

# First Sunset Series concert to hit Liberty Theater stage

Horse Feathers and Mandolin Orange perform July 13, Blind Pilot plays two August shows

ASTORIA — The Liberty Theater's genre-spanning folk music Sunset Series will kick off with a Wednesday, July 13 preview show featuring a dual bill of Northwest meets Appalachian music. Portland's Horse Feathers will join North Carolina's Mandolin Orange for an intimate night of music at the Liberty Theater, offering a glimpse of what's to come for the series.

Home-town heroes Blind Pilot will kick off the official Sunset Series on Aug. 19 and 20 with two CD release concerts, debuting songs from the band's Aug. 12 major-label debut "And Then Like Lions." Tickets are available through Tickets West.

The Sunset Series will run once a month for a six-part program. Developed in part by Liberty Theater Board members Israel Nebeker and Darren Orange, the shows aim to bring a younger generation of concert go-ers together through a loose theme of independent folk-pop-rock music.

Beverages will be made available from local breweries and wineries. The Sunset Series has been made possible by donations as well as an impending grant from the Promote Astoria Fund. To keep up on upcoming performances, see [astoriasunsetseries.com](http://astoriasunsetseries.com)

Mandolin Orange, a duo made up by Emily Frantz and Andrew Marlin, is touring North America in support of its new record



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Mandolin Orange, a duo consisting of Emily Frantz and Andrew Marlin, is based in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.



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Portland band Horse Feathers plays indie folk music.



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Blind Pilot will play two concerts at the Liberty Theater to kick off the Sunset Series on Aug. 19 (sold-out) and Aug. 20. Tickets are on sale now through Tickets West.

"Such Jubilee," which dropped May 5. NPR named the 2013 release of the duo's album "This Side of Jordan"

one of the year's best folk/Americana releases.

With members scattered from Astoria, Portland

and North Carolina, Horse Feathers is making a return to its Northwest stomping grounds for a one-off performance. After a run of shows opening up for Joe Pug, Horse Feathers is on the brink of new material, the first since the group's 2014 release, "So it is with Us."

Along with longtime bandmates Nathan Crockett (strings/mandolin) and Dustin Dybvig (percussion/drums/keys), band-leader Justin Ringle brought Justin Power (bass/vocals) into the mix to have, "an honest-to-god rhythm section for the first time. With Lauren Vidal on cello and Brad Parsons singing harmonies, we played an impromptu show at Sasquatch and people liked it. We liked it, and the unusual feeling that I had after that show — which I think is referred to as 'joy' — became something I wanted to experience again."

Blind Pilot's new album "And Then Like Lions," out Aug. 12, is its first album since 2011. The six-member band will make 25-plus stops on tour this summer and fall, including the Music Hall of Williamsburg in New York, shows with Brandi Carlile and an Oct. 20 return to Portland's Crystal Ballroom.

Written and composed by Blind Pilot's Israel Nebeker over the course of three years, the record is a transcendent, cathartic response to the loss of his father and the end of a 13-year relationship.

Blind Pilot has performed on "Ellen" and "The Late Show with David Letterman," at the Newport Folk Festival, Bonnaroo and Lollapalooza. The group has shared stages with The Shins, Andrew Bird, Calexico and more. The project began in 2007 when Nebeker and co-founding member Ryan Dobrowski went on a West Coast tour via bicycle.

# Still room in summer youth camps at Fort Clatsop

ASTORIA — Outdoor adventure awaits for young people in Lewis and Clark National Historical Park. Several spots are still open in the park's two camps: Nature Adventure Camp and Nature Survival Camp.

Both are led by experienced educators, including bilingual, Spanish-speaking counselors and leaders. The camps offer fun day activities and feature overnight opportunities, perfect for campers looking to experience a first-time campout.

Nature Adventure Camp, held July 11 to 15, offers a week's worth of adventures at the park, as well as an overnight stay in Fort Clatsop. It's open to students entering fourth through sixth grades. The cost is \$140. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through

Wednesday. For the Thursday overnight, drop off is at 9 a.m. and pickup is 11 a.m. Friday.

Nature Survival Camp, held July 18 to 22, takes older campers on the water and to the woods, deep into the park and other sites, as they explore and practice nature skills, including a two-night camping trip at the beach. This camp is open to students entering seventh, eighth and ninth grades. The cost is \$150, and tents are provided. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, with a 9 a.m. drop-off on Wednesday and 11 a.m. pickup on Friday for the two-day camping trip at the beach.

For more information, call 503-861-4422, visit [nps.gov/lewi](http://nps.gov/lewi), or follow the park on Facebook.

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