

Folk Festival

Zenkl to show mandolin mastery



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Radim Zenkl will perform at the folk festival Saturday afternoon.

Mandolin master Radim Zenkl will take to the Willamette Valley Folk Festival's main stage Saturday at 5 p.m. to dazzle the crowd with his musical skill.

Zenkl, who is from Opava, Czechoslovakia, started playing the mandolin when he was 13 years old.

"Many of my friends played guitar," he said, "but I wanted to play something different. The mandolin was the cheapest stringed instrument I could find, and was small and compact enough for backpacking."

Zenkl is now the world's only musician playing original, solo mandolin music. He also plays other instruments in the mandolin family. He uses self-taught techniques that allow him to sound like two or three instruments simulta-

neously.

The mandolin player has performed with famed musicians like Jerry Garcia, David Grisman, Bela Fleck and the Flecktones, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band and Dan Hicks.

His first recording, *Galactic Mandolin*, was released in the spring of 1992 and may be the first album of original mandolin solos made. Zenkl's most current recording, *Czech It Out*, features traditional Czech music as well as some original compositions.

Zenkl will also conduct a workshop while he is in town. Titled "Galactic Mandolin Workshop," Zenkl plans to talk about various mandolin playing styles and will answer questions. The workshop will take place in the EMU Ben Linder Room at 1 p.m. on Sunday.



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Local folk singer Peter Wilde will perform Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. He will have copies of his CD for sale at the performance.

City Folk create unique sound by blending vocal, instrumental harmonies

City Folk has been together five years, trying to create a unique sound by blending instrumental and vocal harmonies. And in that time this three-piece band has done just that.

The band has earned a national following for its high-energy music and has been performing to fans from coast to coast.

In 1992, City Folk was awarded first place in the Best of the Bay Music Awards in San Francisco.

Kimball Hurd plays mandolin, guitar and dobro for City Folk. Roger Feuer plays guitar, and Keith Greeninger plays rhythm guitar and mandolin for the band.

City Folk will perform Friday at 6 p.m.



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City Folk, a three-member band, will perform their unique sound at the Willamette Valley Folk Festival Friday evening at 6 p.m. on the main stage.

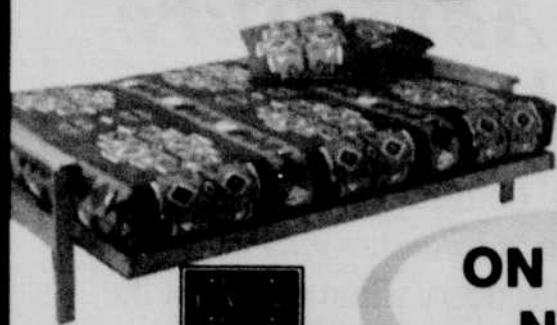
Festival to get Wilde when singer performs

Peter Wilde is a folk singer, which is why he will be performing at the Willamette Valley Folk Festival Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. But he is also somewhat of a cowboy and a humorist, which have helped become one of Eugene's local legends.

At the folk festival, Wilde will play guitar and harmonica, and he will sing. Tom Hughes will join him on the drums and provide harmony. Dave Trainer will play fiddle and mandolin. And John Bricker will play bass.

Wilde will have copies of his CD, *The Horse I Rode In On*, on sale at the festival.

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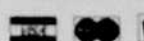
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