

# Music meets poetry in Cannon Beach

CANNON BEACH — The Cannon Beach History Center & Museum will put on a free community concert 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17. The program is titled “Where Words and Music Meet.”

Chris Lee and Colleen O’Brien have presented this chamber jazz program in more than 150 venues throughout the U.S. They combine the vibraphone, cello and voice with the poetry of Jack Kerouac, Walt Whitman, Robert Frost, Emily Dickinson, Rumi and more. The chamber jazz duo will include a slide show of photographs and chosen portions of the poems.

Lee and O’Brien have performed together for more than 30 years. They grew up about a mile from each other in Portland and met in 1980 when O’Brien asked Lee to play drums in a quartet she was forming. The meeting of kindred musical spirits is always a fortunate encounter, and the two soon realized they had more in common as soul mates.

The museum is hosting this event as a thank-you to the community of Cannon Beach and beyond. The event is free and open to the public,



Performers Colleen O'Brien, left, and Chris Lee

COURTESY CANNON BEACH HISTORY CENTER & MUSEUM

though we suggest getting there early because seating is limited and doors will close

at 7 p.m. The Cannon Beach History Center & Museum is located

at 1387 South Spruce St. For more information, visit [cbhistory.org](http://cbhistory.org) or call 503-436-9301.

## Jazz up your Mother's Day

RAYMOND, WASH. — Sunday Afternoon Live brings jazz great Gail Pettis to the historic Raymond Theatre at 2 p.m. on Mother's Day — Sunday, May 13.

Once an orthodontist, Pettis now graces the stage in the Pacific Northwest as a premier jazz artist. Singing classical music and hymns in her youth, a 1996 workshop launched her into a career of jazz singing and a love of live performance. Pettis now performs throughout the

U.S., and has also performed in Europe, Russia and the Far East. Her soulful singing connects with her audience on an emotional level.

Trained by Greta Matassa and two-time winner of the Northwest Vocalist of the Year Award by the Earshot Jazz Society, Pettis combines her warm contralto with the talents of Darin Clendenin on piano, Clipper Anderson on bass and Brad Boal on drums. Pettis croons love songs as well as fresh arrangements

of popular standards. She is also a favorite on KMKX jazz radio.

Tickets are \$15 at the door, or can be purchased in advance for \$12 at the Raymond Theatre, Raymond Pharmacy and South Bend Pharmacy. Tickets also available on PayPal at [sundayafternoonlive.org](http://sundayafternoonlive.org), or by calling 360-836-4419.

The show is sponsored by Michael & Diane O’Meagher, Seaquest Motel, Pioneer Grocery and the Raymond



STEVE KOM PHOTO  
Jazz artist Gail Pettis

Pharmacy. Give Mom a lasting memory this Mother's Day by sharing the gift of music!



COURTESY PENINSULA ARTS CENTER

Dan Weber

## Dan Weber, a ‘mid-life overnight sensation,’ performs in Long Beach

LONG BEACH, WASH. — Dan Weber, a musician in the country/folk tradition, plays the Peninsula Arts Center 7 p.m. Saturday, May 12.

An ex-park ranger, Weber follows in the tradition of songwriting legends, entertaining audiences with energetic performances and telling hilarious true stories from the many roads he’s traveled.

Songs from his debut album, “Ash and Bone,” received accolades from American Songwriter Magazine and the Great American Songwriting Contest. The U.K.’s Maverick Magazine gave the album four stars.

A gifted storyteller and inspired performer, Weber won third place in the prestigious Woody Guthrie

Songwriting Competition and the Silver Award in the Mid-Atlantic Song Contest in 2013. He was a 2012 finalist in the legendary Kerrville New Folk competition as well as the 2010 Dave Carter Memorial Songwriting Contest, along with garnering several other regional and national honors.

Admission is \$15 at the door or online through Brown Paper Tickets, or call Bill Svendsen at 360-901-0962. Wine, beer and other refreshments will be available for purchase.

Concerts benefit the Long Beach Peninsula Acoustic Music Foundation, a nonprofit charitable organization. The Peninsula Arts Center is located at 504 Pacific Ave. N., Long Beach, Wash.