

Steve Poltz returns to The Belfry

Sisters favorite Steve Poltz will return to The Belfry on Friday, April 22, at 8 p.m.

Poltz took Sisters by storm in two appearances at the Sisters Folk Festival and a previous turn at The Belfry.

Born among the hardy seafaring folk of Canada's Halifax, Nova Scotia, Poltz has lived most of his life in Southern California, where the sun treated his rocky Canadian DNA like clothes in a dryer. Naturally, a spectrum of cultural and emotional tensions arose and he eventually sought refuge in the art of songwriting, where he tapped into an unforgettable and often horrifying depth of unhinged genius.

Among the music cognoscenti, Steve Poltz is regarded as one of the most talented and prolific songwriters of our time. His songs have been among the longest running ever on the Billboard Top 100 and they regularly appear in movie soundtracks, television shows, and even the odd commercial. His touring schedule is ferocious, ping-ponging between continents with enough frequency to earn him manic followings in scores of different accents and languages.

Any musician who has traveled as extensively as Poltz will have their share of colorful road stories, but Poltz' adventures read like a bucket-list. Starting out auspiciously, Poltz recalls meeting Elvis Presley at a small airport and beaming proudly as The King hugged his sister for an inordinately

long time. Growing up in Palm Springs, California, he trick-or-treated at Liberace's house and was Bob Hope's favorite altar boy. In an alcohol-soaked haze, he infamously accosted David Cassidy, who had summoned him to Las Vegas to write a hit song for the aging Tiger Beat cover boy.

His rich and colorful legacy is the stuff of legend, but it is his distinctive style of songwriting that has caused the world to offer up its stages, clubs, and alleys. Poltz' sound is entirely unique — from his fingerstyle techniques to the inimitable melodies that roll from his guitar like cool waterfalls, you know a Poltz song as soon as you hear it. To see Steve to perform live is one of the most entertaining shows a human could ever see. Frenzied, aggressive, hilarious, and heartbreakingly sincere, his live performances have become bona fide events, with sub-cultures popping up all over the globe to entice him to come and tour. As relentless as he is in concert, he is also the guy who famously co-wrote the timeless ballad "You Were Meant For Me" with platinum-selling songwriter Jewel.

Of course, because we're talking about Steve Poltz, it should surprise no one to learn that the song was written on a lazy Mexican beach, where Poltz and Jewel were soon snapped up and sequestered by Mexican Federales and required to witness and eventually assist in a large marijuana bust on the beach.

Poltz, an ex-high-school wrestler (98 pound class), is also an obsessive baseball fan, a die-hard yoga practitioner, a hopeless romantic, a smart-ass philosopher and a child-like adventurer with an absurdist's view of the planet.

Poltz' solo body of work is an impressive collection of ballads, rockers and uniquely melodic acoustic numbers that reflect his incomparable style of alternate tunings and savage finger-picking techniques. Guitar geeks fall prostrate at his feet trying vainly to learn how to play his stunningly gorgeous and deceptively complex songs.

Steve Poltz's most recent recording project brought him back to Halifax, where he collaborated with Joel Plaskett, an award-winning Canadian songwriter, performer, producer and



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Steve Poltz has become a favorite performer in Sisters.

eminently kindred spirit. The two holed up in Joel's Scotland Yard studio with a two-inch, 16-track analog tape machine, a 24-hour work ethic, their comfy clothes, and all the mojo they could conjure. The result was "Dreamhouse," Steve's most accomplished and focused album to date.

His live shows have captivated audiences far and wide with a mix of singing, storytelling, shredding, and the occasional spoken-word rant. He can take an audience from laughter to tears and back again in the space of the same song.

Tickets are on sale at Bendticket.com.

SISTERS Entertainment/Arts/Events

Thursday~April 21

Hood Avenue Art Live Music with The Anvil Blasters 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. A fundraiser for Sisters Circle of Friends! Songs of border renegades and ghosts of the old, weird America. For more information call 541-719-1800 or go to hoodavenueart.com.

Sisters Fire Hall STA Presents Maret Pajutee, "Tale of Two Rivers, The Sequel" 7 p.m. Sisters Trails Alliance invites the community to hear Pajutee speak on Whychus Creek and the Metolius River. Free, with refreshments. Doors open at 6 p.m. For more information go to sisterstrails.org.

