

Hear songs from the heart in Long Beach Peninsula Arts Center hosts singer-songwriter Terry Holder

LONG BEACH, Wash. — The Peninsula Arts Center will present award-winning singer-songwriter Terry Holder at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23.

Until 1999, Holder's full-time job was being a stay-at-home mom. Her life changed when the youngest of her three daughters moved away, a transition that coincided with the passing of her mother. Depression settled in. Seeking solace, Holder reached for her guitar and began shifting her pain into writing music.

The first song she penned became the title track for her 2001 debut CD "Am I Here Is This Me," which was originally intended only as a keepsake for her daughters. The album of introspective songs started garnering sales and critical acclaim. It was followed by her second CD "Colored Rooms" and her third studio album "Ticket To The Moment," both delivering emotionally driven songs with lyrics that take you on a journey with flashes of abandon, heartbreak, love, social and self-awareness.

Holder is touring as a duo in support of her new CD "Flowers at Midnight" performing at house concerts, festivals and venues around the country where she continues to build a loyal following.

"If I can touch one person with a song, then I feel that I've accomplished something great in my life," she says. "Anything is possible. It's never too late to do what you're inspired to do or what you're passionate about, you just have to start."

Holder won the 2013 Wild-

flower Songwriting Competition in Richardson, Texas, was a 2013 semi-finalist in the International Songwriting Competition and has been selected four times as a Kerrville New Folk Finalist at the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas.

The Peninsula Arts Center is located at 504 Pacific Ave. N. Concerts benefit the Long Beach Peninsula Acoustic Music Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization.

Wine, beer and other refreshments will be available for purchase. Admission is \$12 at the door, online through Brown Paper Tickets; or by calling 360-901-0962.



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Americana singer-songwriter Terry Holder, from Olympia, Washington, will perform in Long Beach on Jan. 23.

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