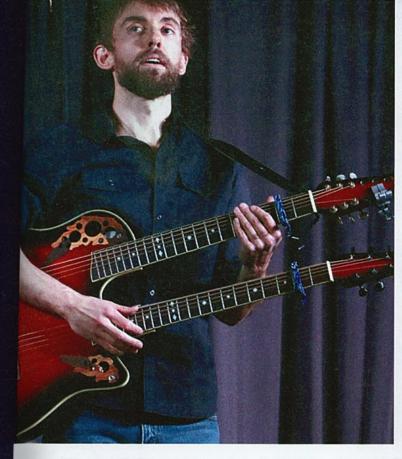
ENTERTAINMENT

Building community, one string at a time

Auburn Recreation District's 2019 Acoustic Guitar Festival

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2019 marks the fourth year of the Auburn Recreation District's (ARD) annual "String Fling" Acoustic Guitar Festival. The three-day event will take place from May 2 through May 4, and includes a performer/instructor showcase, a featured artist concert at the State Theatre, and a full day of guitar workshops.

The performer/instructor showcase will be hosted by the Strum Shop in Roseville on Thursday night, May 2. The showcase will give attendees an opportunity to meet Saturday's workshop presenters, and watch them perform in an intimate setting. Delta blues ethnomusicologist Dr. David Evans will be the featured performer at the showcase.

The following night, Friday, May 3, Keith Little and the Little Band will bring their special blend of blues, bluegrass and gospel music to Auburn's iconic State Theatre. A native of the Sierra Nevada foothills of northern California, Keith is a nationally-acclaimed musician, vocalist, recording artist, composer and producer ... and exceptional performer.

The opener for the evening is David Evans, regarded as one the

most important contemporary lues musicologists, as well as a brilliant country blues guitarist.

An added attraction at this year's concert event will be a special pre-concert "lobby perfor-

mance" by classical guitarist Daniel Roest of the Sacramento Guitar Society.

A full day of instructional workshops will take place on Saturday, May 4, at the ARD Canyon View Community Center. The workshops run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Classes range from beginners to advanced guitarists, and

include folk, blues, bluegrass, classical and swing. Workshop presenters, including Keith Little and David Evans, will also lead a group singalong at the end of the day.

A special feature this year will be the addition of an all-day, free family event, featuring Marjo Wilson and the "Cotton Dandee Hoedown.

"We are very excited to provide this opportunity for our community to come together in appreciation for the music of the acoustic guitar," said String Fling Co-founder Gary Bowman. "It is fantastic to see guitarists of all ages and skill levels coming together, and creating a bit of magic along the way."

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