

# Blues, folk and Zep on tap at The Belfry

Tommy Castro & The Painkillers, touring in support of their latest album, "Method To My Madness," will perform at The Belfry in Sisters on Wednesday, March 1.

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 is guaranteed to fire up fans and leave critics searching for new words of praise.

Zepparella brings the music of Led Zeppelin back to The Belfry in their uniquely powerful form on Thursday, March 8. These powerfully rocking women have played the Sisters venue several times, to great acclaim.

The duo Birds of Chicago will be performing at The Belfry on Friday, March 10.

The band's members have

a history playing in Sisters. Allison Russell's previous band Po' Girl played Sisters Folk Festival in 2010, and JT Nero's band JT and the Clouds played the festival in 2011. The two played together as the Birds of Chicago at The Belfry in 2013 and are excited to be returning to Sisters.

The Birds of Chicago's latest album, "Real Midnight," released in 2016, was recorded by Grammy award-winner Joe Henry and received praise from NPR (First Listen, Weekend Edition and World Café), the *Wall Street Journal*, Paste, No Depression, and Afropunk, among others. Paste called the band an "Americana dream team," while Afropunk says they "make longing into an art form."

Showtimes are 7 p.m. For advance ticket information visit [www.belfryevents.com](http://www.belfryevents.com). The Belfry is located at 302 E. Main Ave.

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To the Editor:

I write in response to Yvonne Suckow.

Thanks for your negative — but amusing — letter to the editor. I'm going to save it for reference during the tenure of President Trump to see if he does the "amazing job" you seem to think he will. I have my doubts.

At this time, I'll point out just one item I'm sure he will not accomplish and that is: "getting this country off this reckless downhill train-ride into oblivion of trillions of dollars of debt." You see, no Republican president in recent times has reduced the national debt. In fact, all of them from Reagan on have piled up more debt than the interim Democrat presidents. As Republican Vice President Dick Cheney famously said, "Reagan proved that deficits don't matter," and Republicans have taken that to heart ever since.

As for your "love-it-or-leave-it rant," which is so reminiscent of the Cold War era, I will remind you that I have a Constitutional right to "get together and have meetings." In fact, I intend to treat President Trump no differently than President Obama was treated by Republicans for the past eight years. Talk about negativism and obstructionism.

You also might want to check your math. Trump was not "voted for by the majority of

our nation." He is a minority president, which can only happen in the U.S. because of our quirky Electoral College system. Only in American, so-called democracy can the loser be the winner. I'm sure it has provided much mirth and great comfort to totalitarian regimes around the world.

Dean Billing

To the Editor:

As members of Indivisible Sisters we feel it necessary to respond to Yvonne Suckow's February 22 letter to the Editor.

Currently at 69 members, Indivisible Sisters grows daily. We are one of over 7,000 chapters that have organized organically across the country in response to what we see as an unfit administration and a threat to our democracy and its processes. We are ordinary citizens participating out of a strong sense of civic duty. We are exercising our Constitutional right to hold this administration accountable for its actions. Most Americans did not vote for Donald Trump. He lost the popular vote by close to 3 million.

The letter references "destructive rhetoric." Ironically the most destructive rhetoric is coming from the administration and the President himself, in derisive comments about the press, the judiciary and American people

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