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Eugene's Oldtime News, a three-member string band, will perform at Seattle's Northwest Folklife Festival on Sunday, May 28, in the Seattle Center Exhibition Hall. About 20 Eugene folk performers will attend the Seattle Festival. Oldtime News plays an array of American folk classics and use a variety of instruments.



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Janet Naylor, a Celtic harpist, will also perform at the Northwest Folklife Festival in Seattle. Naylor's unique wire-strung harp music is both evocative and beautiful. Naylor will perform Sunday at noon.

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## Eugene folk musicians take songs to Seattle

Eugene folk fans will have another chance after the Willamette Valley Folk Festival to hear some of their favorite local folk musicians. Only this time they'll have to go to Seattle.

About 20 local musicians will participate in the 24th Annual Northwest Folklife Festival, May 26 to 29 at the Seattle Center.

Janet Naylor, who is a Celtic harpist, is one of these musicians. Her unique and beautiful wire-strung harp music is evocative and powerful. Naylor uses traditional techniques of early harpers and wears colorful medieval Irish costumes for some shows.

Naylor has won national awards for composing and arranging harp music in the Scottish tradition. She has taught Celtic harp at workshops in Oregon, California and Winnipeg, Manitoba. She will be performing at the Northwest Folklife Festival at noon on Sunday, May 28 in the Seattle Center Exhibition Hall.

Oldtime News, a three-member string band, will also perform at the Seattle folk festival. Oldtime News plays a rich array of American folk song classics as well as less familiar tunes from as far back as the 1930s.

Dianne Dugaw, Jean Marcotte and Will Marcotte, the members of Oldtime News, sing together and play a variety of instruments, including the guitar, banjo, autoharp and mandolin. They will perform Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Flag Plaza.

Although the two members of Loon once lived only 20 miles apart in Vermont, they met each other in Eugene. But Matthew Buonincontro and Jeremy Kaplan were meant to make music together. Buonincontro is the singer/songwriter of the pair, and Kaplan accompanies him with his percussion stylings. Loon will perform Saturday, May 27 at 2 p.m. at the Flag Terrace.

Other Eugene favorites are also scheduled to perform during the Memorial Day weekend folk music celebration.

Kudana and Shumba, both marimba ensembles, will perform at the festival. Kudana is scheduled to perform Sunday at 1:05 p.m. at the Arena. Shumba will play at 6 p.m. Saturday night in the Mural Amphitheatre.

Irene Farrera will sing Saturday evening at 7 in the Arena. Grupo Condor, who play traditional music of the Andes Mountains region, will perform Sunday at 7 p.m. in the Arena.

Mike and Carleen McCornack will perform their combination of precise vocals and tasteful guitar work at the Eve Alvord Theater at 11:40 a.m. on Saturday, May 27.

Also scheduled to perform throughout the weekend are: Hokum Scorchers, Gregory Field, Oregon Ethnic Dance Theatre, Lisa Arkin, Marvin and Mary Krenk, Emily Fox, Pistu Papp and Debbie Jackson, Balladina Folk Orchestra, Slavej, Kalamajka and Mark Levy.

For more information, call (206) 684-7300.

- Trista Noel