

San Francisco folk band plays the Fort

Frankie Boots and the Country Line to sing magnetic songs

ASTORIA — Frankie Boots and the County Line are a folk rock/Americana band roaring out of the San Francisco Bay Area with a penchant for painting vivid images of late nights, lost love, and the grittier side of life.

Hear the band live at 8 p.m. Sunday, June 14 at the Fort George Brewery, located at 1483 Duane St. All ages are welcome; there is no cover.

Toward the end of the last decade Frank Boots gave up a promising career in the illustrious world of bartending to pursue a life of even longer nights and shorter tempers in the music industry.

The cosmos, in their infinite wisdom, soon sent him the County Line, and their visceral sound sprung from a primordial soup of horns, pedal steel guitar, banjo,



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Frankie Boots and the County Line will play Americana music at the Fort George Brewery on June 14.

mandolin, keys, guitars, bass and drums.

Whether it be country, rock, blues, gospel, bluegrass, or any other true form of great American music, the band throws it all into the recipe for a dish that's always served hot.

Frankie Boots and the

County Line's captivating live performances keep a crowd jumping, and their magnetic songs earned them the North Bay Bohemian's award for best Country/Americana band in the North Bay for 2013. In the spring of that same year they spent two weeks in New Mexico, recording their new self-titled LP, which was released to acclaim on Oct. 15.

This summer and fall the band will embark on a national tour to spread the gospel of Frankie Boots and the County Line and look forward to making both new friends and fans. They have played alongside some of the biggest names in the industry, including Robert Earl Keen, Lukas Nelson, Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros, Justin Townes Earle, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Drag the River, Cake, and many more.

Norman Sylvester plays Merry Time Bar

Oregon Music Hall of Fame 'Boogie Cat' brings the blues

ASTORIA — Renowned Portland-based blues artist Norman Sylvester will perform at 9:30 p.m. Friday, June 12 at the Merry Time Bar & Grill, located at 995 Marine Drive. Sylvester, aka "The Boogie Cat," is one of many bands new owners Terry and Todd Robinett have booked for upcoming shows at the Merry Time.

Easily one of the most engaging showmen in the region,

Sylvester delivers down-home blues influenced from his roots in Louisiana. Sylvester was inducted into the Oregon Music Hall of Fame in 2011, is a regular performer at the Waterfront Blues Festival in Portland and has shared a stage with BB King, Buddy Guy, James Cotton, Junior Wells, Otis Clay, Tower of Power, Five Blind Boys of Alabama, Peter Frampton and many more national touring stars.

Owner Terry Robinett booked entertainment in Portland at the former Jack London Bar and became familiar with many regional acts when bartending at The CI Blues Club in Tualatin. It was at the CI where Robinett first got to know Sylvester back in the 1990s.

"I'm a fan, first and foremost, and book those I can personally vouch for to deliver the goods," Robinett says about bringing occasional live music to the Merry Time. "I'm excited to introduce old friends to our new friends here in Astoria."

Other upcoming shows include the return of Erotic City, a Prince tribute band, in July, in addition to a weekly acoustic set every Thursday with local guitarist Drew Gale.

You must be 21 or older with a valid ID for entry to the Merry Time Bar & Grill. Thursday acoustic sets are free. Entry to all other shows is a can of food to be donated to the Clatsop Community Action or \$5 (a portion of which will also be donated to CCA). For more information, call 503-468-0852.



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Take summer art classes at Bay Avenue Gallery

OCEAN PARK, Wash. — Bay Avenue Gallery will hold children's art classes this summer. Every Thursday there will be morning classes for children age 5 to 7 and afternoon classes for children age 7 to 12.

Gallery owner Sue Raymond is a retired art educator who believes all children benefit from creative art activities. Her career included teaching art to all age levels and teaching art history and appreciation to adults and older students.

Artists have designed and will teach each of the 10 classes set for the summer. Classes range from mini clay fairy houses that will dress up any garden, to creating bugs from colorful magazine pages.

Each Thursday class is \$11 per session. Morning sessions are 10:30 to 11:45 a.m., and afternoon sessions are held from 1 to 3 p.m.

The first class, Opening the Door to Summer, will be held

June 18. Using crayons, markers and colored paper, students will create doors that open to reveal their summer wishes.

For older students, the gallery will have regular potters wheel, clay sculpting and drawing classes. The schedule for these varies.

New this year are pop-up art history classes. June will offer Wayne Thiebaud's idea of still life and tessellations using a formula like M.C. Escher. Classes are \$15 per session.

Register phone or by visiting the gallery. Bay Avenue offers classes, workshops and open studios for all ages. For more information, call 360-665-5200 or visit bayavenue-gallery.com

