

David Jacobs-Strain to play

HarmonyHouse will host David Jacobs-Strain on Saturday, January 16. Doors open at 7 p.m., music starts at 8 p.m.

David Jacobs-Strain is a fierce slide guitar player who channels the musical spirit of the Mississippi Delta, and hand-hewn stories of his home in Oregon.

At 10 years old he was busking on the streets of Eugene and Seattle; by 19 he was playing at the Newport Folk Festival and opening for Etta James, and at 21 he dropped out of Stanford to play music full-time.

“As I go further into music, the path seems to change,” he said. “When I first started playing I wanted to capture the feeling of the Delta blues. Now I want to tell stories; the sound and rhythm of the slide guitar are a vehicle for the characters in my head.”

In “Hurricane Railroad,” Jacobs-Strain sets a scene on the fringes of Oregon: “There’s a tar-paper shack at the edge of the clear-cut/blackberry vines for a front yard/ living out on power line road/ drinking rainforest water out of mason jars.”

The mood is rugged but playful, the 12-string-guitar groove sits somewhere between Leo Kotke and Little Feat, and the blues is a way of feeling, as much as a scale or a style.

On Jacobs-Strain’s upcoming release, “Live with Bob Beach,” the songs have become more personal and intimate.

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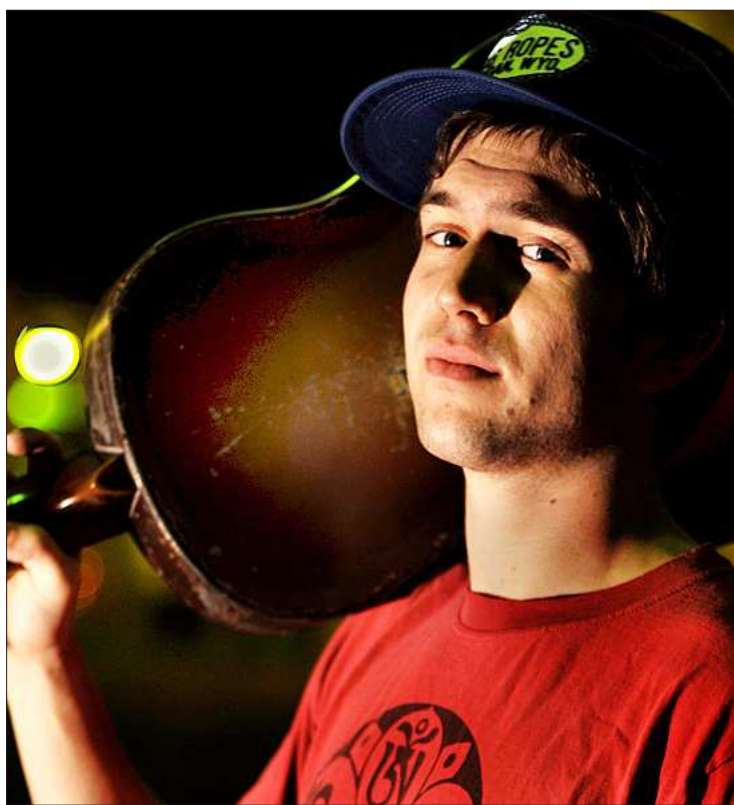


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David Jacobs-Strain returns to Sisters for an acoustic performance.

them the better,” he said. “If I already know what I want to say, what’s the point?”

Although “Strong Believer” and “Thank You Nice Lady” deliver signature slide guitar and harmonica jams, the heart of the album is “Already Gone,” where Jacobs-Strain wrestles with the death of his long-time girlfriend:

“People ask me if you suffered/ I tell them one thing or another/ Don’t they know I can’t protect them/ It’s only fear that misdirects them.” “The song came as a complete thought — the sound of the words came before the meaning. It was everything I had struggled to say for a year that I couldn’t put into words.”

“Live with Bob Beach”

will be out within a few months; you can pick up

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a pre-release copy at the HarmonyHouse concert on January 16.

HarmonyHouse is located at 17505 Kent Rd. (off Cloverdale Road). Suggested donation \$20. Call 541-548-2209 for information and directions.

Circle of Friends seeks mentors

Sisters’ youth mentorship program Circle of Friends is seeking volunteers to mentor Sisters youth.

Circle of Friends uplifts young folks in need of a hand by providing mentors with a long-term commitment to provide positive experiences for youth in the Sisters community. Mentors meet with their child on a weekly basis, spending quality time and creating a bond to support the child moving toward success.

“We have a great group of people,” said Beth Hanson, program director for Circle of Friends. “We’re just looking for great adults to meet with a child on a regular basis.”

Hanson noted that some prospective volunteers have a misconception that they are being asked to commit to 12 years of service. That is not the case. Once involved in the program, Sisters kids can participate as long as they live in the Sisters School District, through 12th grade. But they may have several mentors through that period.

“We ask that (mentors) volunteer a year at a time,” Hanson said.

Hanson also noted that some mentors are obliged to travel to meet with their friend. The organization does not want that to be a stumbling block and will work with a mentor to make that travel viable.

The push for additional mentors coincides with the 15th annual National Mentoring Month. Hanson notes that “mentoring is linked to improved academic, social and economic prospects for your people, and that ultimately strengthens our community.”

“Research has shown that when matched through a quality mentoring program, mentors can play a powerful role in providing young people with the tools to make responsible decisions, stay focused and engaged in school, and reduce or avoid risky behavior like skipping school, drug use and other negative activities.”

For more information on Circle of Friends and mentorship opportunities, contact Hanson at 541-588-6445 or 541-639-2761; or visit www.acircleoffriendsoregon.com.

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ARTIST RECEPTION FOR KIM KIMERLING'S SHOW
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