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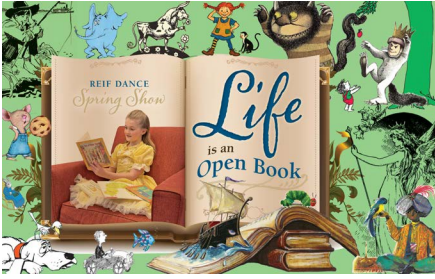


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UPCOMING EVENTS



Reif Dance: Spring Show

June 12, 13 & 14

Friday & Saturday @ 7:00pm

Sunday @ 2:00pm

The Reif: Wilcox Theater

An Afternoon on LaPlant Road w/ special guest Landon Pahl

June 21, 2026 @ 2:00pm

The Reif: Ives Theater

Josh Blue

Friday, June 26, 2026 @ 7:00pm

Yanmar Arena: Pavilion



Reif Repertory Theater Presents: 9 To 5: The Musical

July 10, 11 & 12 AND 17, 18 & 19

Fri. & Sat. @ 7:00pm

Sun. @ 2:00pm

The Reif: Wilcox Theater



Reif Theater Arts Presents: Wunder Kids

August 7 & 8

Friday @ 7:00pm

Saturday @ 2:00pm and 7:00pm

The Reif: Wilcox Theater

You Oughta Know – 90's Dance Party

August 14 @ 7:00pm

Yanmar Arena: Pavilion

THE FABULOUS ARMADILLOS: What's Going On: Songs From The Vietnam War Era

September 11 @ 7:00pm

The Reif: Wilcox Theater

Doug Stone Farewell Tour

September 18 @ 7:00pm

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McCullough Bros & Friends with Horns: Tribute to the Blues Brothers Show

September 24 @ 7:00pm

The Reif: Wilcox Theater

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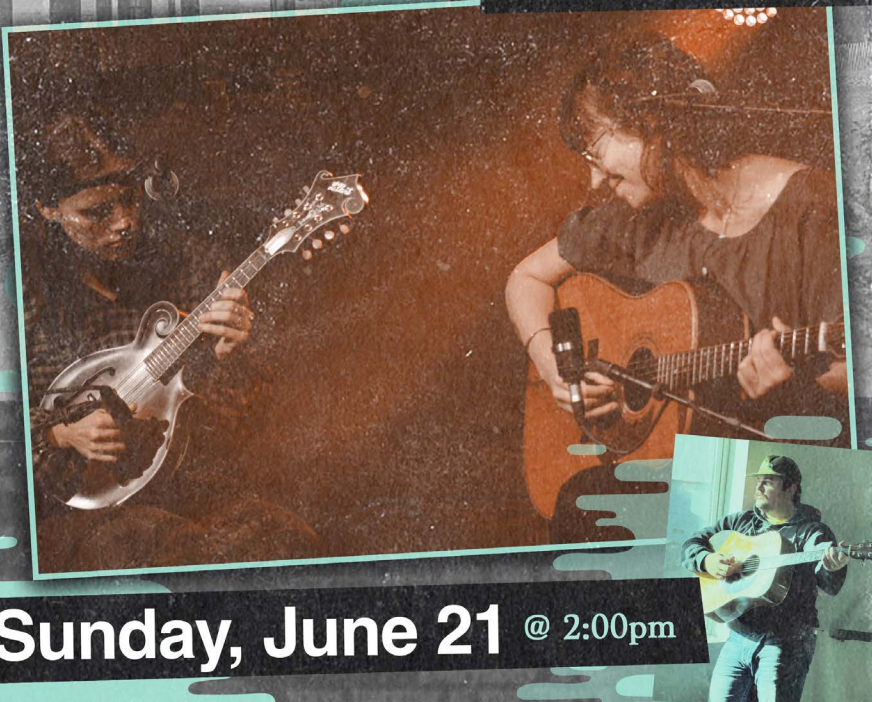
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An Afternoon on

LaPlant ROAD

w/ special guest

Landon Pahl



Sunday, June 21 @ 2:00pm

LaPlant Road is the fondly named duo of Emily LaPlant and Liz Ashworth. It is an ode to the music made in Northern Minnesota, on LaPlant Road, the place where Emily and Liz grew up and discovered themselves. They bring their love for traditional folk and fiddle tunes as well as jazz, R&B, and Rock n Roll into something totally unique. It's all encompassed by a deep love for each other, two childhood friends and soul sisters.

