

# Tayla Lynn, Eric Tingstad bring country tunes to Clatskanie

CLATSKANIE — The Clatskanie Arts Commission is kicking off its 28th annual Performing Arts Series with a performance by Tayla Lynn, granddaughter of country legend Loretta Lynn, and Grammy Award-winning guitarist Eric Tingstad. The performance will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 at Clatskanie's Birkenfeld Theatre, located at 75 S. Nehalem St.

"It all begins with a song" — that's the motto for the Nashville Songwriters Association. Because when you think about it, it really boils down to the songwriter being at the center of the music universe. As songwriters, both

Lynn and Tingstad are at the center.

Lynn is a Southern girl who grew up in the heart of Tennessee, and her country bloodlines are undeniable. Her grandmother is a country music legend, and her father, Ernie, sang and played guitar in Loretta Lynn's band.

"I can't remember a time that I wasn't in the wings in some town somewhere, watchin' my memaw and my daddy on stage," recalls Lynn. "I started singing as soon as I opened my mouth."

Tingstad is a Grammy Award-winning multi-genre record producer, musician, songwriter and composer.



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Tayla Lynn, granddaughter of Loretta Lynn, will perform Sept. 24 in Clatskanie.

He was born and raised in the Pacific Northwest and is currently holding down the fort, studio and empty nest in the foothills of the



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Grammy Award-winning musician Eric Tingstad will bring his finger-style guitar to the concert.

Washington Cascades with his wife.

Best known as a finger-style guitarist, Tingstad has

performed, recorded and produced alternative country, blues, Americana, rock, smooth jazz and New Age music.

"My heart is totally devoted to creating music that inspires people to be good stewards of the environment, their community and most importantly themselves," he says.

His album sales are in the millions and the reach of his music is worldwide.

Both Lynn and Tingstad are proud of their combined American musical heritage. They cherish the responsibility for performing, telling stories and keeping the flame of old school charm and authentic

interaction with an audience.

"There is something inherently powerful about performing as a duo," Tingstad says. "It's a marriage of sorts that showcases all the strengths, while exposing the warts and all. Paired figure skaters and dancers, they all know the power of the two-man team ... or one-man, one-woman team."

Tickets prices are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors age 60 and over, \$18 for students and \$16 for children age 12 and under.

Tickets are available at Hump's Restaurant in Clatskanie. For more ticket information, call Elsa Woolley at 503-728-3403.

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