

Ring in the New Year with Curtis Salgado at FEC

New Year's Eve 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 Florence Events Center (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."



Award-winning blues man Curtis Salgado (above left) will perform with the Hank Shreve Band on Dec. 31.

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, 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.eventscenter.org.

Silver Lining to feature DiMuro art for December, January

Come and celebrate Janey DiMuro's seventh annual Arts and Christmas at The Gallery Above the Silver Lining Boutique on Dec. 3, from 3 to 5 p.m.

DiMuro said she is exceptionally inspired for this exhibit because she loves Christmas and the December show.

"It includes everything from differently textured pillows to exciting and intense political collages. The combination of the conceptual and the aesthetic is a delight for me," said DiMuro. "Kimberly (Fleenor) is a foundation for so many of us in the creative arts."

For the last seven years, we have been proud to have the opportunity to fill the gallery with her incredible works," Fleenor said of DiMuro. "Janey is exceptionally well know for her exquisite handmade, one-of-a-kind pillows that are individual pieces of artwork.

"She uses incredible fabrics from around the world to illustrate the talents of the people's from around the world."



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Janey DiMuro's art will be featured at Silver Lining Gallery during the seventh annual Arts and Christmas Celebration.

DiMuro's pillow art includes rich, soft and subtle velvets, hand-woven sturdy colorful Guatemalan fabrics — all in a multi-

tude of textures and weaves, pillows with heartfelt quotes and sentiments.

"She creates a symphony of stitchery and

her talents lie in her attention to the details," Fleenor said. "She delicately incorporates so much beauty and thought and even the buttons are perfectly suited for the individual artistic pillows.

"Her sewing is impeccable, the designs are complete compositions unto themselves, and the inspiration for each pillow is unique and thoroughly thought through."

The Janey DiMuro's show also incorporates her famous political paintings, which revolve around the world and its humanly created policies.

"They invoke conversation, inspiration, grace and gratitude for all that is good and give us a glimpse into the injustices that have presented themselves" Fleenor said. "The paintings provoke us to look at the solutions instead of dwelling on the problems.

"Her compositions are exciting, her subject matters are tangible."

The gallery will feature hDiMuro's work for the entire month of December and also