

Virtual Tunesmith Night set for Feb. 12

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ENTERPRISE — The Wallowa Valley Music Alliance continues their 16th season of Tunesmith Night with a virtual show on Saturday, Feb. 12.

The showcase of original music will be streamed live to WVMA's YouTube channel and the Music Alliance website, www.wvmusicalliance.org. It starts at 7 p.m.

The show features songwriters Janis Carper, Carolyn Lochert and Gregory Rawlins.

Carper is an award-winning songwriter, singer and guitarist who has a dozen recordings to her credit. Her vocals, masterful guitar playing and well-crafted songs have been heard at festivals, concert halls and radio programs nationwide. Her skills as accompanist, producer and



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teacher broaden the scope of her musical endeavors. Carper has an ability to craft lyrics and melodies that reach into the heart and mind. Her solid guitar playing supports songs that grip the listener — from the somber and reflective to the light and humorous, reflecting influences such as Bonnie Raitt, Rosanne Cash and Lucinda Williams.

Carper lives in Enterprise with her two dogs.

Lochert's music is heavily influenced by the likes of Etta James, Billie Holiday, Abbey Lincoln and Aretha Franklin. Her career has taken her from singing lead in rock, country and funk bands to playing in the horn sections of jazz ensembles. Studying composition at OSU

started her on the path to writing her own music. Her first album, "She's Lookin' Back," features Lochert's smooth, sultry sound and musicians from Portland and Wallowa County.

Lochert and Carper have been performing as the duo Jezebel's Mother for several years.

Rawlins grew up on the Key Peninsula of Western Washing-

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ton — technically in south Port Orchard but closer to smaller forest villages like Wauna and Burley, both on the cusp of Kitsap and Pierce counties. All of these locations, according to Rawlins, "are seamless when it comes to the fresh and salt waterways, and the bountiful flora: the blackberries, the salmonberries, thimbleberries, sword ferns, bracken ferns and maidenhair, the moss, the nettles and the mushrooms." Such elements, he said, have served as the long-lasting catalyst for his natural reverence, sense of adventure and creative inspiration.

Since 2007, Rawlins has overseen the composition of 13 full-length albums and two EPs, spanning genres of rock, Americana, folk, psychedelic, ambient and experimental.

He's also an actor — Rawlins played the role of Duke Orsino in the 2018 La Grande Shakespeare Co. production of "Twelfth Night" and was most recently cast as John Merrick in "The Elephant Man" at Eastern Oregon University in 2019. He is currently enrolled as a student of the Masters of Fine Arts Creative Writing program at EOU.

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