

Rising singer-songwriter to play festival

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Hayley Heynderickx, an up-and-coming singer-songwriter will be returning to Sisters — this time with her very own slot at the Sisters Folk Festival.

Heynderickx hails from North Grove, Oregon and now resides in Portland. She has always been involved with music. Her empathetic songwriting translates what her website describes as “...a life of paradoxes. Heynderickx grew up in a religious household in Oregon, closely identifying with her Filipino roots, but also straddling multiple cultural identities. Now residing in Portland, her faith is not overt, but her introspection and continued struggle for self-actualization are easily accessible and relatable.”

From a young age, Heynderickx went to open mics, getting her sound out there in front of an audience.

“I wanted to start sharing my songs outside of the bedroom, so I would go to little local shows in Portland,” said Heynderickx.

Her love for the music

world comes from doing it at such a young age.

“I enjoy the spontaneity of it and meeting and exploring things from different walks of life,” she said.

Heynderickx’s most recent album, “I Need to Start a Garden,” came out a few months ago and placed her on multiple “artists to watch” lists.

“I don’t really think about being featured on those, I just want to continue to travel on and share my music, I think if you think too much about it you can lose sight of why you’re doing it,” she told *The Nugget*.

She recorded the album with mutual friends who started their own record company, Noma Studios in Portland. The band she has behind her are all musicians that have come out of the Portland music scene.

“The inspiration for the album really comes from everyday experiences, each song has its own backstory,” she said.

Her eight-song record is available to purchase, or is available on Spotify. Heynderickx describes her music as offering a “thoughtful, lyrical, singer-songwriter



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Hayley Heynderickx has taught young songwriters in Sisters. Now she is coming to town to perform at the Sisters Folk Festival.

sound.”

She has been to Sisters a few times before as an instructor for the Americana Song Academy for Youth.

“It was really a great opportunity to be at a camp that wasn’t afraid to be vulnerable. I think it manifests a lot of good in seeing the kids progress over the weekends’ time,” she said.

Heynderickx will now be playing the Sisters Folk Festival as a featured artist, traveling with her band.

“I look forward to coming back to the magical, thoughtful community of Sisters and meeting a ton of people and musicians, and hopefully collaborating with some artists on songs throughout the weekend,” she said.

Haley Heynderickx will be performing at various venues throughout the weekend of the Sisters Folk Festival, September 7-9. For information on tickets go to sistersfolkfestival.org/tickets.

Sisters nonprofit raises flood victim funds

Catastrophic flooding has washed away families’ homes throughout the state of Kerala, India.

Sisters-based World’s Children supports 28 orphanages and two schools in India and has launched a fundraiser for families and children who are victims of the flood — to help them rebuild and get household necessities, food and medical supplies. The project will be overseen by long-time trusted World’s Children partners based near Kerala.

World’s Children is coordinating disaster relief in the Idukki District, especially the hard-hit town of Devikulam, where families are facing dangerous post-flood conditions. Any donation support is appreciated, and photos and updates on what is achieved will be provided to all donors. For more information visit www.worldschildren.org/projects.



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