple, organic production, preferring to leave the cracks and inequalities exposed. Led by his torn, soulful voice, it is the intense energy, vibrancy and unusual honesty that transform Zeltzer's music into profound and compelling art.

Ales & Ideas examines allure of travel, art

CCC Art Instructor Kristin Shauck talks 'Paris, Florence, Rome'

ASTORIA — Clatsop Community College and the Fort George Brewery announce the April program of the 2014-15 Ales & Ideas education series, which will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 23 in the Fort George Lovell Showroom.

For this month's presentation, join Kristin Shauck of the CCC Art Department faculty in an engaging discussion of the lifelong benefits of international travel experiences. In June of 2014, Kristin led a group of students and community members on an extraordinary 11-day tour of Rome, Florence and Paris in order to experience some of the most influential and inspiring art ever produced in the Western world. In addition to sharing slides from this fascinating artistic journey, Shauck will present her ongoing effort to integrate further travel opportunities into the CCC Art Department curriculum, including a 2016 trip to London, Paris and Rome.

She will be joined by Kristen Geleynse, one of the CCC Art Center Gallery assistants, who will introduce the new Adventure Club on campus and also serve as one of the group leaders on the 2016 tour.

Shauck holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in painting and drawing from Baylor



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Kristin Geleynse, left, gallery assistant, will speak about the new CCC Adventure Club, and Kristin Shauck, right, CCC art faculty, will speak about art and travel at the next Ales & Ideas talk.

University in Waco, Texas and a Masters of Fine Arts degree in painting and drawing from Texas A&M Commerce. Prior to relocating to the Northwest, she taught art at the college level in both Texas and South Dakota for over a decade, and she is currently in her 11th academic year teaching painting, drawing and design at Clatsop Community College. Shauck also serves as founding director

of "Au Naturel: the Nude in the 21st Century," an annual international competition of figurative art. She has exhibited her own artwork in various regional and national exhibitions as well as internationally in England, Japan and India.

Doors open at 6 p.m.; seating is limited. The Fort George Lovell Showroom is located at 14th and Duane streets. Minors are welcome.

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