

Swedish storyteller offers mesmerizing music

Sofia Talvik performs June 17 show at Great Pacific

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While unmistakably Nordic in flavor, Sofia Talvik somehow still conforms to American interpretations of her own original music — blending sparkle and melancholy.

A veteran performer with six full-length albums as well as numerous EPs, singles and tours behind her, Talvik is once again on the road. She will present what has been described as “impeccable live performances and captivating stage presence.”

Jonas Westin, Talvik’s manager, said most of the musician’s 2019 world tour shows will take place in intimate venues. It provides a perfect setting, he said, for an evening of heartfelt music and interesting stories about the people and places Talvik has met along the road, including 47 U.S. states.

Catch Talvik locally as she returns to Pendleton Monday, June 17. She will perform an all-ages show at 7 p.m. at Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., 403 S. Main St. Pendleton. There is no cover charge.

Among the stories Talvik likely will share about is the delay she experienced when trying to embark on



Photo contributed by Makaki Music

Swedish singer-songwriter Sofia Talvik is currently on the American leg of her 2019 world tour. She will perform a free all-ages show June 17 at Great Pacific Wine & Coffee Co., Pendleton.

the American leg of her current tour. After the airplane hit a couple of ducks, the pilot was forced to turn around due to hydraulic system damage. With flights booked for the busy Easter holiday, Talvik ended up in several European airports before finally boarding a U.S.-bound flight.

Starting out in Alabama, the singer-songwriter is winding her way through 11 states as she completes

the tour in New Mexico.

Leading up to the release of her eighth studio album in September, the first single release from “Paws of a Bear” shot directly into the Top 10 USA Folk radio charts. “Take Me Home” is a bittersweet story about Talvik’s small hometown on a west coast island of Sweden.

Talvik is said to be an avid storyteller with a voice comparable to giants like

Joni Mitchell and Judy Collins. Johnny Vinyl, an *East Oregonian* entertainment columnist, calls her voice “mesmerizing.”

For more information about the upcoming show, call 541-276-1350. For more about Talvik, visit www.sofiatalvik.com.

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MUSIC IN BRIEF

Men’s Chorus springs into summer

PENDLETON — The Pendleton Men’s Chorus is tuning up for its annual end of spring concert.

The group will perform an eclectic mix of music spanning the 19th to the 21st centuries. The performance is Saturday, June 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Pendleton High School auditorium, 1800 N.W. Carden Ave. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased in advance at Pendleton Art + Frame, 36 S.W. Court Ave. Tickets also will be available at the door. Children who attend must be at least 4 years of age or older.

The program includes sacred and secular music, American-folk and world folk music and music from the Broadway stage. Among this year’s selections are the African-American spiritual “Poor Man Lazrus” by Jester Hairston, a very modern arrangement of the ancient hymn “Gaudete” by Michael Engelhardt, the Australian folk song “Waltzing Matilda,” and a Broadway favorite, “The Impossible Dream.” The small ensemble of the Pendleton Men’s Chorus, Dúlaman, also will perform.

Soloists for the concert are David Kube, Gary Zimmerman, Chris Leonard, Nick Leonard, Murray Dunlap, Randy Thomas, Jacob Try, Greg Alexander and Marc Austin. Guest instrumentalists include percussionists Greg Schulberg and John Wilson, and flautist Cathy Muller.

Bill Mayclin is the conductor of the Pendleton Men’s Chorus, Steve Muller is the assistant conductor and Sue Nelson is the accompanist. For more information, call Mayclin at 541-276-4540.

Park series tunes up with Bram Brata

BOARDMAN — Audience members will enjoy a varied repertoire of Caribbean, jazz, popular and even classical music as Bram Brata takes the stage during the upcoming Music in the Parks.

The name Bram Brata is derived from two Trinidadian slang words meaning “an unexpected party.” The popular steel drum band performs throughout the Pacific Northwest. In addition, they have performed in Hawaii, Disneyland and at Caribbean music festivals in Oregon and British Columbia. The group is the senior steel drum band with the Tri-Cities Steel Band Association.

The free concert is Monday at 7 p.m. at Boardman Marina Park. Concessions will be available for purchase as a fundraiser for the Boardman Little League. In case of inclement weather, the performance will be moved to the SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road.

Sponsored by the North Morrow Community Foundation, Music in the Parks is funded by the Morrow County Unified Recreation District and Portland General Electric. It alternates weekly on Mondays between Boardman and Irrigon marina parks through Aug. 12.

People are encouraged to bring a blanket or chair and enjoy the music. For more information, contact Jackie McCauley at 541-720-1289 or utility.clerk@cityofboardman.com.

WHAT TO DO

John Storie jazzes up local performances

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PENDLETON — Former Pendleton resident John Storie will perform a show featuring a distinctive jazz sound with Portland pianist Nikos Syropoulos.

Storie, who has returned to town several times to play with New West Guitar Group, is celebrating his soon-to-be released debut album, “Ponderosa,” with Josh Nelson. Storie, who resides in Southern California, said the album features music inspired from his youth in Oregon to his life in California.

“I have several regional themed songs, including a cover of Woody Guthrie’s ‘Roll On Columbia, Roll On,’” he said.

