



The Marlin James Band

Hot bands for cold nights

Tickets are now on sale for the Nehalem Winterfest celebration, which will return for its third year on Friday, March 6, with Seattle's Marlin James Band kicking off a weekend of great music.

One of the Northwest's most requested country-rock bands, the Marlin James Band has been recognized as Band of the Year by 8 Seconds Saloon in Indianapolis and recorded the hit song "That Old Familiar Pain" featured on the TV Show "Supernatural."

As well as performing original music, they are influenced by Zack Brown, George Strait, Keith Urban, Charlie Daniels, Joe Keffer, Darren Wayne and Eddie Van Halen.

The March 6 concert will start at 7 pm at the NCRD Performing Arts Center, 36155 9th Street. Advance tickets, \$20 to \$25, are available at tickettomato.com.

Nehalem Winterfest will continue on Saturday, March 7, with a performance from Eagles Eyes, an Eagles tribute band from British Columbia

Hailing from Vancouver Island, the four members of Eagle Eyes have more than 120 years of combined experience as professional touring musicians. This band is dedicated to capturing the true magic of the harmonies for which the Eagles were renowned.

Eagles Eyes will take to the stage at 7 pm. Advance tickets, \$32 to \$42, are available at tickettomato.com.

The festival will conclude on Sunday, March 8, with a return performance from Winterfest favorite the Mel Brown Quartet, playing its jazz legends show.

The Mel Brown Quartet came together



Eagle Eyes

If you go

What: Nehalem Winterfest

When: Friday-Sunday, March 6-8

Where: NCRD Performing Arts Center, 36155 9th Street, Nehalem

Tickets: Tickettomato.com

FMI: www.ncrd.org

in the fall of 2002 at Jimmy Mak's, a popular jazz club in Portland. All seasoned jazzmen, the group has become a mainstay in the Portland jazz scene playing to enthusiastic, capacity crowds at every appearance.

Brown performed with Motown legends Diana Ross and The Temptations, Martha and the Vandellas, Stevie Wonder, George Harrison, The Temptations and Marvin Gaye. In 1999, he was inducted into the Jazz Society of Oregon Hall of fame. Throughout his career he also played and performed with the Oregon Symphony.

The concert will begin at 2 pm. Advance tickets, \$20 to \$25, are available at tickettomato.com.



Alexander is great for Neskowin

The Neskowin Chamber Music series will continue this Sunday, March 1, with a concert from the Alexander String Quartet at Camp Winema.

Now celebrating its 36th year as an ensemble, the Alexander String Quartet has performed in the major music capitals of the world across five continents. It is widely admired for its interpretations of Beethoven, Mozart and Shostakovich and its recordings of these works have been acclaimed by critics everywhere. The group is also known for its advocacy of new music and has commissioned a number of works in that genre.

The quartet is a major presence in its home base of San Francisco, where it serves as ensemble-in-residence for San Francisco performances and as director of the Morrison Music Center at San Francisco State University's College of Liberal Arts.

The quartet's performance calendar includes appearances at venues including Lincoln Center, the 92nd Street Y and the Metropolitan Museum in New York City, Jordan Hall in Boston and the Library of Congress in Washington, DC.

Violinist Zakarias Grafilo joined the ensemble in 2002 after a career as second principal violinist of the Pacific Symphony and concertmaster of the Stockton Symphony. He holds a B.A. degree from San Francisco State University and is continuing his studies at UCLA.

Frederick Lifstiz studied violin in his native Boston and at Indiana University. Before joining the Alexander, he played several seasons with the Boston Symphony and taught chamber music at the New England Conservatory Preparatory School.

Paul Yarbrough, on viola, is a founding member of the Alexander. He has given a number of solo recitals and was principal violist of the Chamber Orchestra of New England. He and his colleagues received honorary doctorates of Fine Arts from Allegany College and he received an honorary degree from St. Lawrence University. He is on the board of the San Francisco Friends of Chamber Music.

Cellist Sandy Wilson, also a founding member, is a native of Northumberland, England. He completed his graduate studies at the Royal Danish Conservatory in Copenhagen. At 21, he was principal cellist in the Allegemeine Musikgesellschaft Orchestra in Lucerne, Switzerland. He moved to the US in 1979 and completed a degree at Yale. He is a board member of Chamber Music America.

Sunday's concert will start at 3 pm at Camp Winema, located three miles north of Neskowin, just off Highway 101. Tickets, \$25, are available at the door.

For more information, go to www.neskowinchambermusic.org or call 503-965-6499.