

# Festival announces 2018 Winter Concert Series lineup

Sisters Folk Festival is pleased to announce the 2018 Winter Concert Series. This year's series will feature fantastic bands, bringing a breadth of Americana music to Sisters this winter.

The dates of the three-show series are January 23, February 12 and March 14, 2018. Tickets are now available for the three-show series and/or individual concerts; all shows are at the Sisters High School Auditorium.

Josh Ritter & the Royal City Band will take the stage on Tuesday, January 23, with special guest Nicki Bluhm.

Ritter is considered one of the 100 best living songwriters, a musician, a *New York Times* best-selling author, a painter, a consummate performer.

Irish supergroup We Banjo 3, from Galway, hits town on Monday, February 12.

We Banjo 3 plays a blend of traditional Irish, old-time, bluegrass

and has pioneered the term "Celtgrass." The band is composed of two sets of brothers, Enda and Fergal Scahill and Martin and David Howley. The members of the band have been highly successful in the competitive music field, with Martin winning seven All Ireland titles on the banjo and Enda capturing the award four times. Fergal and David have also been honored, earning the All Ireland

titles on the banjo, fiddle, bodhrán and guitar.

In 2016, the band was selected to play for President Barack Obama and Taoiseach Enda Kenny at the annual "Friends of Ireland" luncheon held in Washington, D.C. around Saint Patrick's Day. President Obama praised the band's show, calling it, "Great music. Incredible performance."

Earle Hitchner, music

writer for *The Wall Street Journal*, described their playing as "freshness and finesse bordering on the magical," and Live Ireland proclaimed them "the hottest group in Irish music..."

They are wildly entertaining and coming back to Sisters after being on the bill for the cancelled 2017 Festival.

The final show in the series will feature crowd favorite Darlingside, with Henry Jamison, celebrating their brand-new record, "Extralife." The last time Darlingside played Central Oregon, Sisters Folk Festival produced the show at the Tower Theatre.

The word "extraordinary" is defined as something beyond, amazing, or incredible. The word "extralife" doesn't exist. But in the world of Darlingside – another previously non-existent word – it's all about invention, expansion, and elevating everything into the realm of the extraordinary both

conceptually and through musical performance

Darlingside continues to push the boundaries of genre-expanding music with stunning harmonies, progressive, thought-provoking lyrics and intensely creative live shows.

All shows start at 7 p.m.

To purchase tickets visit [www.sistersfolkfestival.org/tickets](http://www.sistersfolkfestival.org/tickets).



Irish supergroup We Banjo 3 will play in Sisters on Feb. 12.

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**TUESDAY  
JANUARY 23**  
**JOSH RITTER  
& THE ROYAL  
CITY BAND**  
with special guest  
**NICKI BLUHM**



**MONDAY  
FEBRUARY 12**  
**WE BANJO 3**  
Irish Supergroup



**WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 14**  
**DARLINGSIDE**  
with **HENRY JAMISON**  
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