

Fête de la MUSIQUE

21 JUIN

W.C Beck (a mix of Cajun and Country)



W.C. Beck is a songwriter and singer from Kansas who has called Portland, OR home for the last five years. He graduated from the University of Kansas with degrees in French and International Studies and his coursework took him to France for a year, which greatly shaped his musical experience. He moved to Portland in 2006 and got involved writing, collaborating and recording a host of projects. He is a charter member of Meridian, Les Flâneurs, and The Checkered Present and has played in/with Leonard Mynx, On The Stairs, Blue Giant, Pigeons, and The Portland Country Underground. www.wcbeck.com

Eric John Kaiser (Portland French Troubadour)



Since 2006, when French native, Eric John Kaiser, moved from Paris to Portland, he has logged close to 10,000 miles via air, land and sea – each year. He has gigged his way up through Canada and down through the South, as far as New Orleans and Washington D.C., where he performed as an “Artist in Residence” for the Smithsonian Museum. Sometimes driving his trusty Subaru under the wide Montana sky, sometimes riding the subway under the New York City canyons, then jetting across the Atlantic to tour through France. www.ericjohnkaiser.com

Dusu Mali Band (West African)



Dusu means “Gentle heart”. Dusu plays original music; most songs are written by Ibrahim Kelly (nephew of Ali Farka Toure) and developed as a group on the spot. Others are based upon traditional songs and dances from various regions of Mali and West Africa. The band has recently returned from an epic life-changing voyage to Mali, West Africa. In just two years, Dusu Mali Band has played at a number of music festivals and venues around the West Coast (Joshua Tree Music Festival, Breitenbush Hot Springs, Alladin Theater, Mississippi Studios...) www.myspace.com/dusumaliband

Ian Clemons (Music from Brittany)



An Oregon native, Ian discovered Celtic music in his early 20's and began learning tunes on the penny whistle. Performing in the pubs and breweries of Portland with the infamous band, The MacGowans, he picked up the fiddle a short time later. Ian formed his first band performing Breton Music, Koad Du (Black Wood), in the year 2000. Ian plays a diatonic accordion made by Bernard Loffet of Brittany. Ian recently travelled to Brittany with his family, where they immersed themselves in the music, history, and warm hospitality of this very special place.

www.onsevenwinds.com/onsevenwinds/Welcome.html

Adam McBride-Smith (Americana, Country-Folk)



Adam McBride-Smith grew up in Oklahoma, but has called many places home since then, including Paris. His self-penned ballads and breakdowns, with their stories of wanderers, gamblers, road builders and home wreckers have taken him to stages across the US, to Europe and back again. *“His album is full of great songs. A real find and highly recommended (Americana UK). McBride-Smith’s voice is conversational and mellifluous... sometimes eerily like a cross between Jeff Buckley and Johnny Cash”*, says The Guardian). www.adammcbridessmith.com

Lone Valkyrie (Moody Americana)



Lone Valkyrie is the pseudonym Jessi Adele gave herself when she began writing & playing music over a decade ago. Growing up in the hills of Northern California, she shared her passion for music with her father’s side of the family. Her grandmother was a singer, her grandfather a conductor who started The Academy Of Music in the Bay Area, & her father gifted from birth with a musical ear. Having lived on both coasts and pretty much everywhere in between, she now calls Portland, home. www.lonevalkyrie.com

Blue Drag Quartet (Gypsy Jazz)



Blue Drag Quartet is a busy Portland gypsy jazz group using gypsy guitars, bass, mandolin, and accordion. They play acoustic café swing, blues, and musette waltzes in the style of Django Reinhardt. C’est danceable elegant fun.

Kaia S. (young violinist)



Seven year old prize-winning violinist Kaia S. has made numerous concert appearances, including recent performances with the Oregon Symphony and at Carnegie Hall. She has also visited and played in schools and community events throughout Portland. When not playing the violin, she enjoys reading, rock climbing and science.

Gilkey International Middle School (youth bands)



Several young musicians from Gilkey International Middle School (FAIS) – recent participants in the school's Battle of the Bands – will perform at the Fête. Featured bands are International Accident, Auxiliary One and Maroon 4.