

Loretta Lynn musical to play coast this month

SOUTH COAST — A talented group of Oregon musicians paying tribute to Loretta Lynn will tour the Oregon coast this fall.

Fronted by the popular Portland folk and country songstress Mary Rondthaler, the five-piece band will perform two 45-minute sets featuring the songs of country music legend Loretta Lynn.

Also known as the “Coal Miner’s Daughter,” Lynn wrote many of her own songs and has been dubbed the Queen of Country Music throughout her five-decade career. In 1972, she was the first woman to be nominated and named Entertainer of the Year by the Country Music Association.

Rondthaler has spent many years honing her craft around the Portland music scene. She has performed and recorded with George Chudacoff, Succotash, The Sagebrush Sisters and The Rocky Butte Wranglers.

She can be seen regularly singing country and western songs with the Wranglers at nightclubs around the Northwest, as well as with The Sagebrush Sisters, a three-piece cowgirl swing band.

Rondthaler is well known for her knack of picking great unknown songs from the repertoires of many legendary country music artists.

The band features three graduates of Oregon State who studied music under



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Mary Rondthaler portrays country music legend Loretta Lynn in the musical “Hey Loretta,” playing at three south coast theaters this month.

Professor Neal Grandstaff, widely known for his lifelong contribution to music performance and education.

They are Justin Schepige on bass, Tommy Brownson on drums and Erik Crew on lead guitar. Joining them on pedal steel guitar will be veteran Nashville touring pro and session player Gary Thorsen, who toured with Lynn’s twin daughters, The Lynns.

He has worked for many other country music greats, including Tanya Tucker.

Thorsen is locally known for his inspiring work in the musical show “Who’s Gonna Fill Their Shoes?” and with the Opry West at The Little Theater by The Bay in North Bend.

The entourage is scheduled to perform at several of the Oregon Coast’s most endearing theaters. All Friday or Saturday night shows are at 7 p.m. and Sunday shows are 2 p.m. for matinees.

Tickets are available at local ticket outlets and at www.hey-loretta.com/tickets.

A portion of all proceeds will benefit the Children’s Repratory of Oregon Workshop (CROW) in Florence.

Shows will take place at these locations:

- Sprague Theatre in Bandon, Oct. 7, 8 and 9.
- Dori Randall Performing Arts Center in Brookings, Oct. 14
- Class Act Theatre in Florence, Oct. 21, 22 and 23.

NELSON FAMILY TO PERFORM AT MARSHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

COOS BAY — Derik Nelson & Family’s signature sound will be presented in a program filled with their velvety three-part vocal harmonies at Marshfield High School Auditorium in Coos Bay on Sunday, Oct. 16, at 3 p.m.

A limited number of tickets for this performance are available for \$20 for adults and students.

Raised in the Pacific Northwest, Derik Nelson & Family — siblings Derik, Riana and Dalten — have been performing together since childhood. They’ve garnered more than 3 million views on YouTube and toured over 40 locations across the West Coast to raise money for music education.

Derik has also appeared regularly as the lead guitarist on television’s “Glee,” among other shows.



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Derik Nelson & Family will perform in Coos Bay Oct. 16.

Derik Nelson & Family delivers a concert experience like no other. This innovative group uses the latest in audio/video technology to take audiences on a visual journey through time, space, an impressive array of landscapes, weather conditions and musical “settings.”

The Coos County Community Concert Association (CCCCA) has been presenting world-class entertainment to the Coos Bay area since 1937.

The CCCC is an all-volunteer, subscription-based organization offering an affordably-priced concert series each year.

Styles and genres include ensemble and solo instrumentalists, Chinese acrobats, jazz and dance troupes.

For more information, contact Mike Gordon at 541-269-1272 or visit the CCCC’s website at www.ccca.com.