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## Riverfolk benefit features Fogerty keyboardist Bob Malone

ASTORIA — Riverfolk, an organization that works to help homeless individuals, will hold a benefit concert 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at Clatsop Community College's Performing Arts Center (588 16th St.). Doors open at 6 p.m.

The concert features Bob Malone, the keyboardist for Creedence Clearwater Revival's John Fogerty who also plays on Ringo Starr's upcoming album.

The show also presents Dan Weber, an award-winning songwriter; Alexa Wiley, a singer-songwriter and activist; and Tom May, a legendary folk performer who played with Gordon Lightfoot, and is the founder and host of the nationally syndicated public radio program "River City Folk."

Riverfolk will be raffling off a brand new Epiphone guitar, six-CD "Anthology of American Folk Music" edited by Harry Smith box set, and two one-year season passes to every show at the Peninsula Arts Center in Long Beach during the program. Raffle tickets are \$10 and available at downtown Astoria locations.

The organization will also have a live auction

for a dinner to be held at the highest bidder's home, with local sushi chef Jessi Anderson. Concert attendees will be able to purchase a sampling of Anderson's treats in the lobby before the show.

Riverfolk, State Sen. Betsy Johnson said, is a "homegrown charity that helps people in securing a state ID, a license, a birth certificate, or maybe even military separation documents. An ID is often a path to recovery, and critical for someone trying to get back on their feet."

The concert is "an opportunity to help your neighbors help themselves, by getting foundational documents, and a path to a brighter future," she said.

General admission tickets are \$20, but a limited number of VIP packages are available, including a front-row seat, dinner at Fulio's Restaurant, a Bob Malone CD and an autographed poster. The package costs \$175.

Tickets are available at [riverfolkastoria.com/concert](http://riverfolkastoria.com/concert).

For more information, visit [riverfolkastoria.com/benefit](http://riverfolkastoria.com/benefit), [facebook.com/riverfolkastoria](http://facebook.com/riverfolkastoria) and [twitter.com/riverfolkinfo](http://twitter.com/riverfolkinfo).

# NASHVILLE SONGWRITER PLAYS OCEAN PARK LIBRARY

OCEAN PARK, WASH. — Ocean Park Library is in for a treat.

Former Nashville songwriter Geof Morgan will present a concert 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15. In addition to writing Ronnie Milsap's "20-20 Vision," Barbara Mandrell's "Love is Thin Ice," and Dickie Lee's "The Busiest Memory in Town," Morgan recorded for MCA Records in the early 1980s.



Geof Morgan as a young man

But the Nashville commercial music scene was not for Morgan, and he moved to Bellingham in 1982, where his songwriting took a turn to more Pete Seeger-type songs with a social conscience.

He recorded several albums under the Flying Fish folk label with songs such as "It Comes with the Plumbing" about men's difficulty expressing feelings and "Casey at the Bat" about pressures to succeed.

Morgan toured the U.S. with his music but found that the birth of his daughter made him want to stay home more. He became executive director of Whatcom County Family and Community Network, a position he held for 30 years while studying community organizing.

Morgan still lives in Bellingham with his wife, Liz Wade. They both sing and tour with the Kulshan Chorus. The wit and wisdom in his songs, his sincere and personal style, and his awesome guitar playing are not to be missed.



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Geof Morgan

## Tickets on sale for inaugural Peninsula Rhythm & Blues Festival

OCEAN PARK, WASH. — Blue skies turning pink, gold and orange; stars shining; evergreens surrounding an outdoor stage; and blues to make the heart weep with joy.

All of this is coming to Ocean Park's Wilson Field with a new music event: the Peninsula Rhythm & Blues Festival.

The inaugural event will be held 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15; and noon to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16.

Ocean Park musician and resident Clint Carter, of the



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North Coast Blues Band, is spearheading the project. Community groups, businesses and local music lovers are working together to bring this first-ever blues event to Ocean Park.

The Ilwaco High School Jazz band will open the festival. Featured bands will be local, and there will be a large Portland music presence.

South Pacific County Humane Society offers adult beverages in support of the shelter. Food vendors will be present.

Parking will be available on site.

Visit [peninsulabluesfest.com](http://peninsulabluesfest.com) for information on this musical addition at the heart of the peninsula. Look for the Brown Paper Tickets button to

purchase tickets and guarantee a spot at the extravaganza.

Tickets for Friday evening are \$15. Saturday afternoon to evening tickets are \$18. A small service fee is charged for transactions.

A funding effort for up-front expenses is underway at [youcaring.com](http://youcaring.com). Sponsorships and volunteer opportunities are also available. Contact Clint Carter at [clintcarterblues@yahoo.com](mailto:clintcarterblues@yahoo.com), or call 360-244-5823.

Also check out [facebook.com/peninsulabluesfestival](http://facebook.com/peninsulabluesfestival).