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## French troubadour plays in Long Beach

### Eric John Kaiser interprets Americana through French lens

LONG BEACH, WASH. — If you can imagine Americana interpreted through a French lens, then you can see (or more precisely hear) what French-American songwriter Eric John Kaiser brings to the table. Kaiser will perform at the Peninsula Arts Center at 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5.

Kaiser may be known as the French troubadour, but there is so much more to this talented artist. While his French roots may make him seem exotic, those in the know realize that's just the beginning of his story.

After doing over 350 concerts in France, Kaiser, a Paris native, moved to Portland in 2006 following a girl he fell in love with. Since then he has logged close to 10,000 miles each year via air, land and sea. Exploring North America on multiple lengthy tours, he has gigged his way up through Canada and down through the South as far as New Orleans and Washington, D.C., where he performed as an artist-in-residence for the Smithsonian Museum.

Sometimes driving his trusty Subaru under the wide Montana sky, sometimes riding the subway under New York City, his music has logged many miles and accents from across the Amer-

ican landscape. His latest songs resonate now with a very American rhythm, like bouncing across the vast plains on horseback: some western lap steel guitar, some dirty roadhouse blues.

## Eric John Kaiser

7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5

Peninsula Arts Center

504 Pacific Ave. N., Long Beach, Wash.

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Kaiser has released four full-length albums and played the Deyoung Museum in San Francisco, the Blue Nile in New Orleans, the Solidays festival in Paris, and shared the stage with the Welsh super stars the Stereophonics, toured with French star Tété (who has also appeared as a featuring artist on his album "French Troubadour") and the French band Revolver.

The Peninsula Arts Center is located at 504 Pacific Ave. Admission is \$12 and doors open at 6:30 p.m. Reservations can be made at [www.peninsulaartscenter.org](http://www.peninsulaartscenter.org) or by calling 360-901-0962.



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Eric John Kaiser will perform at the Peninsula Arts Center on Sept. 5.

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