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Jaime Leopold & the Short Stories will perform at KALA Saturday, Nov. 28.

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Band brings folk, country, jazz to KALA

ASTORIA — KALA welcomes the six-piece music project Jamie Leopold and the Short Stories at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 28.

The band's name is fitting, led by said Leopold, who regales audiences with stories from his rich past as a musician and artist in the halcyon days of the 1960s.

Leopold was the original bass player in the cult band Dan Hicks and the Hot Licks. For the

past several years he's been writing songs and performing with his own band, the Short Stories. They call their music American quirk: a hard-to-pin-down style influenced by folk music, country, jazz and Leopold's storytelling.

Leopold spent his formative years in the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco as part of the youth culture movement of

the day. He hung out with many legends of those times, including Allen Ginsberg, Neal Cassady and Jerry Garcia, and was present at seminal counterculture events like the 1967 Human Be-in, Ken Kesey's Acid Tests, The Death of Hip and the Avalon Ballroom and Fillmore Auditorium music scene.

"My approach to my life and art was strongly influenced by those freewheeling times," Leopold said. "I saw a lot of wondrous things in that California trip, and they bubble to the surface in my writing."

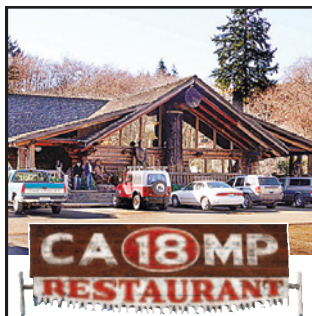
The Short Stories are from Portland but play all over the Northwest. The band features

Leopold on guitar and vocals, Jennifer "the Polish Princess" Smieja on vocals, Clark "the Reverend" Salisbury on guitar; Aaron "Gatemouth" Lowe on harmonica; J. Michael "King" Kersey on bass and Eugene Fred Ingram on drums. The band's latest album is "Live at O'Connor's."

The evening at KALA features full cabaret table seating and a full bar. Admission is \$13 at the door, but to assure seating, get advance tickets at www.BrownPaperTickets.com. Doors open at 7 p.m. KALA is located at 1017 Marine Drive. For more information, call 503-338-4878.



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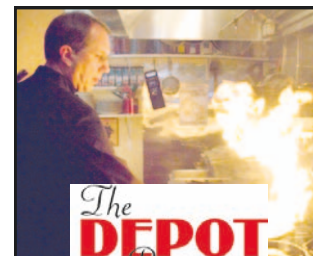
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