The Reif: Ives Theater

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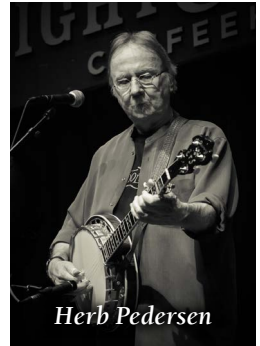
J2B2 John Jorgenson Bluegrass Band

J2B2 is an all-star bluegrass supergroup featuring four legendary, award-winning musicians – **John Jorgenson** on acoustic guitar, mandolin and vocals; **Herb Pedersen** on banjo, acoustic guitar and vocals; **Mark Fain** on bass; and **Patrick Sauber** on acoustic guitar and vocals – delivering bluegrass like no one has ever heard it before. The band’s undeniable live shows have received stellar reviews and have the bluegrass world buzzing. The four combine forces to form a spot-on union of impeccable musicianship, incomparable songwriting, incredible harmony vocals (a fresh twist combining bluegrass with elements of West Coast folk rock) and seasoned showmanship. This is the “high lonesome sound” of American roots music at its finest.

Jorgenson and Pedersen are founders (with Chris Hillman) of the formative country rock group Desert Rose Band. After working as a freelance musician in Southern California, Jorgenson met Hillman and soon formed the Desert Rose Band. In 1990, Jorgenson went on to found the Hellecasters and toured with Elton John’s band for six years. Artists ranging from Barbra Streisand to Bonnie Raitt to Earl Scruggs have sought out Jorgenson’s guitar work. Jorgenson portrayed Django Reinhardt in the Hollywood feature film *Head in the Clouds*. In 2008, Jorgenson won a Grammy for Best Country Instrumental with Brad Paisley and was nominated for Best Bluegrass Album with Earl Scruggs.



John Jorgenson



Herb Pedersen



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Herb Pedersen was a member of legendary bluegrass band The Dillards as well as bluegrass super-group Old and In the Way. A sought-after singer and musician, he has worked with such music legends as Chris Hillman, Earl Scruggs, Gram Parsons, Emmylou Harris, Tony Rice, Dan Fogelberg, Stephen Stills, Linda Ronstadt, Kris Kristofferson, John Prine, Jackson Browne and John Denver.

Mark Fain toured and recorded as bass player for Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder for 13 years. He's toured and recorded with the Dixie Chicks, Alan Jackson, Travis Tritt, Dwight Yoakam, Allison Krauss and Dolly Parton, as well as producing many artists in jazz, country, bluegrass and gospel genres.

Patrick Sauber is a multi-instrumentalist who has quickly made a name for himself in the world of bluegrass and old time music. Equally adept on guitar, mandolin and banjo, Sauber has toured with Peter Rowan and Laurie Lewis and appeared on screen in "The Mighty Wind."

J2B2's debut album, *From The Crow's Nest*, was recorded in Sheryl Crow's home barn studio in Nashville, Tennessee. The album was recently released as part of a John Jorgenson limited edition, 3-CD box set called *DIVERTUOSO* (Cleopatra Records), which has received vast critical acclaim. *DIVERTUOSO* includes three new distinct albums by Jorgenson: J2B2 - *From The Crow's Nest*; John Jorgenson Quintet - *Returning* (gypsy jazz); and John Jorgenson - *Gifts From The Flood* (instrumental electric guitar).

In addition to recording their first album as a group, J2B2 has played several major tour dates over the course of the past two and a half years, including tours of Norway and the UK, performances at the annual RockyGrass Festival in Lyons, Colorado; the Joe Val Festival in Framingham, Massachusetts; and headlining the Guitar Town Festival in Copper Mountain, Colorado, three years in a row. J2B2 made its Grand Ole Opry debut in October 2013 and has returned several times to the Opry since.

J2B2 has created quite a buzz, and The International Bluegrass Music Association is among the many giving the newly formed band's live performance high marks. In a review, the IBMA noted, "There was warmth, and storytelling, and lots of laughter as this fresh band of legends made their debut...but with their expertise combined, you would think they had been playing in this configuration for years."

Yes! Weekly in Greensboro, NC has noted of J2B2: "Expect fireworks and amazing playing from some of the best string players in the world."



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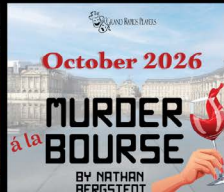
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