

Tunesmith Night streamed live Saturday

Wallowa County singer-songwriter showcase presented in round-robin format

ENTERPRISE — The Wallowa Valley Music Alliance's Tunesmith Night kicks off 2021 with a livestream Saturday, Jan. 9, featuring songwriters Meredith Brann, Travis Ward and Bart Budwig. View the livestream event beginning at 7 p.m. at www.wvmusicalliance.org/tunesmith-night.

Now in its 15th season, Tunesmith Night has partnered with the historic OK Theatre in downtown Enterprise to continue the monthly showcases of original music pandemic-style.

The unique appeal of presenting three songwriters sharing their original work in an intimate a round-robin format will remain core to the program, as the musicians will be performing live, safely distanced, on the beautiful stage of the old OK.

The show will be streamed live to YouTube and the Music Alliance. Since there will be no in-person audience permitted at this time, viewers will be encouraged to show their support for the program via online donations.

The first livestreamed Tunesmith Night featured Toney Rocks, An American Forrest and Margo Cilker — enjoy the performance at any time at www.wvmusicalliance.org/tunesmith-night-oct10 or on the Wallowa Valley Music Alliance YouTube channel.



Bart Budwig

"Sometimes when Bart sings, I forget what we're talking about. I'm sure he knows though. I trust him. He sounds like John Prine, plays like Hoyt Axton...."

Songs spring from the dreams of his noon day naps, and punch the keys of his typewriter. When words won't take, he calls 'em in with a bugle of his trumpet, or a strum of soothing guitar.

— American Standard Time

Meredith Brann

Meredith Brann grew up playing music with her family in Enterprise. She released her first album when she was 17, at the OK Theatre, and found her passion for writing through that experience.

Brann lives in Moscow Idaho, and is continuing her music career

through songwriting and gigs when she can find them.

Travis Ward

Travis Ward is a bare-knuckled folk singer, blues man, DIY archivalist, producer, basketball player, fly fisher and family man. He lives in Boise, Idaho.

Ward has played countless dive bars, festivals and theaters from near and far, created film, soundtrack and live theater work. He's been busted, disgusted

It's OK to donate

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WATCH

Watch Tunesmith Night whenever you like at www.wvmusicalliance.org/tunesmith-night. The October virtual performance features Toney Rocks, An American Forrest and Margo Cilker.

Toney Rocks

"Toney Rocks' voice is cool and sweet, rocking and lyrical."

— Kathy Forste, music director of KC Cafe Radio

An American Forrest

"An American Forrest is the words and music of Forrest Van Tuyl. The sensation of his songs hang around like smoke long after the night is gone."

— Sean Jewell, American Standard Time

Margo Cilker

"Voice inviting and grainy, Margo Cilker sings about love in acute compositions feeding off hard work, understanding and obscure locales."

—Austin Chronicle



on the cover

From left: Bart Budwig, Meredith Brann and Travis Ward.

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WEEKEND OUTLOOK



FRIDAY

High 36 Low 27
A.M. snow, 1-3"



SATURDAY

High 37 Low 26
Partly sunny



SUNDAY

High 36 Low 29
Snow showers

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