

Famed Finnish duo plays both sides of river

Pekka Pentikäinen, Perttu Paappanen perform Nov. 14, 15

ASTORIA and ROSBURG, Wash. — Internationally acclaimed Finnish musical duo Pekka Pentikäinen and Perttu Paappanen, known as “Fire and Ice – Accordion and Fiddle,” are coming to the Columbia-Pacific region for two concerts.

The duo will perform at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 14 directly after the Astoria Second Saturday Art Walk at KALA, located at 1017 Marine Drive in Astoria. Admission is \$10. Refreshments will be available,

and teens are welcome accompanied by their parents.

The duo will also perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 15 at Valley Bible Church, located at 4723 Washington State Route 4 in Rosburg, Washington. The performance will be followed by a coffee hour and the opportunity to meet the performers. Attendance is free. Donations will be accepted and will be used to support the 2016 Finnish-American Folk Festival scheduled for July 29 to 31 of 2016.

Steeped in the traditions of Finnish folk music, Pentikäinen and Paappanen, based in Helsinki, perform and work in theater, dance ensembles, teaching, arranging and band performance.

By day, Paappanen tunes, repairs and imports accordions, teaches workshops, and frequently performs and arranges music for theater performances on fiddle and accordion. Having studied both classical and folk music at the Sibelius



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Pekka Pentikäinen and Perttu Paappanen, known as “Fire and Ice – Accordion and Fiddle,” will perform in Astoria Nov. 14 and in Rosburg, Washington, Nov. 15.

Music Academy’s Folk Music Department, Paappanen has taught in schools and has produced three albums with bands

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A 1994 graduate of the Sibelius Music Academy, Pentikäinen specializes on the two-row and chromatic accordion. He is a band leader and composer for theater and opera in Helsinki. He founded the folk music groups Pirnales and trio Mr. Mäläskä. Pentikäinen currently works for the Finnish Folk Music Association teaching, giving concerts and developing folk music activities near Helsinki.

In 2007 the duo published their first CD, which is a repertoire of sentimental compositions inspired by tradition, landscape and folk tunes from different parts of Finland.



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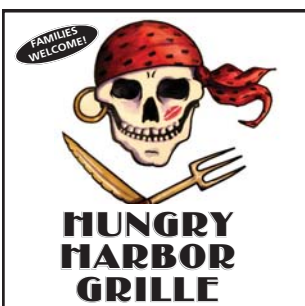


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