

Musical Note

Entertainers welcomed by enthusiastic audiences

By Jody Swisher

Two very gifted musicians played in St. Johns recently when the Martin Hill 3 and Carl Solomon entertained at the Central Hotel, 8608 North Lombard. Ernest Whaley hosted the musicians as part of the Three Chords and The Truth showcase series.

The remarkable singer and songwriter, Martin Hill who teaches music theory and other groups at Artichoke Music, lead the Martin Hill 3. He provides

private lessons on many stringed instruments and has strong musical training and poetry in his soul. Sometimes the power of his words, in his lyrics, makes listeners feel the need to catch a breath; they're powerful. Other times you laugh out loud at his relentless humor and sarcastic truth. He is a warm entertainer and can sing in many voices so there is great variety in this group's songbook. He is accompanied on bodhran by

Jack Mathes and on bass by Tim Davis.

Carl Solomon plays acoustic guitar and sings. He tells American stories; stories that are from his own life and observations. He says he writes about "cross-roads, detours and accidents of our life." His presentation is gentle and compelling. Solomon is an accomplished guitarist and his lyrics have strong images and create contagious mood.

He played alone on this particular night, but has a band called Solomon Crow, with percussion and bass. Portland Chapter of West Coast Songwriters has honored him for "best performance" of his song Those Two Crows. He also plays as part of the PDX Art and Entertainment Program at Portland Airport. He will introduce his new CD at a coming out party at Artichoke Music on May 9.

The Grand Central Hotel is offering live music regularly on Thursday nights, and over weekends. The University of Portland Jazz Band appears regularly as does Dennis Hitchcock, jazz guitarist. The online calendar lists coming performances.

North Portland is fortunate to have such fine musicians entertain local audiences.

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in their attic, climbing through it then catch an empty passing rowboat. After safely getting aboard it, and having to duck their heads to pass under telephone wires, they were able to make their way safely to land.

As an adult Mary traveled every state in America before retiring at 71, after 28 years working in a dental office.

On Saturday, March 14 at 6:00 at the North Portland Eagles, (corner of Exeter and Lombard,) there will be a No-Host dinner with musicians and dancing to follow. Eeryone is welcome to attend to celebrate Mary's birthday.

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