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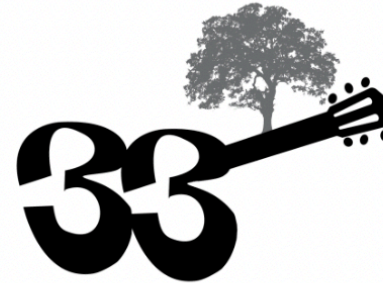
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## saturday 9.7.24

PAVILION STAGE

### Noon Everett Smithson Band

The band was formed in 2005 and included Everett Smithson on harp and vocals, Phil Schmid on guitar, Jeremy Johnson on drums and Bill Black on stand up bass. The sidemen had played together for a long time and had toured with Big George Jackson, Gary Primich, RJ Mischo, Kim Wilson, Bo Diddley, the Senders and many others. They could lay down some tasteful grooves and their red hot instrumentals were always a crowd pleaser! In 2006 Everett's wife Kathy Smithson hopped on board with her accordions and added a creole sound while mixing it up with tunes by Wanda Jackson, Lavern Baker, Memphis Minnie and the list goes on. In 2018 Milwaukee native Victor Span - alumni of Bryan Lee, Nick Moss, Reverend Raven, among many others - added his talents on drums and Jeremy Johnson added his guitar skills to bring the band where they are today! Everett, Phil and Kathleen have added many originals to the set list over the years, which can be heard on any of their five CDs, including 2018's "Tall Tales".

### 1:25 City Mouse & Friends

Making their 33rd appearance at Rock Bend Folk Festival and celebrating over 50 years, City Mouse make sure their friends are part of the party too.

### 2:50 Collective Unconscious

Cu is known for their album shows, and for the collaborations with The Fabulous Armadillos, but we were a regular old band before all of that. We feature our tight vocal harmonies, wide repertoire, and open ended musical explorations. (That's a wordy way of saying we were a jam band.) Each of our members contributes original songs to the mix, and we feature a healthy dose of cover songs drawn from our past and present shows, ranging from The Beatles, The Band, Simon and Garfunkel, and many more.

### 4:30 Titambe West African Dance Ensemble

Titambe Drum and Dance Ensemble was established February 2001 in Copenhagen Denmark as a multicultural performing arts organization. Performed all over Denmark, Amsterdam, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Germany, and various islands in Europe. In 2003, the founder and artistic director Christian Yao Adeti relocated to the United States of America and formed another branch of the Titambe Drum and Dance Ensemble Company in Minnesota—Titambe West African Dance Ensemble. This group has done African dance performance in various venues in Minnesota, as well as in Texas, Chicago, Wisconsin. Their mission is to preserve traditional African drumming, dance heritage and cultural understanding. Educating audiences about different African countries through language, music, and movement for a better appreciation of diversity. Through performances and dance lessons in Minnesota, we are able to reach out to the communities. These artists are mainly comprised of Ghanaians, Liberians, Kenyans, Trinidadians as well as American born. Titambe West African Dance Ensemble believes that with traditional dance and drum we can gently unlock the ancestral vibration that has been covered for centuries, which involves peace, love and unity."

### 5:50 Pat Donohue and Friends

Pat is one of the most listened-to finger pickers in the world. As the guitarist for the "Guys All-Star Shoe Band" of Minnesota Public Radio's A Prairie Home Companion, for twenty years, Pat got to show off his savvy licks and distinctive original songs to millions of listeners each week. Pat's musical tastes are eclectic. Though he considers himself foremost a folk guitarist, Pat's influences are rooted in bluesmen Blind Blake, Robert Johnson, Charlie Parker, Duke Ellington, Muddy Waters and Miles Davis. He manages to blend jazz and blues with folk, and the mix is seamless. Over the years he has captivated audiences with his unique original compositions, dazzling instrumentals and humorous song parodies, including Sushi-Yuck! and Would You Like to Play the Guitar? For Rock Bend 33, he is joined by friends P.K. Mayo (Paul Mayasich), Richard Kriehn, and John Wright.

### 7:00 Humbird

There's something refreshingly about that uncertainty, having the guts to try, even if you might be wrong. This is the central tenant of Humbird's third full-length album, Right On, a radical ethos in this soap-box age, and an effort worth turning up the amps for, resulting in the project's most electric, playful, mettle record yet. Siri Undlin (the songwriter behind the moniker) and her collaborators tracked live and to tape over the course of two muggy weeks in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. For a collection of songs unafraid of ambiguity, it's music that bares its teeth. Anger and dismay sizzle in response to current events. Heartbreak feels like sandpaper, while wildflowers bob and sway in an ever-expanding universe.

