

FLORENCE

Winter Music Fest



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The Shook Twins will be among the headliners performing at this year's annual Winter Music Festival on Jan. 16 and 17 at the Florence Events Center.

Two-day music festival will host variety of artisans, performers

More than two dozen artisans will fill the Florence Events Center exhibit hall Jan. 16 and 17 as part of the annual Florence Winter Music Festival.

Doors open for the Artisan Fair at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday.

In what has become the Oregon coast's premier winter music festival, the Florence Winter Music Festival is growing and thriving in new ways by expanding its musical offerings and ancillary events while retaining favorite aspects like the artisan fair.

"We're thrilled by the response again this year," says Rachel Pearson, chairperson of the Winter Music Festival Committee, part of the Friends of the Florence Events Center, a nonprofit group that produces the event

and raises support for the FEC.

"We'll see a very high level of artistry and craftsmanship in everything from home and garden décor to hand-crafted wearables, candles, photography, and jewelry," adds Pearson. "There will be great diversity among the artisans which means something for everyone this year. Plus, we've hired a new caterer and there will be the traditional pie sale."

New to the festival this year are music documentary films at City Lights Cinemas.

"Michael Falter and his crew will be showing two films, including SXSW award-winner, 'The Winding Stream,' which traces the roots of music featured at the festival; and the iconic 'Don't Look Back,' considered one of the most intellectual rock films ever made," says

Pearson.

Saturday night's musical co-headliners are Shook Twins and Jonathan Edwards.

Shook Twins are a fun and exciting Indie folk-pop band with an eclectic, amusing, and whimsical approach. They excel at guitar, banjo, mandolin, ukulele, glockenspiel, and inventive percussion. USA Today says the group "is ready to rattle the music world."

Jonathan Edwards, a true singer-songwriter in a league with James Taylor, Carole King, and Jim Croce, delivers songs of passion, insight, and humor with his signature pure-and-powerful tenor voice.

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