The local show is Wednesday, June 12 at 7 p.m. at Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. Tickets are \$10 each. People are encouraged to buy tickets in advance as the show is expected to sell out.

Also, Storie has recently performed as a member of The Mildred Snitzer Orchestra, Jeff Goldblum’s jazz band. The project had kept a mostly low profile by performing at small jazz clubs in Los Angeles and New York City. However, with the release of a debut studio jazz album, the band is finding popular success.

The album, “The Capitol Studios Sessions,” which was released this past fall, debuted at No. 1 on Billboard’s Jazz Albums and Traditional



Contributed photo by Cathy LaFever

Former Pendleton resident John Storie is performing in town in celebration of his soon-to-be released album, “Ponderosa.” Tickets are available for the June 12 show at Pendleton Center for the Arts.

Jazz Albums charts. A tour followed and the group performed this spring on numerous late-night shows, including “Jimmy Kimmel Live” and “The Late Late Show with James Corden.”

Tickets for the show are available by calling 541-278-9201 or via www.pendletonarts.org.

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Free. Curated by Anna Vogel, provides a visual tour of Oregon through photography, painting, sculpture and illustration. “Dream Oregon” book available for \$15. Runs through June 18.

“Different Places in Her Heart”

- Monday - Saturdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., regular hours
- Tamästslikt Cultural Institute, near Wildhorse Resort & Casino. www.tamastslikt.org
- \$10/adults, \$9/senior citizens, \$6/youths. Features the artwork of Ellen Taylor. Exhibit runs through June 15.

MUSIC

Fun Addicts

- Saturday, June 8; 8 p.m. No cover
- Wildhorse Sports Bar, Wildhorse Resort & Casino, off I-84 Exit 216, Mission.

Elwood

- Saturday, June 8; 9 p.m. No cover
- Hamley Steakhouse & Saloon, 8 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton

Music in the Parks-Bram Brata

- Monday, June 10; 7 p.m.
- Boardman Marina Park

Free. Music in the Parks series alternates weekly between Boardman and Irrigon marina parks. Opening concert features an ensemble with the Tri-Cities Steel Drum Association. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. Food available for purchase.

John Storie

- Wednesday, June 12; 7 p.m.
- Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. www.pendletonarts.org
- \$10. Former Pendleton resident John Storie of New West Guitar Group will perform a show with a distinctive jazz sound with Portland pianist Nikos Syropoulos (541-278-9201).

Elwood

- Thursday, June 13; 7-9 p.m.
- 40 Taps, 337 S.W. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton
- No cover. Enterprise-based Elwood Haney performs folk-Americana.

“Summer, Saint-Saëns & A Symphony”

- Friday, June 14; 7:30 p.m.
- Vert Auditorium, 480 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. www.brownpapertickets.com
- \$25/adults, \$20/seniors, \$15/stu-

land Kings

- Monday, June 17; 7 p.m.
- Irrigon Marina Park
- Free. Features regional band from La Grande, playing classic rock, folk and more. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

THEATER, STAGE, FILM & LECTURES

Free Summer Movies for Kids!

- Wednesdays & Thursdays; 9:15 a.m.
- Hermiston Stadium 8 Cinema, 355 W. Theater Lane www.facebook.com
- Free. Parents accompanying their children also admitted free. Movies start as rooms fill; with last start time at 10 a.m. Seniors-friendly showing at 10:15 a.m. (Presented by Advanced Pediatric Dentistry of Hermiston June 12-Aug. 22). June 12-13: “Shrek,” June 19-20: “Smallfoot.”

First Draft Writers’ Series

- Thursday, June 20; 7 p.m.
- Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St. www.pendletonarts.org
- Free. Headliner TBA. Concludes with short open mic sessions for audience members.

HOT TICKETS

- **Live from the Leslie: (Petunia & the Vipers**, opening set by **James Dean Kindle’s Hyper-Modern Country Quartet**) June 22, The Lodge, Pendleton. Tickets (\$10-\$12) via www.brownpapertickets.com
- **Jackalope Jamboree: (American Aquarium, Shane Smith & the Saints, Carson McHone, Tylor & The Train Robbers** and more) June 29, Happy Canyon Arena. Tickets (\$35-\$100+) via www.jackalopejamboree.com
- **Pendleton Whisky Music Fest: (Post Malone)** July 13, Pendleton Round-Up Grounds. Tickets (\$99-\$195) via www.pendletonwhiskymusicfest.com
- **Umatilla County Fair** main stage performers **Tracy Byrd** (Aug. 6); **Jackson Michelson** (Aug. 7); **The Georgia Satellites** (Aug. 8); **Latino Night-bands TBA** (Aug. 9); **Sugar Ray** (Aug. 10) (free/general admission, \$12/reserved, \$20/premium) www.umatillacountyfair.net (541-567-6121).
- **Wheatstock Music Festival. (Reckless Kelly**, headliner) Aug. 17, Quantum 9 Arena, Helix). Early bird tickets (\$20) via www.wheatstock.org
- **Round-Up Happy Canyon Kick-off Concert: (Trace Adkins)** Sept. 9, Happy Canyon Arena. Tickets (\$46 to \$150) via www.pendletonroundup.com

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