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Bridgewater Bistro, where David Drury usually performs, is one of Astoria's closed music venues.

Coastal musicians adapt to canceled shows

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Every week, the members of Astoria band Holiday Friends gather to practice.

Typically, the gatherings happen in-person. But since social distancing has been required throughout Oregon, the band now meets once a week using Skype.

"Our goal as a band has been to get together once a week for rehearsal, regard-

less of whether we have shows coming up," said the band's lead singer, Scott Fagerland. "Now that we haven't been able to do that, it's been a pretty big setback."

Like musicians across the country, Holiday Friends and other local bands have been faced with a loss of income, as shows and tours have been canceled in response to coronavirus.

The band was scheduled to release an album later this spring, and perform shows in Astoria and Portland.

"It's a bummer because we use that fan interaction at our shows to plan our albums, and pay the people who mix our albums and

manage our press," Fagerland said. "We're not able to continue that album cycle now."

Justin Ringle, the lead singer of Astoria-based Horse Feathers, is another of the local musicians impacted. His fiancée, Halli Anderson, is a member of the North Carolina band River Whyless. Both bands were scheduled to go on tours this spring, which have been canceled.

"We went from having a household income to having it disappear because we're both musicians," Ringle said.

Horse Feathers was supposed to be on tour along the East Coast in April. The shows have been rescheduled to Septem-

ber but Ringle fears those shows might not happen.

"There might not be any touring this year. This has had a cascading effect. Music venues have been pushed to book further out. If you have any disruption, it changes everything," Ringle said. "Everything is accounted for, for the whole year, so it's really hard to reschedule."

Like Holiday Friends, Horse Feathers planned to release new music to correspond with its upcoming shows.

"We've rescheduled that because we

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