

ENTERTAINMENT Update

MacMillan at Naked Winery

Jim MacMillan, guitar and vocals, Jerry Keith, bass and tuba and Randy Bell, cajon and hand percussion, will be taking a few new tunes out on the town on Saturday, June 6, at the Naked Winery from 7-10 p.m. Expect all original music. Naked Winery, 102 Second St., Hood River; 800-666-9303.

'Century Farms' historical presentation June 13

Wasco County Historical Society is sponsoring a free presentation, Century Farms and Ranches in South Wasco County, by local historian Carolyn Wood on June 13, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Rorick House, 300 W. 13th St. in The Dalles.

The presentation will include the 1886 McGreer Ranch at Clarno and the 1894 Enoch Dickson Ranch at Antelope, each having been awarded Century status by Oregon Farm Bureau and Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation. Other ranches in her research are the McKay and Frank Forman Ranches, both having century-long Wasco County presences.

Bonham plays House Concert

Ben Bonham, local leader of multiple bands, and his virtuoso Portlander guitar-playing partner Jamie Stillway have a new project underway. Enjoy a house concert from the duo in Hood River on Saturday, June 6. The concert starts at 7 p.m. 401 Montello Ave., Hood River; 541-387-4011.

Kay Floria plays 'Best of Gorge' art opening First Friday June 5



Kay Floria

The Columbia Center for the Arts (CCA) will host a two-month art show celebrating the best artwork produced by mid-Columbia River Gorge residents. The 2015 Best of the Gorge exhibition has become an annual event that brings visitors from around the world to experience some of the finest art in the region. The show runs June 5 through August 2 at the Columbia Center for that Arts, 215 Cascade Street, Hood River.

The opening of the exhibition will be celebrated at

an evening reception on June 5, the month's First Friday, from 6-8 p.m. Singer/songwriter Kay Floria will be accompanying herself on the piano, with Randy Bell on bass.

Kay has been playing piano all her life but started performing and singing three years ago. She plays keyboard and sings with the Richard Wilkins Blues Band, a Hood River group who formed this past year. She also plays solo gigs performing blues, ballads and jazzy tunes. Her style is reminiscent of the women blues artists from the 40s and 50s.

Works in both 2D and 3D will be on display, in a variety of media, including drawing, painting, photography, glass, ceramics, sculpture, and mixed media.

'Going to Dogs' benefit May 30

Hood River Adopt A Dog is holding its Annual "Goin' to the Dogs" Rummage Sale on Friday, May 29, from 11-6 p.m., Saturday, May 30, and Sunday, May 31 from 9-3 p.m. both days. The sale will be inside the Cody Fruit Stand in Odell, at the intersection of Davis (Hwy 282) and Graves Rd - easy access from Hwy 35 at the Odell exit. Proceeds will help fund HRAAD's mission of caring for and re-homing lost and abandoned dogs at the Hukari Shelter.

Entertainment listings can be e-mailed to jd Drake@hoodrivernews.com

Auditions for 'Inherit the Wind,' 'The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail' coming up June 28-29

Bill Weiler and Lynda Dallman will hold auditions for the plays "Inherit the Wind" and "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail" at Columbia Center for the Arts in the Studio at 6 p.m. on Sunday, June 28, and Monday, June 29.

These plays were written by Jerome Lawrence and Robert E. Lee as co-playwrights.

Both Bill and Lynda think they share a common theme which they call "The Art of Protest." Scripts will be avail-

able for checkout at the CCA Gallery on Monday, June 15. These Plays for Nonprofits productions are scheduled for the weekend of Aug. 21-23 and then Aug. 27-29.

The directors need a dozen men and six women of all ages: a couple of teenagers, a few 20-30, several 30-50 and a few 50+.

If people have questions please have them contact Lynda Dallman: lyndadocs@aol.com

JIM DRAKE'S ENTERTAINMENT BLOG

Soul Man: Ken DeRouchie talks about the old River City, liking Steely Dan and his 'best album yet'

By Jim Drake
Hood River News

One would think leading a 9-piece original soul and blues outfit would constitute a full time job, but Ken DeRouchie honestly says he has no "delusions of grandeur" regarding his band that's been working hard for 19 years.

