

Jenny Don't and the Spurs (finally) come to Churchill



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Jenny Don't and the Spurs will be live in concert March 25, 2022, at Churchill School in Baker City.

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BAKER CITY — It's been a long two years, but Jenny Don't and the Spurs will finally bring their style of Western music to Churchill School.

"Be ready to dance and move," said Jenny, guitarist and songwriter for the Spurs.

(She was told "don't!" so many times growing up that she thought of it as her last name. Thus the band name, Jenny Don't and the Spurs.)

Their original concert date at Churchill was in March 2020, but it was canceled as the world shut down with the coronavirus pandemic.

The band set a new date for September 2021. But Kelly Halliburton, the bass player, fell seriously ill (it wasn't COVID) and they didn't play again until January 2022.

Now the Portland-based band is coming Friday, March 25.

But they will be missing a familiar face — drummer Sam Henry, who helped found the punk band The Wipers in the 1970s, suddenly fell ill and passed away Feb. 20, 2022. He was 65.

JENNY DON'T AND THE SPURS

Friday, March 25

Doors open at 6 p.m.

Churchill School

Baker City

\$10 in advance at www.churchillbaker.com

\$15 at the door

Proof of vaccination is required

Admission is free for fully vaccinated youth age 15 and younger who come with a ticket holder

Jenny had played music with Sam since 2008. He's been with the Spurs since it started in 2012.

"Sam and I have played together for a third of my life," she said. "It's devastating."

Playing on, she said, will honor Sam's memory.

"We've all worked hard on the band — Sam worked really hard to get us where we are," she said. "It's important to keep playing and do what we love to do."

The last two years, Jenny said,

have been "a nightmare." The band didn't play many livestream shows because those lack the energy and interaction of a live audience.

"I didn't want to just play to the computer," she said.

They didn't rehearse much.

"I wasn't feeling very creative. I barely touched my guitar," she said.

They did, however, release their third album in June 2021. Although Sam Henry won't be playing with the band anymore, his contributions are preserved on each Spurs album.

"He's on every Spurs release we've ever done," Jenny said.

Now they are back on the road, with shows booked through August.

In the life of the Spurs, the band has played throughout western Europe and nearly all 50 states. Their style, Jenny said, is '50s and '60s country (as well as "Northwestern western, garage country, surf western and Cal punk").

The Baker City show features Jenny, Halliburton on bass, Christopher March on guitar and Dean Miles on drums.

For more about the band, visit www.jennydontandthespurs.com.



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