

Scratchdog Stringband brings bluegrass to Seaside Brewing

SEASIDE — Acoustic trio Scratchdog Stringband will perform at 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 21 at Seaside Brewing Co., located at 851 Broadway. There is no cover for the show.

Since early 2015, Scratchdog Stringband has been setting a new standard for Americana and bluegrass. Based in Portland and touring throughout the Pacific Northwest, this trio delivers a fresh amalgamation of classic and contemporary Americana music. These artisans continually hone their

technical finesse through experimentation and improvisation. The sound that emerges is uniquely “Scratchdog,” deriving from influences in rock, folk, country and jazz.

The band is an elemental force of songwriters, arrangers and performers. Andrew DeRossett, on guitar, banjo and vocals, and Kimbo Kumada, on bass and vocals, hold down the rhythm section tight and tough, while James Rossi is free to explore the high notes on the violin.

The band’s dynamic instrumentation is showcased in “The Scratchdog Shuffle,” where the string-boxes are passed between the members in almost every variation, providing an intricate backdrop to their blended vocals.

Scratchdog’s repertoire ranges from fierce boot-stompers to rolling country ballads, as well as genre-benders in between. Complemented by thoughtful lyricism, the whole is a sound larger than the sum

of its parts. Strong dedication to their craft and to one another has quickly made Scratchdog Stringband one of the hardest working acts in the Northwest, both on and off of the stage. Since their formation in January 2015, the group has performed over 150 shows and averaged 100 sales a month of their EP, “Introducing Scratchdog Stringband.”

The trio will capture their developed sound on a full-length album to be released in the spring of 2016.



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