

Tenor Guitar Gathering goes virtual

Nine performers will play in Friday concert

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The Tenor Guitar Gathering, an annual celebration of all instruments with four strings, fills Astoria with music each year.

This year, things will look a little different, like with most things.

The gathering, which has been meeting since 2010, is going virtual but it's still featuring top musicians from all over the country who will be sharing their passion with

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listeners, organizer Harriott Balmer said.

While in-person performances aren't happening, there is one thing that won't be missing — the talent, she said.

"We have a wonderful list of performers," Balmer said.

The group of nine performers will give a free virtual concert on Friday.

Jean Mann, Grant Flick, Tyler Jackson, John Lawlor, Alison Helzer, Gerry Carthy, Matt Weiner, Myshkin Warbler and Tim May will perform. Many of them are long-time friends and performers with the festival and each brings their own set of unique skills and passion to the table, Balmer said.

While each of them are strong performers on their own, something "magic" happens when they start playing together, Balmer said.

"It's just electric," she said. "It's

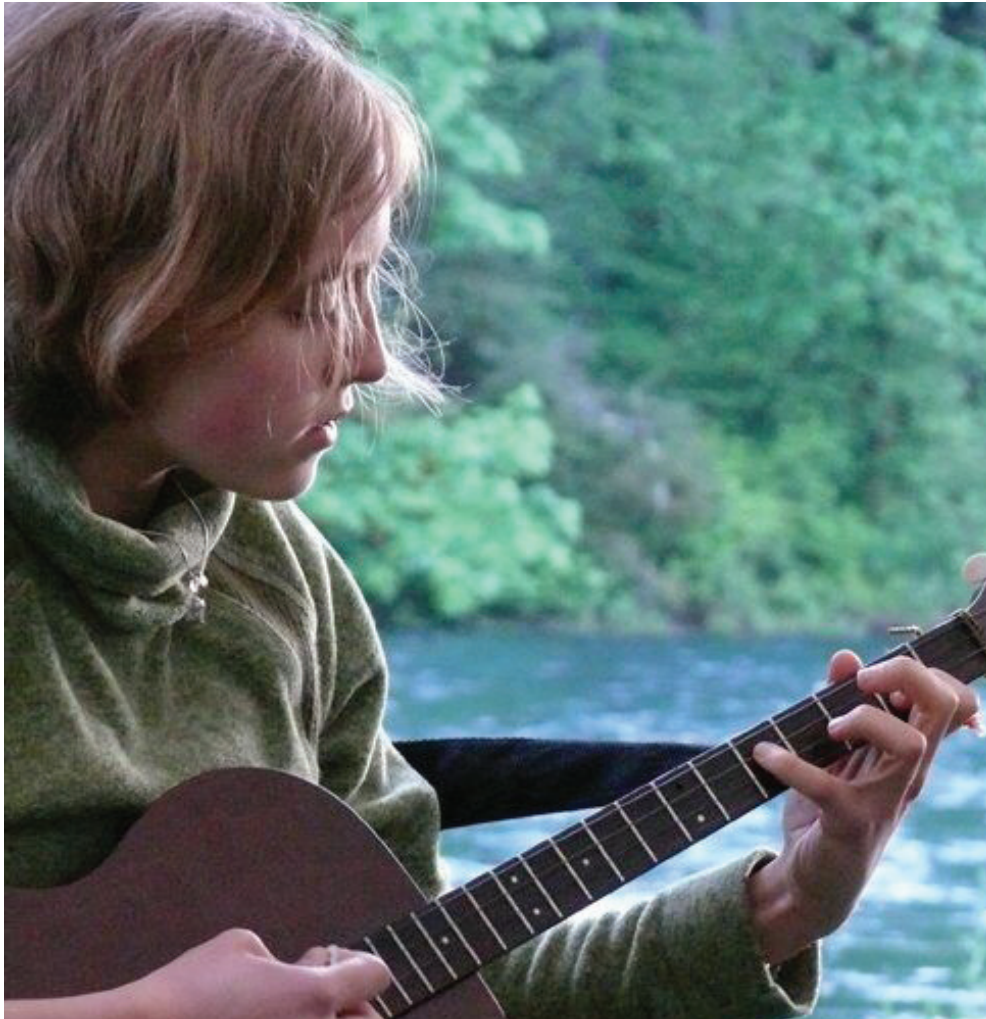
really special."

Musicians who specialize in four-stringed instruments don't always get to play with other musicians of the same type, she added. In this festival, they all get to come together and there is a palpable level of excitement around that, she said.

"There is magic that happens," Balmer said.

This is the same group of performers that would have played in 2020 before the event was canceled due to the coronavirus

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Alison Helzer is one of the performers for this year's Tenor Guitar Gathering.

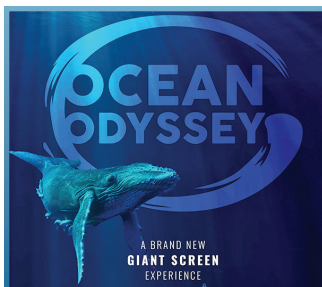


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Mark Josephs founded the Tenor Guitar Gathering.



Tyler Jackson is one of the performers for this year's Tenor Guitar Gathering.



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