Rhythm and Brews tickets on sale

Sisters Rhythm and Brews returns July 24-25 for the third year of stellar music and good times.

Once again located in Village Green Park, the festival will feature a diverse lineup of award-winning national acts, including some returning fan favorites and some to discover for the first time.

This year 500 early bird tickets were released to newsletter subscribers and previous years' attendees, and organizers Joe and Jennifer Rambo announced that these have sold out.

"In addition, we never thought about becoming an international event, but we are humbled and awed at how fast and how far the Festival has grown in only two years as we already have attendees making plans to travel to Sisters from The Netherlands, Germany and Australia," Joe Rambo said.

The festival has announced bookings.

Arriving on the national scene just a couple of years ago, The War and Treaty deliver live shows that make the hairs on the back of your neck stand up. The powerhouse duo recently won The American Music Association award for emerging artist of the year, combining hard-charging rock and soul originals with heart-wrenching ballads. In the last year they have toured with Al Green, shared the stage with Mumford and Sons as well as Brandi Carlisle, culminating with an epic debut signing on last month's Grammy Awards.

Formed 16 years ago by the members of Grammy Award-winning Latin revival orchestra Groupo Fantasia, Brownout is a feverishly eclectic octet based in Austin, Texas, that combines funk, rock, cumbia and jazz. For this year's Festival they will be playing a 90-minute set of reinterpreted classic



The War and Treaty will take the stage at this year's Sisters Rhythm and Brews Festival.

cuts as Brown Sabbath, their funky trombones, duplicate Tony Iommi's iconic guitar riffs.

Last year's attendees were wowed by Eric Gales performance, but needed more.

"We are happy to welcome him back to Sisters in year three," Rambo said. "Needing an Eric Gales fix before July we found ourselves in Portland where he received no less then five standing ovations last week playing a sold-out show at the Aladdin Theater as part of the Portland Jazzfest. Notorious guitar virtuoso Joe Bonnamassa has described him as the best blues guitarist in the world right now. Based on the performance just experienced, we could not agree more! Eric, LaDonna and band will be flying all the way from Romania in July to join us in Sisters for their last tour date before a much-needed anniversary vacation."

Tickets are on sale now and expected to sell out for \$125 plus service fees. More information and tickets may be found at sistersrhythm andbrews.com.

Tickets for book festival now available

Tickets for the 2020 Sisters Festival of Books (SFoB) are now on sale at www.sistersfob.com. In its second year, the Festival is expanding to two full days of author presentations and adding a poetry reading event on Saturday night. Weekend passes, all-inclusive for the Friday night local author reception and Saturday and Sunday author presentations, are discounted through the end of April.

SFoB, presented by Paulina Springs Books, is a three-day celebration of the literary culture of Central Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. SFoB will take place from Friday, October 16 to Sunday, October 18 in Sisters. On Friday evening, FivePine Lodge and Conference Center will host a local author reception with some of our favorite Central Oregon authors.

Saturday and Sunday will feature a full lineup of author events, and a popup bookstore at Sisters Middle School. Other ticketed events include a private reception and dinner with a select group of authors on

Saturday night. New this year is "Verse & Vine," an evening of poetry and wine hosted at Sisters Coffee Company, also on Saturday night.

Last year's attendees raved about the Festival:

"An outstanding inaugural event. Diverse and meaty."

"SF[o]B was the first book festival I have ever attended. I loved it. Author presentations were amazing."

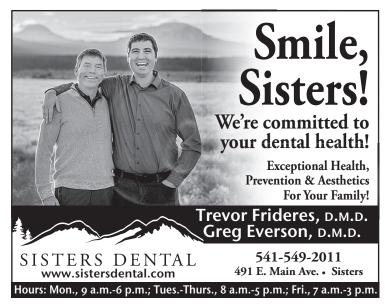
"Excellent selection of authors."

Proceeds from the inaugural Festival established the Sisters Festival of Books Scholarship through the Sisters Graduate Resource Organization (Sisters GRO). This year, \$2,000 will be awarded to a Sisters High School graduating senior selected by the SFoB scholarship committee. The SFoB scholarship fund will continue to be the beneficiary of the event.

SFoB is supported and sponsored by Paulina Springs Books, *The Nugget Newspaper*, *Cascade Arts & Entertainment*, and Sisters Coffee Co.

For more information, visit www.sistersfob.com.





Rhythm and Brews reducing plastic use

Joe and Jennifer Rambo are working to reduce the Sisters Rhythm and Brews Festival's environmental impact.

"There is a lot that goes into this little festival, even our small event creates quite a bit of waste," they reported. "One of the many considerations we have to take into account and definitely not the most fun one to think about is garbage disposal. We strive to create as little waste as possible and provide recycling for approved items. Additionally, from

the outset we have used soybased compostable cups in our bar. The sad reality is not much can be recycled or composted by our local stations, and we are still left with a small mountain of trash to contend with. Which is why we have decided to eliminate all plastic pint cups in the bar."

Starting in 2020 each festival-goer will receive an official Sisters Rhythm and Brews cup with ticket purchase. All cups will be distributed during check-in.

