

Portland guitarist to perform in Florence next Thursday

Portland guitarist Eric Skye will be making his first appearance in Kathy Parsons' house concert series Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m.

Skye occupies a unique niche. Most often billed as a jazz guitarist, he actually plays in an eclectic and original style, exploring areas between jazz, Americana and blues, all threaded together with a healthy respect for the groove and a love of unadulterated acoustic tone.

Skye's most recent release, "A Different Kind Of Blue," is a solo acoustic guitar re-imagining of the iconic Miles Davis record "Kind Of Blue."

Skye's album was acknowledged by the Miles Davis family and named in Acoustic Guitar magazine's top 10 albums of 2012. Skye recently released an acoustic guitar duo recording titled "Artifact with Mark Goldenberg," a longtime guitarist for Jackson Brown, Bonnie Raitt and Linda Ronstadt.

Skye has performed on live morning television for NBC and FOX, and has been featured on both National Public Radio and Public Radio International.

He has performed and been interviewed on many live radio broadcasts in the United States and Europe. Skye has been featured in magazines such as Guitar Player, Acoustic Guitar, Jaziz, Jazz Improv, 20th Century Guitar, Acoustic (UK), Akustik Gitarree (Germany), The Guitar Note, The Guitar Bench, and is on the June 2015 cover of Acoustic Guitar magazine in China.

Skye has played all over the United States, at such notable acoustic and jazz venues as Yoshi's in San Francisco, The Freight And Salvage in Berkeley, Club Passim in Cambridge Mass., Rio Theater in Santa Cruz, the Alberta Rose Theater in Portland Ore., with



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the NAMM shows in both Los Angeles and Nashville, and at the Healdsburg Guitar Festival in California and the Woodstock Guitar Festival in New York.

In 2011, he was bestowed the rare honor of having the renown Santa Cruz Guitar Company release a signature

model guitar.

Reservations are required and there is a suggested donation of \$15 per seat. (All donations go to the artist.)

The address and directions to the concert in Florence, at Sandpines West, will be furnished when reservations are made at 541-999-9720.

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Library to host Nativity display in October

Nativity scenes are popular at Christmas and many people collect them from all over the world. They can be made from many different materials and can vary from single piece displays to a whole entourage of shepherds, wise men, cattle and the Holy Family.

A preview of the upcoming Florence Nativity Festival will be on display at the Siuslaw Public Library from Oct. 1-30. A sampling of Nativity scenes will be displayed in the lobby area of the library.

This display is a prelude of what can be seen at the 10th annual Nativity Festival, which will be held Dec. 4, 5 and 6, from 1 to 6 p.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 2705 Munsel Lake Road.

The event is free of charge and many individuals and groups will provide music during the three days of the festival.

Anyone in the area wanting to display a Nativity scene at the festival is invited to participate. All Nativity sets, large or small, are welcome. Security is provided for the Nativity scenes once they are set up at the church.

More than 400 nativity scenes are expected to be on display for all to enjoy.

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Dentistry with a View
by Catherine J. Rourke

Chad Clement, D.D.S., and his wife, Kim, came to Florence in 2008 seeking a coastal, small-town atmosphere for his dentistry practice and their family's love of the outdoors. They also wanted a "clean, quaint and friendly" community in which to raise their six daughters, ranging in age from toddlers to teens.

The Clements got more than they dreamed of when they found a beautiful office space overlooking the Siuslaw River, where every treatment room offers a sweeping view. Patients can gaze at the bridge while Dr. Clement builds one of the dental variety to enhance their smile.

Comprehensive services include state-of-the-art dentistry as well as restorative and cosmetic procedures. Each patient receives "safe, gentle, personal care" from Dr. Clement and his seven-member team of skilled, compassionate and highly trained professionals.

"We treat everyone like family," said Dr. Clement, who knew at age 8 that dentistry was his destiny. "I prefer to spend more time talking with individuals about their needs than rushing through a procedure. They are not just patients - they are people."

While the views and care remain stellar after nearly eight years, the one thing this family practice has changed is the expansion of its digital dentistry services. CEREC technology delivers instant radiographs and dental impressions, enabling Dr. Clement to perform single crowns in just one visit instead of the standard two. Digital technology significantly reduces radiation exposure by 90 percent.

Dr. Clement graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle and cum laude from the Marquette School of Dentistry in Wisconsin. His commitment to the highest standards in his practice means ongoing education and research. As dentistry evolves with 3-D imaging and oral implantology, Dr. Clement plans to expand his services with all the latest advancements.

When he's not mending smiles, Dr. Clement can be found upriver casting a line for steelhead or camping with his family. "What I love about Florence is the people," he said. "Everyone is relaxed and friendly here, and I really enjoy serving the retired, senior population."

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