

# SFF announces Winter Concert Series

The Sisters Folk Festival 2017 Winter Concert Series offers a songwriter focus with three shows.

On Wednesday, January 25, Martin Sexton will bring to Sisters his soulful singing, brilliant guitar playing and well-crafted songs. The Syracuse, New York native got his start singing in the streets and subways of Boston in the early 1990s. Still fiercely independent and headlining venues from the Fillmore to Carnegie Hall, he has influenced a generation of contemporary artists. Sexton's incendiary live show, honest lyrics, and vocal prowess keep fans coming back for more.

From 1996 to the early 2000s, Sexton released acclaimed albums "Black Sheep," "The American Wonder Bar" and "Live Wide Open." The activity and worldwide touring behind these records laid the foundation for the career he enjoys today with an uncommonly loyal fan base. Since then he has infiltrated many

musical worlds, performing at concerts ranging from collaborating with John Mayer to the jam scene working with Peter Frampton, to the Newport Folk Fest, Bonnaroo, and the New Orleans Jazz Fest.

On Tuesday, February 21, the series will feature serious bluegrass pickers and singers. This bluegrass showcase includes the dobro/guitar duo of Rob Ickes & Trey Hensley, and the powerful yet intricate music of the Molly Tuttle Band, each doing their own sets. Rob Ickes & Trey Hensley were sure their musical partnership was the right move at the right time, but it was still welcome news when their debut project, "Before The Sun Goes Down," earned a nomination for a Best Bluegrass Album Grammy, about the time Ickes took leave of his band to make the joint venture the centerpiece of his career.

The Molly Tuttle Band performed at the 2016 Sisters Folk Festival to great audience acclaim.

Thursday, March 23, marks the final show in the series, featuring the emotive and beautiful singing of two outstanding singer-songwriters; Canadian Rose Cousins and Nashville-based Caitlin Canty.

Caitlin Canty returns to Sisters after successful performances at the 2016 Sisters Folk Festival and Winter Concert Series, when she performed with Darlingside. Her sound harnesses the grit and spark at the very heart of American music, tempered with a voice both haunting and distinct.

For more information on the 2017 Sisters Folk Festival Winter Concert Series visit [www.sistersfolkfestival.org/winter-concert-series](http://www.sistersfolkfestival.org/winter-concert-series). Tickets can be purchased online at [www.sistersfolkfestival.org/tickets](http://www.sistersfolkfestival.org/tickets) or by calling 541-549-4979. Series passes are \$55 for adults, \$40 for youth 18 and under. Tickets are also available for individual shows. All shows are at the Sisters High School auditorium, and start at 7 p.m.

# Sisters salutes...



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## IEE students cleaned up Sisters parks.

The City of Sisters reported: Glen Herron and about 20 kids from the Sisters High School IEE class had some time to volunteer and wanted to do a project for the City.

They ended up doing a big pine needle and pine cone cleanup at Village Green Park and Creekside Park. We really appreciate the help, they did a great job!

• Congratulations to sixth-grader Adriana Luna for winning the FitBit raffle from Sisters Middle School's after-school Take A Hike group. Combined miles would have taken the class to Minnesota!

• Josie Aylor finished seventh in her age bracket (under age 19) in the Happy Girls Sisters Run. It was the 14-year-old's first such event.

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