

Oregon songwriter to visit Sisters

Acclaimed musician Ryan Stevenson will visit Sisters on April 27. Hosted at Westside Sisters Saturday night, the Christian songwriter and musician will perform a special event for a ticketed audience.

Stevenson is an award-winning artist born and raised in Oregon. His background in music developed from a childhood attending church and listening to worship and gospel music. At age 18, he was given his first guitar by his youth pastor, and from there his desire to perform music blossomed.

After attending college at Northwest Christian University he began to develop his musical talent by performing in small venues throughout Eugene with a small band he and his roommate formed. Since then, he has performed at some of the largest Christian events including Creation West, Fish Fest, and other top Christian festivals.

Currently serving as the worship leader at Vertical Church in Boise, Idaho, Stevenson's musical career is a far cry from his previous seven years as a paramedic. But his career in music, launched only 12 years ago, has led him on a journey of recognition and reward.

Grammy Award-winning Christian artist TobyMac discovered Stevenson after releasing his debut record in 2007, "Running to You," and later in 2010 his EP "Yesterday, Today, and Forever."

"Ryan is an impressive songwriter who understands the delicate balance of writing songs about his faith and walking it out in a cold, cold world," said TobyMac. "He never shies away from a

'Jesus' lyric, 'cause he is fully aware of where his strength comes from."

After soloing his first albums, Stevenson later signed on with Gotee Records with CEO TobyMac where he co-wrote "Speak Life," a song featured on TobyMac's best-selling Grammy Award-winning record, "Eye On It."

With six appearances in *Billboard* magazine and a 15-week featured No. 1 single, "Eye of the Storm," from the Gotee album, "Fresh Start," Stevenson's music has risen to a new era of Christian music in recent years.

Jerry Kaping, lead pastor at Westside Sisters, said, "we are so excited to have an artist like Ryan here in Sisters. It is not every day that God brings a Grammy Award-winner to perform in Sisters. We believe Ryan is the beginning of a long list of amazing artists, speakers, and leaders that will be coming to this city, to this church."

All audiences are welcome to attend the event. Tickets have sold fast with only standing room tickets available.

For tickets and additional information visit www.westsidesisters.org.

Author Phillip Margolin to visit bookstore

Bestselling author Phillip Margolin will visit Paulina Springs Books in Sisters on Thursday, April 11, to read from and discuss his latest novel, "The Perfect Alibi."

The Oregon-based author brings his legal background and expertise to the crafting of tense legal thrillers. In "The Perfect Alibi": A young woman accuses a prominent local college athlete of rape. Convicted with the help of undisputable DNA evidence, the athlete swears his innocence and threatens both his lawyer and his accuser as he's sent to prison. Not long after, there's another rape and the DNA test shows that the same person committed both rapes — which is seemingly impossible since the man convicted of the first rape was in prison at the time of the second one. Now, the convicted athlete, joined by a new lawyer, is granted a new trial and bail. Shortly thereafter, his original lawyer disappears and his law partner is murdered.

Robin Lockwood is a young lawyer with a prestigious small law firm and a former MMA fighter who helped pay for Yale Law School with her bouts. She

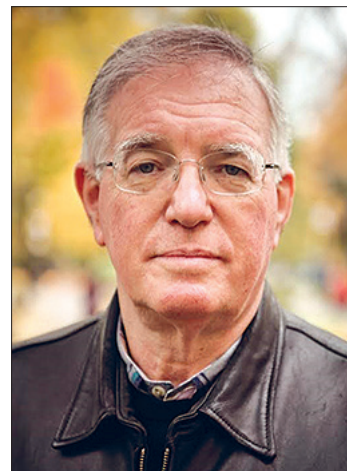


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Phillip Margolin will share "The Perfect Alibi" in Sisters next week.

is representing the victim of the first rape for her civil lawsuit against her rapist, who is now convinced the rapist is stalking her and trying to intimidate her. At the same time, another client is up on a murder charge — one that should be dismissed as self-defense — but the D.A. trying the case is determined to bring it to trial. Now she has to mastermind two impossible cases, trying to find the hidden truth that links the two of them.

Paulina Springs Books is located at 252 W. Hood Ave. in Sisters. For more information call 541-549-0866.

Kindergarten roundup set

Sisters Elementary School (SES) will hold its annual Kindergarten Roundup pre-registration on Friday, May 3. Two sessions will be offered: 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Children who will be five years old on or before September 1, 2019 are eligible for the 2019-20 school year. Call the Sisters Elementary School Office at 541-549-8981 to schedule your Kindergarten Roundup pre-registration appointment, starting April 15.

Enrollment forms may also be picked up at the Sisters Elementary School office and need to be completed and returned to the school office by April 26. Bring birth certificate and immunization records to register.

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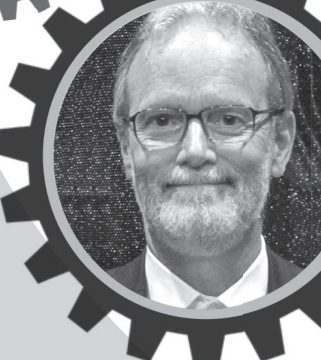




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8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Sisters Fire Hall, 301 S. Elm St.
\$30 per person. A few scholarships are available. Seats are limited. Read more and register at Citizens4Community.com/events.



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