

Benyaro will perform indie Americana soul music at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 22 at Fort George Brewery in Astoria.

## Hear indie-acoustic soul at Fort George Brewery

## Wyoming-based duo to perform Sunday, May 22

ASTORIA — Fort George Brewery will host Jackson Hole, Wyoming-based band Benyaro for an Americana performance at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 22. The show is free and open to all ages. Fort George is located at 1483 Duane St.

Benyaro is Ben Musser's indie-acoustic soul and roots project, which, in his words, he "formed to expand the boundaries of acoustic music and serve as a vehicle for my distilling artistry."

Musser is a multi-instrumentalist: a drummer, guitarist, singer and songwriter schooled in jazz, rock, classical guitar and voice. He simultaneously performs acoustic guitar, harmonica, kick drum, high hat and shaker with contagious energy while singing. His confident vocals have drawn multiple comparisons to David Bowie and Cat Stevens, among others.

Flanked by upright bassist and harmony singer Leif Routman, listeners are treated to the sound of a full band as the minimalist duo draws audiences into their world of soul, folk, country, rock, blues and gospel. Benyaro has a sound reminiscent of early Tom Waits, acoustic David Bowie or The Avett Brothers. Benyaro's live performances showcase Musser's rich voice and impressive musicianship. Musser has spent his life

building a career brick-bybrick, touring across the United States, living in and immersing himself in artist communities in Nashville, Austin and New York City. Musser self-produced Benyaro's three albums, which have spent time on the CMJ Top 200 chart, in addition to placements in Relix Magazine's "On the Verge" and critic's picks in Nashville Scene, Boulder Weekly, among others. Over 120 radio stations spin the duo's music.

With the upcoming release of a new album produced by Danny Kadar (Avett Brothers, Band of Horses, My Morning Jacket) in 2016 and the recent completion of a feature film score, Benyaro is handsomely poised to soon break onto the national scene.

## Trio Subtonic brings soul jazz to Astoria

ASTORIA — KALA will welcome noted jazz ensemble Trio Subtonic for a performance at 8:30 p.m. Friday, May 20. The groove-heavy power trio out of Portland blends genre-bending funk with slow-burning, underground soul jazz.

Led by keyboardist Galen Clark, Subtonic explores a coalescence of rock, soul, funk, hip-hop and jazz that simultaneously draws in listeners and pushes boundaries. Creating a sonic footprint reserved for more than just three people, Subtonic delivers soulful grooves, expansive improvisations and a deep pocket that compels audiences to try dance moves they didn't know they had.

Trio Subtonic consists of Clark on keyboards, Bill Athens on bass and Russ Kleiner on drums. The group has performed with Dan Balmer, A Love Electric, JFJO, Scott Pemberton, D'Vonne Lewis, Michal Angela and more. Touring extensively on the West Coast, East Coast and in Mexico, Subtonic brings dynamic energy to festivals, jazz clubs and watering holes alike and has garnered admiration from a wide

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variety of fans and critics.

"The listener will find funky, groove-oriented sounds, acoustic ballads, and gospel-tinged instrumentals," said Matt Fleeger, program director for KMHD, Portland's Jazz Radio. "Trio Subtonic's 'populist' take on jazz means that just about ev-

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erybody digs what they're doing."

Doors open 8 p.m. Admission is \$8. The concert is for ages 21 and older. Refreshments will be available for purchase. KALA is located at 1017 Marine Drive. For more information, call 503-338-4878.

