Belfry show will mark musical reunion

By Jim Cornelius News Editor

Dave Thom will roll into town on November 4 for a show at The Belfry with the band Grateful Bluegrass Boys.

Grateful Bluegrass Boys is a string band that plays traditional bluegrass versions of classic rock favorites from bands such as the Grateful Dead, Bob Dylan, Van Morrison, The Eagles, Rolling Stones and more. These songs, combined with classic bluegrass and country tunes, consistently have audiences singing and dancing along the whole show.

Thom, who fronts the David Thom Band and Vintage Grass, plays mandolin and guitar. He also spent two years working for David "Dawg" Grisman.

And back in the early 1990s, he was half of the duo Tisdel and Thom, playing American music in Slovenia with Brad Tisdel, who is now creative director of Sisters Folk Festival.

Tisdel & Thom will open the show at The Belfry, marking the first time the duo has played together since they were in their 20s and working the bars in Europe.

Tisdel recalled the old days in an interview with The Nugget.

After college, he found himself venturing out into the world, playing his music.

"I played a little bit of the route for a year-and-a-half," he said.

He lived in Missoula, Montana for a bit, playing in a band with Thom and another musician named Cory Haydon. That band broke up and Tisdel played solo for a while before Thom proposed that they work as a duo.

They cut a CD, which drew the attention of a businessman from Slovenia, who booked them for an extended contract to play at his small resort and hotel in that Central European nation.

"He considered us the Simon & Garfunkel duo from 'the Montana," Tisdel recalled.

It was a tense time in the region. The Serbo-Croation conflict was raging just 200 kilometers away, in the first full-scale combat in Europe since the end of World War II.

"It was super intense," Tisdel recalled.

After about five months, the duo left Slovenia for Prague in the Czech Republic, where they got a three-week gig playing American tunes in a bar several nights a week.

Tisdel figured the last time the two played together was in 1995. After returning to

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the States, Thom ended up in California, continuing his musical career, and Tisdel ended up in Sisters, where he was a finalist in the first Sisters Folk Festival songwriting contest. He would soon become involved with the educational outreach of the festival, then come on board to direct the festival's creative development.

Hooking back up with his old musical partner when he rolls into town was an obvious move.

"He's a great guitar-player, a great picker and singer," Tisdel said. "We'll play a half-hour or something. It'll just be the two of us.'

Just like it was two decades ago in a corner of Europe...

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit www.belfryevents.com/event/ grateful-bluegrass-boys.



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Thursday~Oct. 27

Rio Restaurant Live Music to close. No cover! For more information call 541-549-6118 or go to riosisters.com.

Friday~Oct. 28

Downtown Sisters 4th Friday Art Stroll 4 to 7 p.m. Galleries & shops of Sisters feature live entertainment! sistersartsassociation.org.

The Belfry Halloween **Extravaganza with David** Jacobs-Strain and the **Crunk Mountain Boys** 8 to 11 p.m. Pub opens one

hour before the show for refreshments. For additional information call 541-815-9122 or go to belfryevents.com.

Saturday~Oct. 29

Hardtails Bar & Grill łalloween Party & Live Music with The Substitutes 8 p.m. to close. It's the 6th annual Halloween bash! Costume contest, prizes, specials & more! For info call 541-549-6114 or go to hardtailsoregon.com.

Sisters Saloon Halloween Party & Live Music with the Tommy Hogan Band 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. for blues, rock, R&B, no cover! And haunted room upstairs! Info: 541-549-7427 or go to sisterssaloon.net.

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

Monday~Oct. 31

Sisters Fire Hall Kids Halloween Party 6 to 8 p.m. It's the annual howling good time for kids! Refreshments, prizes, and candy, sponsored by the Sisters-Camp Sherman Fire Department. For more information call 541-549-0771 or go to sistersfire.com.

Sisters Community Church Family Harvest Party 5:30 to 7 p.m. Families are invited for free pizza & movie & treats! Family-friendly costumes encouraged. For more information call 541-549-1201.

Fir Street Park Halloween Parade 3 p.m. Kids (up to age 10, in costume, with parents or caregivers) are invited to meet at the park for the tour through town. Must register in advance at the Library or SES and bring signed form to the park. A non-perishable item for the Sisters Kiwanis Food Bank is requested. Info: 541-350-3085.

Friday~Nov. 4

The Belfry Live Music with **Grateful Bluegrass Boys** 8 to 11 p.m. Pub opens one hour before the show information call 541-815-9122

or go to belfryevents.com.

Saturday~Nov. 5

Sisters Saloon Live Music with the Bobby Lindstrom Trio 8 to 11 p.m. for blues & rock. No cover! For additional information call 541-549-7427 or go to sisterssaloon.net.

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

Saturday~Nov. 12

Sisters Saloon Live Music with Riley's Range Benders 8 to 11 p.m. for Americana and blues. No cover! For additional information call 541-549-7427 or go to sisterssaloon.net.

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

The Belfry Live Music with Leo Kottke 8 to 11 p.m. Pub opens one hour before the show for refreshments. For info call 541-815-9122 or go online to belfryevents.com.

Saturday~Nov. 19

Sisters Saloon Live Music with Bobby Lindstrom's All Three Cylinders 8 to 11 p.m. No cover! For additional nformation call 541-549-7427 or go to sisterssaloon.net.

The Belfry Live Music with Hillstomp 8 to 11 p.m. Pub opens one hour before the show for refreshments. For additional information call 541-815-9122 or go online to belfryevents.com.

Deadline to submit items is by 5 p.m. Fridays to teresa@nuggetnews.com







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