"I wish I could say it was my full time job, but having a nine-piece band like this without record company support is difficult to maintain on that level. But I will say that with our new album, "Muse," people are paying attention and we're getting some great gigs in the Northwest," DeRouchie recently said in a phone interview from Portland.

Praising the level of musicianship in his band was easy for DeRouchie, because he gets to collaborate with some of Portland's finest singers and players, including singers LaRonda Steele, and Arietta Ward (daughter of blues singer Janice Scrogins). Complete with a horn section, the Ken DeRouchie Band is set to play the River City Saloon on Saturday, May 30.

"It's a Portland all-star band, for sure, there's multiple Muddy Award winners in

the band, it's an extreme pleasure to play with this group of people," DeRouchie said.

DeRouchie said that this show will be a bit of a homecoming for him because he remembers the "rough shape" the venue used to be in.

"I've seen that venue change and grow, and morph over the years, because I've played there on and off for 20 years. In 1993, it was pretty rough, really. There was one bare light bulb over the stage, where the pool table is now," DeRouchie said.

DeRouchie said he also has ties in the Gorge with local musician Tracy Klas, who will be bringing her band to open the show.

"I got introduced to Tracy way back, through the Dan Reed Network, a big Portland blues band in the 80s. Dan knew Tracy, and he had a record company that my band signed up to. Anyway, I had Tracy come in and sing on our record, and I'm so glad that she'll be opening our show. It's been a long time since I worked with her," DeRouchie said.

"Muse," the band's fourth album, has been released on "every digital platform" available, according to DeR-



Ken DeRouchie and his band play the River City Saloon on Saturday, May 30, starting at 9 p.m. Local singer Tracy Klas opens. 21 and over, and there is a cover charge.

ouchie. He said that his music gets downloaded thousands of times per month, but it's not translating to thousands of dollars.

"Spotify is one example, I mean I get a penny a play, so it's only a few bucks a month. What's important to us is the music is really getting out there due to all of these platforms," DeRouchie said.

"The album has been getting airplay in 17 different countries - the record really took off and it's made us busier than ever," DeRouchie said.

When asked about musical influences, DeRouchie said

that with so many members in the band the list would be too long to list. But his personal tendencies leaned toward bands that bridged jazz and rock.

"Steely Dan was my huge influence. The artists that really interest me are ones like Prince and Lenny Kravitz. There's a huge soul and a deep groove influence in that music. There's also an eclectic band called Galactic that I'm really into," DeRouchie said.

DeRouchie credits his family, namely his older brother, for getting him started in music.

"I think I've been trying to play music since I was about three years old," DeRouchie laughs.

A series of drumsets and guitars through the years paved the way for his lead singing and rhythm guitar playing role today.

"I was hired as a drummer and toured with a band in 1985, days after my 20th birthday. I've signed with three different labels and toured all over the U.S. Music has been in my life longer than anything else in my life. It's what drives me on a day to day basis," DeRouchie said.



Photo by Kirby Neumann-Rea

'GORGE' BOOK RELEASED

Linda and John Hardman of Cook, Wash., meet writer Janet Cook, seated at left, and photographer Peter Marbach at Wednesday's book release event and photo presentation at Columbia Center for the Arts, attended by about 40 people. The "Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area" book is now on sale at Waucoma Bookstore and Hood River News. Cook, who is The Gorge magazine editor and long-time Hood River News staff writer and contributor, and Marbach, renowned Gorge photographer, have co-produced four other books, but this is the first book published by Columbia Gorge Press with its enhanced full-color printing capabilities. The book cover features wildflowers at sunset from Dog Mountain. As Cook writes in the introduction, "the Gorge boasts more than 800 species of native wildflowers and flowering shrubs; 15 wildflowers are endemic, existing only here, in the Gorge."

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