Friday~April 22

Downtown Sisters 4th Friday Art Stroll 4 to 7 p.m. Many Sisters galleries and shops have extended hours for the stroll, some with live entertainment & refreshments!

Sisters High School Auditorium Screening of "Paper Tigers" 6:30 p.m. Free, with light refreshments at 6 p.m. Documentary on troubled teens and the positive effect one caring adult can have. Not for younger viewers. Info: 541-549-2099 or 541-549-0155.

The Belfry Live Music with Steve Poltz 8 to 11 p.m. \$20 online at bendticket.com or \$25 at the door. Come experience the distinctive songwriting and unique sound of Poltz! For more information go to belfryevents.com.

Cork Cellars Live Music with NTT 7 to 9 p.m. No cover! For additional information call 541-549-2675 or go to corkcellars.com.

Aspen Lakes, Black Butte Ranch & Eagle Crest courses Central Oregon Shootout Golf Tourney The 14th annual event! Register online at aspenlakes.com or call 541-549-4653.

Saturday~April 23

Village Green Park "Better Half" Marathon 9 a.m. 1/4 or 1/2 marathon, run or walk. Prizes, food & entertainment! Fundraiser for SHS Swim Team. sistershalfmarathon.com.

Paulina Springs Books Author Reading with Leo Mook 6 p.m. Leo presents "Compost Makes Good Dirt." \$5 admission refunded upon purchase of the featured book. Info: paulinasprings.com or call 541-549-0866.

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Sunday~April 24

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Monday~April 25

Sisters High School Outlaws Together Bingo & SPRD Community Dinner 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for dinner by Three Creeks Brewing Co., just \$2 a plate! Doors open 5 p.m. Bingo at 6:30 p.m., 11 games just \$15. Silent auction, too! Fundraiser for SHS Athletics. For call Tim at 541-549-4050.

Tuesday~April 26

The Belfry Sisters Science Club Presents: Bob Collins on "The Science of Sound: Music and the Brain" 7 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. for refreshments. Admission is \$5 (but free to club donors, students & teachers). For info go to sistersscienceclub.org or call 541-549-8374.

Submit items for Events by 5 p.m. Fridays to teresa@nuggetnews.com

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Sisters MOVIE HOUSE
STARTS FRIDAY
FRI., APRIL 22 - THURS., APRIL 28

Born to be Blue (R)
Fri 7:30
Sat 5:15, 7:30
Sun 4:30, 6:45
Mon-Thurs 6:45

The Huntsman: Winter's War (PG-13)
Fri 4:45, 7:15
Sat 2:30, 4:45, 7:15
Sun 1:45, 4:15, 6:30
Mon-Thurs 4:15, 6:30

The Jungle Book (PG)
Fri 4:45, 7:00
Sat 2:30, 4:45, 7:00
Sun 2:00, 4:15, 6:30
Mon-Thurs 4:15, 6:30

Eye in the Sky (R)
Fri 5:15 • Sat 3:00, 5:15
Sun 2:15, 4:30
Mon-Thurs 4:30

Hello, My Name is Doris (R)
Fri 5:15 • Sat 3:00 • Sun 2:30
Mon-Thurs 4:30

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 (PG-13)
Fri 7:30 • Sat 7:30 • Sun 6:45
Mon-Thurs 6:45

Movie times and titles are subject to change. Visit website or call for latest information.

WWW.SISTERSMOVIEHOUSE.COM
541-549-8800

The Belfry

April 22 / Fri. / 8 PM
Steve Poltz
His rich & colorful legacy is the stuff of legend. His distinctive songwriting & unique sound keep fans coming.

April 30 / Sat. / 8 PM
Pigs on The Wing
Bringing the energy and electric intensity of Pink Floyd to an intimate theater setting.

May 17 / Tues. / 7 PM
Sean Watkins
with special guest Coyote Willow
Singer, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Sean Watkins (Nickel Creek) bolsters an acoustic lineup with a rock rhythm section.

PUB OPENS ONE HOUR PRIOR TO SHOWS
BelfryEvents.com
Call for Details
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