

# David Thomas Roberts touring Eastern Oregon

## Contemporary composer performs in Baker City Saturday and in Joseph Sunday

BAKER CITY, JOSEPH — Contemporary composer David Thomas Roberts will give two concerts in Eastern Oregon this weekend.

He will perform at Churchill Dance Hall, 3451 Broadway, Baker City, Oct. 5. Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance at Sweet Wife Baking, or \$10 at the door.

Food will be available from MC Taco Bus and beverages from Copper Belt Winery and Barley Brown's.



David Thomas Roberts will perform live in Baker City and Joseph.

This show is a fundraiser for the Baker Orpheum Theater project, which aims to restore a building on Main Street into a modern theater

space for performances.

On Oct. 6, Roberts will play at the Josephy Center, 403 N. Main St., Joseph. The concert begins at 4 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person.

David Thomas Roberts was born in 1955 and began composing, painting and writing at age 8. Since then, he has composed more than 150 solo

piano works as well as chamber pieces, art songs, choral music and electronic works.

As a pianist, he recorded five LPs

between 1978 and 1985 and has appeared on some 20 CDs since, many of them devoted to his own compositions. His music has been heard on the major media venues of the U.S. from ABC's "Good Morning America" to NPR's "All Things Considered."

His eclectic suite for piano, "New Orleans Streets" (1981-1985), was hailed by historian Al Rose in "I Remember Jazz" as "the single most important contribution to the culture of New Orleans in the past fifty years." Trebor Tichenor

referred to Roberts as "our foremost composer of contemporary ragtime."

Roberts is an artist of many talents. His visual art has been featured in the international Visionary/Outsider Art magazine, Raw Vision, and in the 2017 New Horizons — Self Taught Art in the 21st Century show at the Hickory, North Carolina, Museum of Art. His poetry appeared in the anthology, Another South, published by University of Alabama Press.

## Joint exhibit of unique collection reflects artists' environments

### Isaak and Boylan's exhibit opens Friday at the Josephy Center

JOSEPH — An exhibit featuring new works by Auburn Isaak and Kevin Boylan, "Function of Medium," will open with a 7 p.m. reception Oct. 4 at the Josephy Center, 403 N. Main St., Joseph.

Working in different mediums, using techniques specific to their own styles, Isaak and Boylan have created a unique collection that displays their most recent explorations of materials while referencing the environments that surround them.

#### ABOUT AUBURN ISAAK

"I draw my color palette from nature in its most elusive form; not defined realism in its physical form, but as I interpret and depict it in my mind. This allows me to use abstract as a function to create the landscape that surrounds me. I choose to incorporate my movement, discoveries and intuition during my painting process. The paint becomes the medium that interoperates the human experience and a record of that occurrence."

Find out more at [www.auburnisaak.com](http://www.auburnisaak.com).

#### ABOUT KEVIN BOYLAN

"My work has evolved from my beginnings as a potter to my current stage as a mixed media sculptor and glassblower. Exploring new mediums, learning new techniques and examining my most immediate surrounds — my process almost always results in a non-objective, abstract form. Because I use internal reflection of sorts to create my work, I consider it to be self-portrait work, and my latest body of work has become more figurative."

Find out more at [www.kevin-boylanglass.com](http://www.kevin-boylanglass.com).

#### GLASSBLOWING DEMOS

Accompanying this exhibit's opening, there will be a live glassblowing demo from noon to 4 p.m. Oct. 5 at Moonshine Glass Art, 624 S. River St., Enterprise.

The "Function of Medium" exhibit will be on display at the

Josephy Center until Nov. 16. Go to [www.josephy.org](http://www.josephy.org) or call 541-432-0505 for more information.

Near right: Caverns in the Mountains detail by Auburn Isaak. Far right: Antler Vase by Kevin Boylan.



## Save the Date! Shelter From the Storm Pancake-Palooza



Saturday, October 26th  
8:30 AM - 11:30 AM

1204 Spring Ave., La Grande

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Silent auction, kids activities, and an all-ages Halloween costume contest

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