

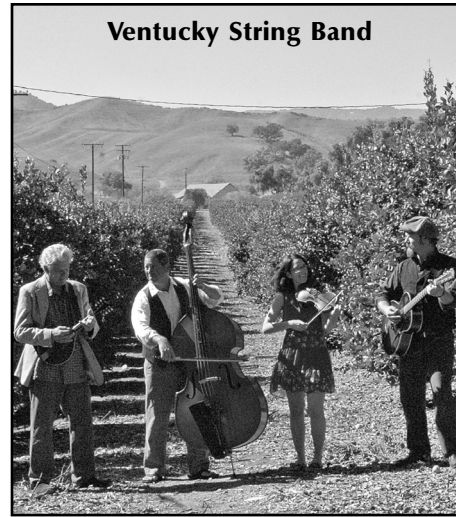


Pretty Gritty

SUNDAY, JAN. 18

Pretty Gritty starts off Sunday at 10:30 a.m. This duo is the serendipitous joining of the talents of Blaine Heinonen and Sarah Wolff, both born and raised in Montgomery County, Md. They share an interest in writing and performing songs that mix country, rock, blues and soul. It's said that she brings the "pretty" while he brings the "gritty," combining for an engaging performance with seducing harmonies and addicting acoustics.

Ventucky String Band will be on stage at noon. This Ventura, Calif., group is reminiscent of a time when Texas swing still dominated the AM radio airwaves, and bluegrass music was as novel as the arrival of television. Where some have tried to diminish Ventura as "Ventucky," this band sees their name not as a veiled jab at bluegrass music or the city that brought them together, but instead as a tribute to the music and culture of the farmers, roustabouts and cattlemen that



Ventucky String Band

COURTESY PHOTOS

helped grow the city during the early days of big-oil and agriculture in Ventura.

Deborah Henriksson performs at 1:30 p.m. All the way from Sweden, this Celtic/pop/folk singer and songwriter brings her ethereal voice to the Winter Folk Festival. Her latest album, "Traces," consists of songs ranging in genre from singer-songwriter to folk to world to Celtic with a little scent of country and pop.

Rounding out this year's Winter Folk Festival, Kathy Boyd and Phoenix Rising



Deborah Henriksson



Kathy Boyd and Phoenix Rising

take the stage at 3 p.m. This Portland-based group is made up of singing storytellers and versatile instrumentalists. It's an audience favorite from start to finish.



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