

# The Trail Band plays holiday concert at Coaster Theatre

CANNON BEACH — Finish 2015 with some fun and join the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce for its Haystack Holidays Concert with The Trail Band at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30 at the Coaster Theatre.

The Trail Band is a boisterous, eight-piece ensemble that creates an energetic blend of brass and string arrangements of traditional and original music featuring five vocalists.

Tickets are \$39 each and available at <http://tinyurl.com/holidaytrailband>. For more information, call 503-436-2623 or

visit [www.cannonbeach.org](http://www.cannonbeach.org)

Hundreds of public and private appearances across America and Japan, plus seven successful albums, have established The Trail Band as a premiere historic music ensemble from the Northwest. Cornet, tenor horn, tuba, fiddles, hammer dulcimer, guitars, penny whistle, mandolin, piano, saxophone, spoons, bones, drums, bass and recorders combine with band members' rich vocal harmonies to create a diverse tapestry of sound.

Formed by Marv Ross in 1991 at the request of the Ore-

gon Trail Council to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the trail, the band initially performed music from and about the era of the Oregon Trail with costumes, diary readings, traditional folk tunes, marches, hoedowns, and Native American melodies. Titled "Voices From The Oregon Trail," this performance has been the keystone of the band's repertoire.

In 1994, The Trail Band created a new show, "Christmas With The Trail Band," a holiday concert reminiscent of the parlor orchestras and townsquare brass bands of the last century.

Originally produced as a television special for Oregon Public Broadcasting, this concert has become an annual tradition for thousands of concert-goers in the Northwest.

In 1998, the band presented a new show and album, "Immigrant Dreams," featuring music and stories of those who came west to America during the turn of the century. In 1999, the band debuted a new show and album, "Lewis & Clark," and in 2001 released a seventh recording, a Christmas album titled, "Making Spirits Bright."



Submitted photo by Keith Buckley

The Trail Band will perform at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30 at the Coaster Theatre in Cannon Beach for a holiday concert.

In 2003 The Trail Band released its eighth recording, "Oregon Stories," a contemporary

collection of original songs tracing the lives of Northwesterners and their relationship to the land.

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