

# Hear alt-country at Peninsula Arts Center

LONG BEACH, Wash. — The Peninsula Arts Center welcomes alternative country musician James Low for a concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 11. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Low started out in a one-stoplight town in Eastern Oregon that had a single AM radio station that went off the air every night at 6 p.m. Coming from a family steeped in music, Low toyed with a couple of instruments but mostly sang. Following his father's lead, he started writing songs, and after finishing school he

escaped to New York.

Working in the kitchen at a roots and blues club, The Lone Star Roadhouse, he came under the sway of classic blues and country musicians like Rufus and Carla Thomas, Emmy Lou Harris, NRBQ, and Maceo Parker, while spending his nights at open mics in the West Village. Eventually he settled in the East Village and spent a few years playing bass in the country punk band Marlboro Country before returning to Oregon in 1995.

In 2000, he released his

first album, a sparse, country folk affair titled "Mexiquita." On a tiny boutique label, the release received a four-star review in the All Music Guide and positive reactions from the local press, but it went largely unnoticed. A series of self-financed albums including "Blackheart" in 2002 and "The Blackguard's Waltz" in 2008 established a solid pedigree as a writer, and Low's career flourished in the manner of a well-kept secret.

In 2012, the self-released and promoted "Whiskey

Farmer" appeared on several independent radio charts including the Euro Americana chart. It received four-star reviews in magazines like Mojo and The Telegraph UK's top roots records list for 2012, becoming the most successful release of his career.

Since 2014, Low has been working out of his home studio in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, studying music composition at the Berklee College of Music Online, and touring once or twice annually in the United States and Europe.

The Peninsula Arts Center is located at 504 Pacific Ave. N. Tickets are \$12 at the door.

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360-901-0962

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For reservations, call 360-901-0962 or use the form at [www.peninsulaartscenter.org/concerts](http://www.peninsulaartscenter.org/concerts). Concerts benefit the Long Beach Peninsula Acoustic Music Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization.



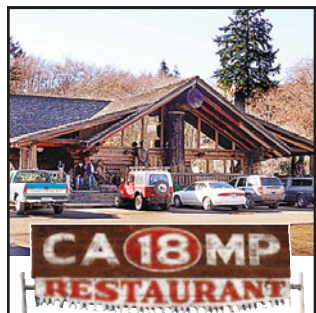
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