

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Ring in the new year with Salgado, Shreve



NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED BLUES MAN CURTIS SALGADO (LEFT) WILL JOIN NORTHWEST BLUES GROUP THE HANK SHREVE BAND DEC. 31 AT THE FEC.

New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, will be a mix of ringing in the new year as well as turning back the clock when blues man Curtis Salgado teams up with fellow Northwesterner Hank Shreve.

For Salgado, it's a trip to the past on a stage that he was the first performer on at the FEC some 20 years ago.

The Hank Shreve Band will open the evening concert at 9 p.m., followed by Salgado in an evening that will bring Salgado full-circle as the FEC celebrates its 20th anniversary.

Salgado began his career leading The Nighthawks, a Eugene-based band before joining forces with Robert Cray, singing and playing harmonica with the band for six years — including singing on Cray's debut album, released in 1980.

Over his renowned blues career, Salgado has performed with Steve Miller, Carlos Santana and was the inspiration behind John Belushi's creation of the Blues Brothers characters in the late 1970s.

Salgado was nominated for four of the Blues Foundation's 2009 Blues Music Awards, including Soul Blues Male Artist of the Year and Soul Blues Album of the year for his album, "Clean Getaway."

In 2010, Salgado won the Soul Blues Male Artist of the Year award, which he won again in 2012.

In 2013, he won the Blues Music Award for the B.B. King Entertainer Of The Year, Soul Blues Male Artist and Soul Shot won Soul Blues Album Of The Year.

Hank Shreve began playing harmonica at the age of 8 and has established himself as a major harmonica talent on the blues scene in the Pacific Northwest.

He won the Northwest Harmonica Championship in 2006 and the Muddy Award for Best Harmonica player in 2009.

Shreve was a featured artist in the Harmonica Blow-off at the 2009 Waterfront Blues Festival along with Rick Estrin and Randy Chortkoff.

While playing with the Ty Curtis Band in 2009, the band took second place in Memphis at the International Blues Challenge.

In addition to many music luminaries, he has shared the stage with Honeyboy Edwards, Merle Haggard, Norton

Buffalo, Gregg Rolie, Sista Monica Parker, The Fabulous Thunderbirds, Curtis Salgado, Paul DeLay and many others.

The Hank Shreve Blues Showcase, now in its second year at Whiskey River Ranch in Springfield, is where Hank fronts an all-star line up with Skip Jones on keyboards, Tim Donahue on drums, Bill Shreve on bass and Stan Welsh on guitar; sharing the stage with guest performers such as Karen Lovely, Bob Ruggerio, Lisa Mann, Henry Cooper and Salgado.

Tickets for this one-of-a-kind concert and New Year's Eve experience are available by calling the FEC box office at 541-997-1994 or visit www.eventcenter.org.

MUSIC

Danny O'Keefe to headline Winter Music Festival

This year's Winter Music Festival will bring nine bands and headliner Danny O'Keefe, best known for his hit single "Good Time Charlie's Got the Blues."

Among the bands performing at the two-day music festival, Jan. 14 and 15, will be Cabin Fever Northwest, RJ Ballard, Ian McFeron, Halie and the Moon, Pretty Gritty, Midnight Darlins, Castletown, The Colin Trio, as well as Haley Johnsen, who will open for O'Keefe.

The festival will take place Saturday, Jan. 14, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In 1968, O'Keefe was a member of a four-man heavy psychedelic rock band named Calliope. The group recorded



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Danny O'Keefe

one album, "Steamed," for Buddah

Records before disbanding.

O'Keefe received national acclaim for "Good Time Charlie's Got the Blues" in September 1972, and reached number 9 on the U.S. Billboard Hot 100 chart.

It stayed on the Billboard chart for 14 weeks and sold a million copies.

The gramophone record's sales culminated in a gold disc issued by the RIAA in June 1973.

O'Keefe's unique lyrical melodies earned him a reputation as an important songwriter of his genre.

With Bob Dylan, O'Keefe co-wrote the environmental movement anthem "Well Well Well."

In concert with his music and through his organization, The Songbird

Foundation, O'Keefe has been active in the environmental field, helping to develop public awareness of the effect that indiscriminate coffee-growing techniques have on the songbird population.

O'Keefe's songs have been covered by numerous musicians, including Jackson Browne, Elvis Presley, Glen Campbell, John Denver, Donny Hathaway, Jerry Lee Lewis, Judy Collins, Leon Russell, Willie Nelson, Waylon Jennings, Jimmy Buffett and Alison Krauss.

O'Keefe will perform Saturday, Jan. 14, from 8:20 to 9:20 p.m.

Tickets to this year's Winter Music Festival are now available by visiting the FEC box office, calling 541-997-1994 or visit www.eventcenter.org.

HELPING THE HUNGRY

Tickets to be available for annual Florence Crab Crack on Dec. 1

Join 399 other crab lovers at the sixth-annual Florence Crab Crack on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 4 to 7 p.m. Enjoy great food and company while aiding the less

fortunate in the area, with all proceeds benefitting Florence Food Share.

Oregon coast Dungeness crab, along with pasta, coleslaw,

garlic bread, sodas, coffee and BJ's dessert will be served by "crab head" volunteers.

A no-host bar will also be available.

Tickets to this event are \$35 each, with only 400 tickets to be available. The deadline for ticket purchases is Jan. 25 and will not be available at the FEC

doors. Get tickets by calling Bob MacDuffee at 541-997-9599 or email him at dunesguy97439@yahoo.com.

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