

# Festival presents two Boston bands

Sisters Folk Festival (SFF) will present Boston-based bands The Ballroom Thieves in concert Saturday, April 9 at the Sisters High School auditorium. After a warm and excited reception at the 2015 Sisters Folk Festival, the band is back in Central Oregon touring with their friends and peers Tall Heights.

For The Ballroom Thieves, the band's journey has only just begun, but their roots already run quite deep. On their most recent recording, "A Wolf in the Doorway," the Thieves find themselves taking the very idea of "roots" and creating ways to make its associated sound progress, while making its encompassing spirit glow. Stylistically, the trio finds a captivating mélange of acoustic styles, blending folk conventions with modern hymnals, delta blues grit with rich harmonies, exploring the basic constructions of pop music while almost wholeheartedly rejecting its restrictions at the same time. The band is incredibly dynamic live, with a quiet presence on ballads to a fiery delivery of some of their more rocking tunes. Led by Martin Earley on guitar, Calin Peters on cello and Devon Mauch on drums, the band is pushing the boundaries of acoustic music.

"Our own personal growth and explorations in songwriting and musicianship caused us to end up in this unique spot where we can generally feel free to be who we are at all times, which is sadly not a luxury enjoyed by all," says guitarist Earley. "I think we have a certain sound at the moment, but that sound is constantly evolving, and I



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The Ballroom Thieves play Sisters April 9.

hope it keeps doing that."

Be sure to catch their live show in Sisters to see where this evolution is taking them currently.

Also performing is the duo Tall Heights, comprised of Tim Harrington and Paul Wright on guitar and cello. Their music blends soulful stories with arresting vocal harmonies that pry open emotional themes. On their recent recording "Holding On, Holding Out," the duo widens their reach significantly, beefing up their sound with electronics, synthesizers, drum loops, and plenty of shimmer and shine.

"This record feels like a new birth for us," says Harrington, a Boston native who grew up singing in the same local choirs as Wright. "We're sounding different. It's

not because we were bored; it's because we were street performers who learned how to create beautiful moments as a duo, but then we became a nationally touring act. We saw the country, and we broadened our horizons. Suddenly, we weren't the artists we were before. But a lot of what we learned on the street still rings true to our approach today, so this record is a growth, rather than a left-hand turn."

Tickets for SFF Presents The Ballroom Thieves with Tall Heights are \$20 adult, \$15 youth and the show starts at 7 p.m.

For more information on the upcoming SFF Presents concerts, and all 2016 Sisters Folk Festival events, [www.sistersfolkfestival.org](http://www.sistersfolkfestival.org) or call the festival office at 541-549-4979.

## Obituary

### Rick Morrow

1951 - 2016

Rick passed peacefully from this life at the age of 64 on the afternoon of March 26 after a decline in health from interstitial lung disease.

Rick was preceded in death by his parents Robert and Pauline Morrow.

During the last days of his life he was surrounded and supported by his loving family.

Rick was born in Salem where he lived his entire life, raised a family, and worked with his brother John. Growing up, Rick enjoyed motocross racing and playing roller hockey. He and his wife of 47 years, Barbara, started dating at the age of 15 after they met at the roller rink in Dallas, Oregon. After marrying Barbara, he entered the workforce at age 17 as the youngest member of the Operating Engineers Union, where he worked as a tower crane operator. In 1973 Rick joined his brother John at Morrow Crane Company where over the last 40 years they built the largest tower crane company in the U.S., and proceeded



to open offices worldwide. Most of all, he loved spending time and traveling with his family, construction, and building his homes and the family ranch.

Rick is survived by two children (and spouses): Andrew Morrow (Julie), Christina Vogt (David); six grandchildren: Madison Murphy, Olivia Morrow, Ryleigh Murphy, Joren Clowers, and Ethan and Austin Vogt; two brothers: Bobby and John (Marise); and sister Margie Morrow.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, April 3 at 1 p.m. at Howell, Edwards, Doerksen, 1350 Commercial St. SE, Salem, OR 97302.

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