

# RedRay Frazier, Matt Brown to play Peninsula Arts Center

## Advanced tickets on sale for 2016 concerts

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Sue Svendsen, co-founder of the Peninsula Arts Center, likes to call RedRay Frazier's performances "date night." He usually describes what he does as "soul-folk." Well, whatever it's called, Frazier is a talent. His music ranges from a capella gospel music to a soulful mix of rock, folk and blues.

It's been quite an evolution for this native New Yorker. First singing gospel music in his father's Baptist church, then recording contemporary R&B and house music for Epic/550 and A&M Records, Frazier then toured the country as front man of the soulful rock band Mosaic. Frazier gained notoriety after opening for Lenny Kravitz and Blues Traveler. Soon after, he joined David Byrne, former front man of The Talking Heads, in his touring band from 2008-10.

While Frazier uses all of his influences, his songwriting draws comparisons from Ben Harper and Maxwell to The Black Keys. However, his smooth and smoky vocal quality along with his gospel approach set him apart.

Accompanying Frazier will be guitarist Matt Brown, a master of the Gretsch 6120 and among the most in-demand session players in the Northwest.

The two musicians will perform at the Peninsula Arts Center at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$12 at the door, online through Brown Paper Tickets, or by calling 360-901-0962. Wine, beer and other refreshments will be available. Concerts benefit the Long Beach Peninsula Acoustic Music Association, a 501(c)3 nonprofit charitable organization.

The center will also hold a free open mic at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 8, the night before



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RedRay Frazier will perform with Matt Brown Jan. 9 in Long Beach, Washington.

the concert. Singers, instrumentalists, poets, comedians, dramatists and musicians are welcome. The Peninsula Arts Center is located at 504 Pacific Ave. N.

The arts center also announces that tickets are now available for upcoming shows:

- Jan. 23: Award winning singer-songwriter Terry Holders will perform;

- Feb. 6: Mainstay of the acoustic finger-style blues scene Mary Flower will perform;

- Feb. 20: Blues guitar legend Terry Robb will perform with Albert Reda;

- March 5: Roots Americana songwriter Bradford Loomis will perform;

- March 19: Naomi Hooley and Rob Stroup will return for a show;

- April 2: Grammy Award-winning finger-style guitarist Doug Smith will perform with flutist Judy Koch-Smith;

- April 16: Back in the U.S. for their second tour, Dutch duo The Lasses will share gorgeous singing and beautiful harmonies;

- April 30: Cal Scott returns with more of his great songs and stellar musicianship.

For more information and advanced tickets, visit <http://peninsulaartscenter.org/concerts>

# Travel 'Between Two Shores' at Beach Books

## Author Honey Perkel to share about seventh novel Jan. 20

SEASIDE — Beach Books will host Seaside author Honey Perkel for Lunch in the Loft at noon Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Perkel will read from and talk about her seventh novel, "Between Two Shores."

"Between Two Shores" tells the story of Abby Greenwood, who has never left the small town of Seaside, but when her four children announce they're too busy to come home and celebrate Christmas and her 60th birthday, Abby decides to treat her-

self — to a trip to Ireland.

The novel invites readers to travel with Abby as she explores the eastern shore of Ireland, the Highlands of Scotland, and the dark secrets of a mental hospital that threaten her and those she's come to love.

At Lunch in the Loft, visitors will meet with Perkel, learn about her book, hear about her research trip to Ireland, and discover what she has coming up.

Perkel is the author of a Seaside-based trilogy: "A

Thousand Summers," "Secrets at the Cove" and "A Place Called Paradise." She's also author of the historical romance "The Faithful Daughter," set in the Jewish district in Denver and the shores of Seaside, and "Just Breathe: A Mother's Story," a memoir capturing Perkel's fight to save her son, Brian, who suffered from addiction and mental illness. She lives in the hills above Seaside with her husband and two Shih Tzus.



Photo by Alex Pajunas

Seaside author Honey Perkel will share her seventh novel, "Between Two Shores," at Lunch in the Loft.

Cost for Lunch in the Loft is \$25 and includes a catered lunch and a signed copy of "Between Two Shores." Register in advance by calling Beach Books at 503-738-3500. The bookstore is located at 616 Broadway.

# ENCORE starts winter term classes

ASTORIA — Exploring New Concepts of Retirement Education, a member-run organization for adults 50 years old and older, continues to offer short-term courses and activities this winter.

Annual membership is \$50 and includes more than 20 classes during fall, winter and spring sessions scheduled to correspond with the college calendar, as well as computer and library privileges at Clatsop Community College, under which ENCORE operates. Preregistration for classes is not necessary. If you are not a member, you may attend two classes as a guest before becoming a member.

Unless otherwise specified, morning classes meet from 10

a.m. to noon, and afternoon classes meet 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Winter classes start Monday, Jan. 11 with International Folk Dancing led by Drew Herzig.

Tuesday morning is Bridge Lessons R Us from 9:30 a.m. to noon, taught by Sandra Baker and Anne Gramson. Also Tuesday morning is Philosophical Foundations of Buddhism taught by Seth Tichenor, starting Jan. 19. Tuesday afternoon is Needlecraft by Evy Berger.

Wednesday mornings, Merianne Myers will teach Cooking for One or Two, where participants will learn to create dishes with simple ingredients. Class is limited to 10 people and there

is a \$30 fee. Leslie Morgan will teach a one-time Women's Heart Health lesson Feb. 17. Wednesday afternoon, Judith Schlechter will facilitate Science Exchange, a round-table discussion on the latest scientific headlines.

Thursday mornings, Mary Carpenter will teach Building Websites and Using Facebook in Seaside. Thursday afternoons, Bernie Thomas will lead the interactive class What's in the

News? In a special Thursday afternoon session Feb. 25, Rex and Nancy Anderson will teach about Road Scholar, a nonprofit group founded in 1975 that offers educational travel tours aimed at older adults. The Andersons have completed 32 Road Scholar programs.

Friday mornings, Steve Berk will lead discussion of Pope Francis' "Laudato Si, On Care for Our Common Home," in a book group.

For more information, visit [www.encorelearn.org](http://www.encorelearn.org)

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