

Community News

Folk singers Jennings, Keller to perform at library

The Siuslaw Public Library's Adult Summer Reading program, "Escape the Ordinary," continues with a folk music performance by the award-winning acoustic duo, Jennings and Keller.

The talented pair are on a national tour and will bring their highly enjoyable Fusion Folk Americana music to Florence on Saturday, July 18, at 6 p.m., in the Bromley Room at the main library.

Not only will the duo sing original songs but they will also explore the history and impact of early

folk singers on today's music.

Laurie Jennings Oudin and Dana Keller started touring together almost 10 years ago. Their blend of music is a unique mix of their varied backgrounds.

Jennings was a Shakespearean actress, turned café owner, of a nationally renowned venue for acoustic music, and now a traveling troubadour who plays and sings exceptional folk fusion music with her partner, Keller.

Keller has an extensive

resume as a session player and has played with many well-known musicians, including Marvin Gaye, Vince Gill, Ricky Skaggs and Stevie Wonder.

The two have released three albums together; the third, released in 2012, "Mirror With a Memory," was deemed "a lovely and enticing 12-song set that spotlights both their songwriting prowess and supple, skillful delivery," said Lee Zimmerman, writing for South Florida's Broward Palm Beach New Times.

In 2010, they won a song-

writing award at the Breedlove Musical Festival held in Bend, Oregon.

Jennings and Keller promise to not only entertain with their award-winning songs but will take the audience on an American folk music journey.

They will share early twentieth century folk songs from the likes of Jimmy Rogers, Woody Guthrie and The Carter Family.

The history of the dobro (resonator guitar) will be explored, from the instrument's beginnings as a Delta Blues and Hawaiian instrument to its use by today's musicians.

And, as if that is not enough, the pair will share some good old-fashioned expert Chet Atkins-style



COURTESY PHOTO

Jennings and Keller, Folk Fusion Americana

guitar picking. This summer reading pro-

gram is a must for anyone interested in enjoying unique down-home old-fashioned folk fusion Americana music and is a rare opportunity to see Jennings and Keller, favorites of festivals, coffee houses and concerts, on their 2015 nationwide tour.

The show will certainly be a Saturday night to remember, filled with good music delivered by a talented pair in laid-back coffee house style.

There is no charge to attend the event and this folk music concert is open to the public.

As seating is limited, it is suggested attendees arrive early.

For more information about this program and the library's summer reading programs in general, visit the Siuslaw Public Library in person, call 541-997-3132, or visit www.siuslawlibrary.org.



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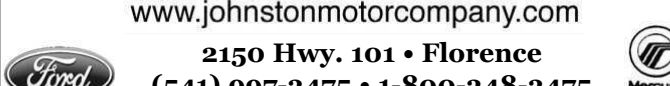
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