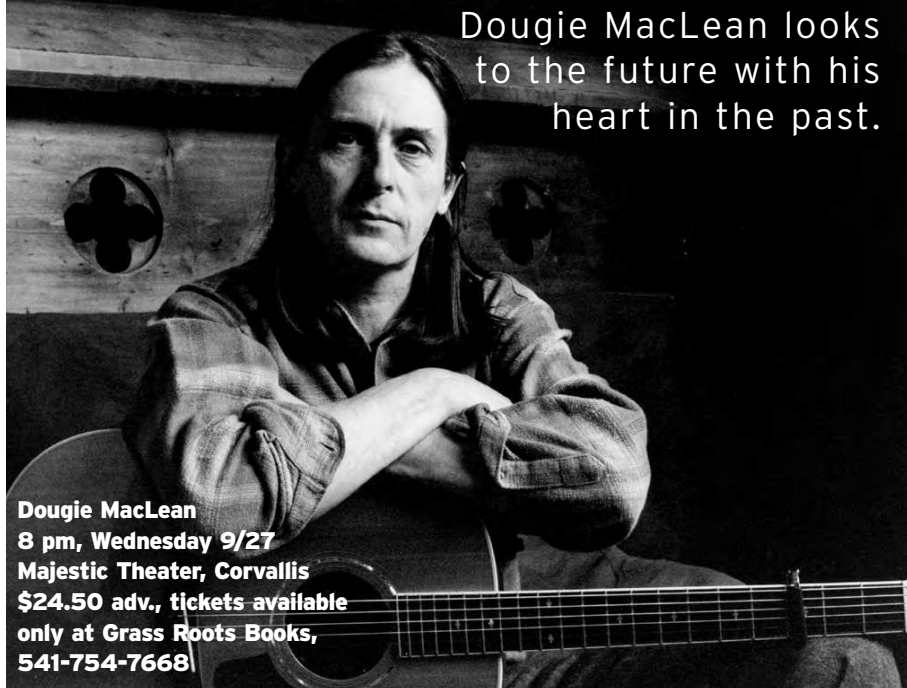


Links in a Chain

Dougie MacLean looks to the future with his heart in the past.



Dougie MacLean
 8 pm, Wednesday 9/27
 Majestic Theater, Corvallis
 \$24.50 adv., tickets available
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Dougie MacLean is one of Scotland's most recognizable voices; he has performed all over the world and had his music featured in the major motion picture *The Last of the Mohicans*. He's also no stranger to these parts, having played in Eugene many times before. This time, however, Eugene fans will have to hustle to Corvallis if they want to see this masterful guitar player and singer in a special solo show.

MacLean's Majestic Theater show is a CD release party for his new record, *Inside the Thunder*, his 18th album on his own Dunkeld Records label. The CD was recorded during the winter of 2005 in MacLean's Butterstone Studio, a building with lots of sentimental value. The building used to be the village school, the school MacLean went to as a young boy, as did his father in the 1930s.

Via email, MacLean filled me in on recording the new album. "The songs are all written by me and range from simple love

songs on acoustic guitar to more arranged songs with a really contemporary feel involving loads of instruments, strings, bass, whistle, pipes, electric guitar, drums, etc.," MacLean said. "I write about the things I know well and feel passionately about: rural life, the land, honesty, justice, love."

"I hope through my concerts I can share some of that passion," said MacLean, who sometimes performs with a seven-piece band or string section, even a full orchestra. "It's all good fun, but I think the solo performance is the most intense and personal."

MacLean spends much of his time in airports and performing in large cities, surrounded by modern conveniences. At home, though, he said, "We are very in tune with the modern world, while enjoying the beauty of a timeless rural setting. I guess in a way it's the best of both worlds." He is surrounded by his wife, daughter and son, who are all talented musicians. "It's a real family affair. I think that keeps the music alive and very relevant." **EW**

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