

A SONGWRITER'S MUSIC FESTIVAL

Genre-bending acts play Sou'wester Lodge at Lose Yr Mind event

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COAST WEEKEND

The music festival taking place at Seaview's Sou'wester Lodge in late September features Portland artists who travel in many indie and alternative lanes.

Their genres cover folk rock, shoegaze, alt-country, psychedelic surf rock and other esoteric subgenres. But underlying them all is a "connection of phenomenal songwriting," said Ivy Ross Ricci, the music curator at the historic lodge.

The all-ages festival, held Friday and Saturday, Sept. 29 and 30, is organized by Lose Yr Mind, an organization launched in 2014 that hosts an annual music fest in Portland.

The two-day show is more of a "mini-festival" — a kind of weekend retreat — the company's founder, Elizabeth Elder, said. It also serves as a warm-up for Lose Yr Mind's major festival in Portland

next month.

The lineup — a representative sample of Portland's tight-knit music community — opens shortly after 7 p.m. Friday with a solo performance by Aan's Bud Wilson, followed by Nick Delffs, and closing with an hour of Jenny Don't and the Spurs.

On Saturday, the show resumes at 4 p.m. with a "kickoff" potluck dinner and a DJ. The evening slate: Plastic Cactus, Sama Dams, Matt Dorrien, Sunbathe, Old Age, Candace and a full hour of Kyle Craft.

Elder said she chose the bands not simply to highlight a handful of her favorites, but because they are a "good fit for the aesthetic

of autumn on the coast and the Sou'wester."

"They're not loud punk bands," Elder said. "They're really talented musicians that are a little quieter, that (make) for a relaxing weekend."

Though rooms at the lodge will be booked, Ross Ricci said some camping spots will be left for festivalgoers. The festival, however, is for everyone, not just people staying at the Sou'wester.

Transcending genre

Though sonically diverse, the bands complement each other, Pandora-playlist style. And many defy easy classification.

SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 29

7:15 to 7:45 p.m. AAN (solo performance by Bud Wilson)

8 to 8:40 p.m. Nick Delffs (full band)

9 to 10 p.m. Jenny Don't and The Spurs

Saturday, Sept. 30

4 p.m. kickoff / potluck dinner with DJ

4:30 to 5 p.m. Plastic Cactus (Pavilion)

5:15 to 5:50 p.m. Sama Dams (Pavilion)

6 to 6:35 p.m. Matt Dorrien (Lodge)

6:45 to 7:20 p.m. Sunbathe (Pavilion)

7:30 to 8:05 p.m. Old Age (Lodge)

8:15 to 8:50 p.m. Candace (Pavilion)

9 to 10 p.m. Kyle Craft (Lodge)

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