

Sisters Folk Festival

Sisters Folk Festival's physically-distanced event will feature performances by West Coast artists... s



Kristen Grainger & True North

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Thunderstorm Artis

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Multi-instrumentalist, Grammy-award-winning vocalist and songwriter Judith Hill has garnered much praise for her live performances as opener for the likes of her former collaborator and mentor, the late great Prince, and soul man John Legend, among many others. (See related story, page 20).

John Craigie, considered a humorous storyteller, an accomplished lyricist, and yet a serious songwriter, will return to Sisters following up his acclaimed 2020 release "Asterisk the Universe." (See related story, page 21.)

Thunderstorm Artis became a household name in 2020 performing on season 18 of "The Voice," earning top three honors and national recognition. Thunderstorm is a singer/songwriter born on the North Shore of Oahu and learned at a very young age to play piano, guitar, harp and percussion from his father, Ron Artis, and mother, Victoria.

Ron was a Motown session player who played keyboards on Michael Jackson's "Thriller." Victoria was also a member of the Motown family, touring as a vocalist with Lena Horne, and many other Motown greats. Thunderstorm's music crosses many genres including folk, rock, soul and country. No matter what Thunderstorm sings or writes, he does it from his heart. Thunderstorm does not consider his music as notes on a page but rather a window into his heart. He believes that through his music he can make our world a better place by lifting the hearts of others. Thunderstorm Artis performed at the 2019 Sisters Folk Festival.

AJ Lee and Blue Summit, a bluegrass band led by singer, songwriter, and mandolinist, AJ Lee, has been the darling of the North Bay, California bluegrass scene since their first appearance in Santa Cruz. Drawing from influences such as swing, folk, blues, jazz, country, soul, and rock, their undeniable talent and insatiable passion for bluegrass hearkens back to traditional classics while remaining uniquely modern.

They've accrued many devout followers and distinctions including the Freshgrass 2019 Band Contest Winner, IBMA 2019 Momentum Vocalist of the Year, second place at the 2019 Winfield Guitar Competition, and numerous awards in northern California. In 2019, AJ Lee and Blue Summit came out with their debut album, "Like I Used To," which consists entirely of AJ's original songs.

Bluegrass-leaning Americana quartet Kristen Grainger & True North is a powerhouse of award-winning original songs, lush vocals, and crazy-good instrumentalists, Dan Wetzel (guitar), Josh Adkins (bass) and Martin Stevens (fiddle, mandolin, octave mandolin). On stage, the band delivers Grainger's storied songwriting with mind-blowing vocal harmonies and mad instrument skills of a band deeply rooted in folk and bluegrass genres. Kristen Grainger's songs have won or been a finalist at some of the nation's most prestigious songwriting contests such as Telluride Bluegrass Festival, Merlefest, Kerrville Folk Festival and Wildflower! Art & Music Festival. The band's 2018 release, "Open Road, Broken Heart," debuted at No. 1 on the national folk charts and "Elsebound," released in 2014, spent 25 weeks in the top 10,

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