

Ace bluesman hits The Belfry next week

Tommy Castro & The Painkillers, celebrating the release of their new album, "Method To My Madness," will perform at The Belfry in Sisters on Wednesday, February 17.

Over the course of his four-decade career, Castro — a six-time Blues Music Award-winner — has played thousands of shows to hundreds of thousands of fans, packing seats and dance floors, always leaving them screaming for more. Hailing from the San Francisco area, Castro, along with his band The Painkillers (featuring bassist Randy McDonald, keyboardist Michael Emerson and drummer Bowen Brown), play music that fires up fans.

"Method To My Madness" finds Tommy Castro & The Painkillers at their very best. It is an instant career highlight in a lifetime full of them. The album was recorded at Laughing Tiger Studio in San Rafael, California, and produced by Castro (his first time at the helm) using no recording studio wizardry, just the unadulterated sound of the band.

Castro's songs (he wrote or co-wrote 10 of 12 tracks) are raw, raucous and rocking. From the opening one-two punch of everyman anthems Common Ground and Shine A Light to the full-tilt energy of the title track to the searing deep soul ballad Heaven, to the bayou rock of Got A Lot to the atmospheric,

autobiographical Ride to the reinvented version of the Clarence Carter hit I'm Qualified to the emotional cover of B.B. King's Bad Luck, Tommy Castro & The Painkillers continue to break new ground while simultaneously having an incredible amount of fun.

Born in San Jose, California in 1955, Tommy Castro first picked up a guitar at age 10. He fell under the spell of Eric Clapton, Elvin Bishop, Mike Bloomfield and other blues rock players. As he got older, Castro discovered the blues guitar-work of Muddy Waters, B.B. King, Freddie King, Buddy Guy, Elmore James and the deep-rooted soul voices of singers like Ray Charles, Wilson Pickett and James Brown. By his 20s, he was playing in a variety of San Francisco-area blues and soul bands.

Castro joined Warner Brothers artists The Dynatones in the late 1980s before forming The Tommy Castro Band in 1991. He released his debut album in 1996 on Blind Pig and hit the road hard, picking up new fans everywhere he went. During the 1990s and into the 2000s, Castro recorded a series of critically acclaimed CDs for Blind Pig, Telarc and 33rd Street Records as well

as one on his own Heart And Soul label.

In 2009 Castro came to Alligator Records, releasing "Hard Believer" to massive acclaim. He won four of his six career Blues Music Awards, including the coveted B.B. King Entertainer Of The Year Award (the very highest award a blues performer can receive).

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Castro formed The Painkillers in 2012, creating a lean, mean four-piece lineup and leaving his tight horn section behind. He stripped his music down to its raw essence with the band driving their point home on the bandstand. Fueled by Tommy's voice and guitar plus bass, drums and keyboards, the band released "The Devil You Know" in 2014.

With Method To My Madness, Tommy Castro & The Painkillers are ready to



PHOTO BY MITCHELL GLOTZER

Tommy Castro & The Painkillers will perform at The Belfry February 17.

unleash their blistering new songs on music fans in Sisters.

"With the new album," Castro says, "I was trying to get back to my basic ingredients: blues and soul. I went for the energy of connecting with my band. We kept everything raw, capturing the

feeling of playing live. I'm not about being perfect. I'm about being real."

The Belfry is located at 302 E. Main Ave. Showtime is 7 p.m. Ticket price: \$20 advance/\$25 day of show. For more information visit www.belfryevents.com.

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Wed.~Feb. 10

The Belfry Dinner Show with Brent McGregor 6 p.m. McGregor presents "Mysteries Beneath the Ice" on the Sandy Glacier Cave Project. \$35 online at bendticket.com. For info go to belfryevents.com.

Monday~Feb. 15

The Open Door Live Music with Katie Cavanaugh 6 to 8 p.m. For more information call 541-549-6076 or go online to opendoorwinebar.com.

Wed.~Feb. 17

The Belfry Live Music with Tommy Castro & The Painkillers 7 to 10 p.m. \$20 online at bendticket.com or \$25 at the door. Irresistible contemporary blues-rock. For more info: belfryevents.com.

Friday~Feb. 19

FivePine Conference Center Annual Sisters Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Ceremony 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. \$35 per person. Purchase tickets in advance at the chamber. 541-549-0251 or jeri@sisterscountry.com.

Saturday~Feb. 20

Sisters High School 5th Annual Sister Science Fair 12 to 4 p.m. Free! Sponsored by the Sisters Science Club, featuring experiments, 3D printer, planetarium, robots & more! sistersscienceclub.org.

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Sisters Community Church Annual Mr. SHS Pasta Feed 6 p.m. It's the annual fundraiser for Sisters FAN, with dessert auction, and auction for services provided. Just \$5 per person (under 5 free). For information call 541-549-4045.

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