

About the Entertainers

Beverage Garden

NEW THIS YEAR

NO CHARGE FOR BEVERAGE GARDEN ENTERTAINMENT

AVEY GROUWS BAND (Friday 8:30p.m.-12:00 a.m.)—

Hitting hard with a soul for Blues, Rock & Americana, Avey/Grouws Band takes charge and audiences are taking note! Winners of the 2017 Iowa Blues Challenge. Semifinalists at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis. Forming in January of 2017, the Avey/Grouws Band has started a buzz with memorable performances at The Prairie Dog Blues Fest, The Mississippi Valley Blues Fest and Smokin' In Steele BBQ & Blues

MATT MAHLUM (Friday 7:00-8:00 p.m.)— Born and raised in La Crosse, Wisconsin, Matt Mahlum is an acoustic, singer/songwriter standard. Big powerful vocals with lyrics that are heartfelt and close to home, Matt plays both originals and popular covers.

JEFFERY LACKMANN (Saturday 6:00-8:00 p.m.)— Jeffrey Lackmann plays original folk tunes with made-from-scratch lyrics fit to feed the soul, or at least tide you over for a while. Ingredients include: guitar and words and notes.

YOU OUGHTA KNOW (Saturday 8:30p.m.-12:00 a.m.)—

You Oughta Know is a group of 1990s enthusiasts that have sealed the best musical decade inside hand-coopered European Oak aging casks of 18 years, only now to extract the most volatile mega-

pop ever to be unleashed in the great state of Minnesota for your pure nostalgic listening pleasure. Led by vocalist Sarah Adams who does full juicy justice to the likes of Whitney and Mariah, You Oughta Know is a danceperience you will never forget.



93RD MERIDIAN—Each standing 6' 6" tall, Kurt Beringer and Jake Doty are 2Tall4U. They have been playing music together since meeting at Luther College in 2011. They play a wide variety of music including country, acoustic rock and your favorite hits from the 80s, 90s and early 2000s.

61 RUMORS— A little Johnny Cash... a little Tom Petty... and a whole lot of fun. 61 Rumors play rock 'n' roll the way it was meant to be. Drawing on several decades of American music, 61 Rumors ignites the party and keeps the fire burning with their blend of originals and covers. The Rumors are true...

ACE JONES—Ace Jones is a Sunnyvale, California native singer/ songwriter from Marion, Iowa. He writes, records, and produces his own music out of his home studio. He performs from street corners to fairs and festivals all over the United States. His live set consists of originals and covers of pop, rock and folk, and delivers a range of songs from high energy to somber reflection.

ANNE ELISEBETH SKOGEN—Skogen is a Norwegian storyteller living in Suldal, Ryfylke, close to the city of Stavanger. She works as an artist and storyteller and has a Norwegian storyteller education from Oslo (university level). She will perform an oral story telling about the first Norwegian emigrant ship, Restauration (1825), and its passengers, the sloopers. The performance is based on both literature and original sources.

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BALLOONS BY KEVIN—Kevin is the Midwest's premier balloon artist, providing twisting entertainment, balloon arches, storefront/event decor, custom photo ops, deliveries, balloon drops and releases, and much more for 100s of events. Kevin loves his job and loves helping people discover their inner

child.

BUNAD SHOW—Scandinavian Folk Costume show featuring a beautiful collection of authentic Norwegian costumes located at the Hotel Winneshiek in the air conditioned Steyer Opera House.

CBB JAZZ COMBO— Members of the Chatfield Brass Band formed this group in 2011 and decided to bring some "jazzy" swing tunes to venues around the area. They do "classic big band music" which includes some blues and bebop. It's an easygoing, fun group of guys who have been playing music for many years and find jazz standards and improvising fun and challenging.

ERIK SESSIONS AND JOHN GOODIN—Erik Sessions (violin) and John Goodin (mandolin and guitar) regularly perform together in a variety of settings, most notably with the nationally known folk dance band Contratopia. Erik and John enjoy playing a mixture of fiddle music from various traditions in addition to American, Celtic and original fiddle tunes.

FOOT-NOTES—Foot-Notes celebrates Nordic Fest with a big ol' community street dance both Friday and Saturday nights, including waltz, polka, schottische and two-steps. Playing traditional dance tunes on fiddle, guitar, mandolin and bass, Foot-Notes have been entertainers at Nordic Fest for 25 years.

GRASS RUN BAND—From La Crosse, Wisconsin, and Calmar, Iowa, these four friends easily share vocals and rotate among traditional acoustic instruments, including: a couple of guitars, a resonophonic guitar

or "dobro", a fiddle, a banjo, a doghouse bass, three mandolins, an autoharp and a mountain dulcimer!

GULLGUTANE —The male voice choir Gullgutane from Suldal, Norway, performs their musical *Farvel du Moder Norge* (Farewell to Mother Norway). Sixty actors, singers and musicians (ranging in age from 11 to 75) tell the story of emigration from Suldal, Norway, to America in the mid 19th century through the use of storytelling, shanties, traditional Norwegian folk songs, and even a few American songs. The musical will appeal to anyone who has felt a longing for home or the call to greener pastures. Tickets: free-will donation at the door.

HELEN JOHNSON—Helen Johnson is a singer/songwriter from Decorah, who has been performing her original music, as well as covers, for more than six years. She covers a wide variety of genres and artists, and her originals feature piano and guitar with carefully crafted lyrics. Helen is currently studying political science, music and Spanish at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York, where she is beginning her second year this fall.

JACOB HRDLICKA— He's back and better than ever... Hopefully! Jacob is 22 year old Decorah native. After a hiatus from playing, he will be performing with his acoustic guitar and loop pedal. Come have a blast and listen to a variety of songs!

JIM BUSTA BAND WITH MOLLIE B—The Jim Busta Band has been performing for more than 35 years. Their music is a mix

of polkas, waltzes and other two-step numbers featuring many vocals with lead singers Mollie B and Chad Busta. Mollie B, Jim's daughter, is nationally known in the polka world and has her own television show on RFD-TV: "TheMollieBPolkaParty." Shealsoperformsin"TheMollieBChristmasSpecial" in Branson, Missouri.

