

# Cannon Beach native on the road to success

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From left, Evan Jiroudek and Ian Lipson, who perform as Wistaprear, and Lake Jiroudek, who is also a musician.

CANNON BEACH — Cannon Beach's Evan Jiroudek is returning to his hometown, teamed with fellow musician Ian Lipson. Jiroudek, a drummer, and Lipson, a guitarist, make up the duo Wistaprear. The genre-bending, jazz-influenced duo headlines a new album project and will perform a concert Tuesday at the Coaster Theatre.

Jiroudek's parents, Tom and Laura Jiroudek, own and operate the Bald Eagle Coffeehouse in midtown Cannon Beach. Music runs in the family. Tom Jiroudek, now retired from the industry, was an A&M recording artist. While in the fifth grade Evan played trumpet in a symphonic band, but after a couple weeks he was playing percussion.

Evan's brother Lake, influenced by his family and friend Stirling Gorsuch, son of Cannon

Beach painter Richard Gorsuch, took up guitar. The brothers, according to Evan, played together as a duo for more than a decade in the group Angry Salad. In Seaside high school they joined the jazz ensemble. Lake is now studying music at the Juilliard School in New York City.

"Growing up in a small community that is very supportive

of the arts gave me so much freedom to explore my artistic process," Evan said. "With an environment so beautiful and enriching it's hard not to feel inspired."

"The Cannon Beach community helped me develop human qualities that benefited my musical and life experiences after I left," Lake added. "It is a warm

and nurturing place that benefits every individual who lives here."

While still in high school, the brothers moved to Portland where they played became a part of the American Music Program's magnet school Pacific Crest Jazz Orchestra. Then the boys attended California's Idyllwild Arts Academy, a private boarding school. They studied under director Marshall Hawkins, who had played with jazz greats Miles Davis and Shirley Horn.

Eventually it was off to college. Evan chose California Institute of the Arts in Los Angeles, a school dedicated to arts of all kinds. There he met Lipson, a guitarist, vocalist and songwriter, and two years ago, they became Wistaprear. The duo's name came about when Lipson's uncle first handed him a guitar. His nephew Ian, then 4, ran into the room clad in Spiderman underwear. Just as he left the room, Ian announced he would now

"wistaprear." The word stuck, and Lipson adopted it for his band name years later.

Music keeps Evan busy. Besides school, he does session work at Goldmine Records in Ventura and will soon record with Forest Whitaker's daughter Autumn.

Both agreed that their music is playful and filled with tongue-in-cheek humor. Lipson described it as "zigzaggy, youthful — even childish — a restless music" that often juxtaposes the words against melody. Their songs, often autobiographical, might often ask the question, "How did I get here?"

On Tuesday, Wistaprear will give a concert at the Coaster Theatre to finance their travel to Georgia and the marketing and distribution of the album. Lake, though he isn't a part of the band, will join his brother and Lipson for the upcoming concert.

After the concert, Lake returns to New York while Evan

and Lipson begin pre-production July 27 and a three-week recording period beginning July 31. Once the project is in the can they will play shows on their way back to Los Angeles, where Lipson has another year at CalArts. They will then begin shopping the album to labels.

Last year, Wistaprear performed a sold-out concert at the Coaster Theatre. They are expected to sell out again. Joining the band onstage will be local painter Richard Gorsuch. The painter and musicians will open the show with an interactive improvisation.

Tickets, which include download cards for two songs, are \$20 and may be reserved in advance by emailing [evanjiroudek1@gmail.com](mailto:evanjiroudek1@gmail.com) or calling 310-666-5213. Any tickets that are unsold the night of the concert will be available at the door.

Follow the band on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram or visit <http://wistaprear.bandcamp.com>

## RELIGION BRIEFS

### Society of Friends

SEAVIEW, Wash. — The Lower Columbia Worship Group of the Society of Friends (Quaker) meets at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Peninsula Church Center Fireside Room (south building), 5000 N Place, in Seaview. This is a "silent" (unprogrammed) worship group. All are welcome to visit and participate. For information, call 503-895-7474.

### Cannon Beach Community

CANNON BEACH — Cannon Beach Community Church, 132 E. Washington St., holds an Evensong service at 6 p.m.

the first and third Sunday of the month. All are welcome.

Evensong features Wes Warhmund (guitar, flute and clarinet) and meditative songs, Psalms, readings, candlelight and time for quiet reflection.

For information, call the church at 503-436-1222.

### Our Savior's Lutheran

SEASIDE — Our Saviour's Lutheran Church presents "Song, Scripture and Sacrament" from 11 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at Suzanne Elise Assisted Living, 101 Forest Drive in Seaside. All are welcome.

For information, call the church at 503-738-6791.

### Catholic Kidz Camp

Vacation Bible School Catholic Kidz Camp is being held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 3 to 7 at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1465 Grand Ave. The theme is "Around the World in Five Days." Registration is \$15 and includes a T-shirt, CD and daily snack. To register, call the parish office at 503-325-3671. All are welcome.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, Aug. 28 to 30 at Our Lady of Peace retreat house in Beaverton, offers mar-

ried couples the chance to improve their relationships. For information, call 503-853-2758 or apply online at [www.rediscov-erthespark.org](http://www.rediscov-erthespark.org). Additional dates and locations are listed online.

### Bethany Free Lutheran

Bethany Free Lutheran Church, 451 34th St., is celebrating the 90th birthday of Alvin Grothe, former church pastor, with a potluck and birthday celebration following the 11 a.m. Sunday worship service, which will include special music in his honor. The public is welcome.

Grothe served as pastor at

Bethany from 1975 to 1990. He remained in Astoria after retirement, and has continued to be an active member of the congregation.

For information, call 503-325-2925.

### Grace Episcopal

The annual Grace Episcopal Church Rummage Sale is from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, July 24, and 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 25, at the church, 1545 Franklin Ave. Prices are by donation, except for the Treasure Table, with items free after 1 p.m. Saturday.

The proceeds from this sale support a variety of projects, including a preschool scholarship, food pantry supplies, and outreach in the community.

For information, call the church at 503-325-4691 or go to [www.graceastoria.org](http://www.graceastoria.org)

### Congregation Beit Salmon

Congregation Beit Salmon is holding Shabbat services at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Fellowship Hall of Peace Lutheran Church, 565 12th St., followed by a potluck oneg lunch and a board meeting. For questions or information, call Ann Goldeen at 503-791-4661.

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