## saturday 9.7.24

JOYCE'S NORTH GROVE STAGE

### Noon Peter Klug

Pete is a singer/songwriter/guitarist and lover of music. He's been a member of our scene for years, known for work with Just Myrin, Watermelon Slush, Bee Balm Fields and his solo performances.

### 1:00 Phil Heywood

Phil Heywood has been a fixture in the Twin Cities scene since the mid-1980s, when he moved to the Cities on the heels of a tour with internationally renowned guitarist Leo Kottke. His lucid playing expresses a natural affinity for the down-home grooves of a Mississippi John Hurt, the melodic flair of contemporary fingerstyle pioneers such as Kottke, and the nuanced right hand attack of a classical player. Lyrical, soul-satisfying guitar instrumentals are his stock-in-trade, yet he draws listeners in with his voice as well, singing in a warm, plainspoken baritone that blends seamlessly with his rock-solid guitar work.

### 2:00 Stacy K

Independent Minnesota based singer-songwriter Stacy K teamed up with the renowned Erik Koskinen for her next album due to release in 2023. Adventurous roots rock that puts everything on the table; small town love, old cars, sobriety or lack thereof, and happiness - and no genre is off limits; Harry Nilsson-esq pop to Lucinda Williams like blues dirges show up. With the grit to prove it, Stacy K is a wrangler of kids, songs, chickens, sobriety, and a melody with a background rooted in the working class.

### 3:00 Everett Smithson Harmonica Clinic

Harmonica master Everett Smithson hosts a Free Harmonica Clinic. The clinic will be concentrating on harmonica lessons for all ages, learn how to play one hole at a time, adding personality to your playing. The event is sponsored in part by

### 4:00 Songwriter Set - feat. Siri Undlin, Pat Donohue, Kit Kildahl

### 5:00 Saint Paul Mudsteppers

The Saint Paul Mudsteppers play country blues inspired by the recorded works of the early 1900's in the Deep South, bands like the great Mississippi Sheiks, but the Mudsteppers do not try to be a carbon copy. The band tries to present this old music in a new and energetic way.

### 6:00 Titambe West African Dance Workshop

Join in the fun and learn some dance moves from Titambe!

## sunday 9.8.24

PAVILION STAGE

### Noon Mike Munson Trio

The Mike Munson Trio (formed in 2023) elevates and enhances Mike's rich catalog of songs that feature his adept slide guitar playing and a reverence for tradition. He is joined by the powerful rhythm section comprised of Nick Salisbury on bass and Lars-Erik Larson on drums. Each member brings years of experience and an inclination for improvisation to the stage. Together they explore new territory, creating a sound that dances between early American rock and roll, gritty blues and modern jazz.

### 1:25 Axis Mundi

Axis Mundi, meaning "the world tree," plays an alluring mixture of world-beat grooves combined with elements of modern and traditional jazz. The quintet features guitar, violin, percussion, bass and drums creating a savvy mixture of jazz, Latin infused rhythms, Caribbean and Middle Eastern sounds. Joining guitarist/composer Glen Helgeson are Cuban born vocalist/percussionist Frank Rivery Garcia; fiddle god Gary Schulte; bassman extraordinaire, Keith Yanes and stratospheric-jazz drummer Miguel Hurtado; The dynamic quintet is fresh, tasty and authentic - "A new dimension in the world music genre." (Karl Stobers, ejazznews)

### 2:50 Them Coulee Boys

Them Coulee Boys craft a brand of Americana that blends folk, punk, bluegrass, and rock & roll. They sing their conversational songs in 4 part harmony, often with a banjo stomp and rhythm section punch that drives the audience onto the dance floor and into community. Their trusty van has propelled them thousands of miles across the country and into the hearts of strangers, who tend to leave each show as family. It's music that creates community through the shared experience of joy and giving a shit.

### 4:15 Joe Tougas & Associates

Joe Tougas & Associates is a high-energy ensemble of songwriters and players with a range of styles presented in the format of a floor-stomping rock 'n' roll bar band. What listeners (and dancers) get is original music and selectively killer covers. The Associates are: Joe Tougas, Ann Fee, Shelley Pierce, Evan Beier, Scott Rahe, Kaitlin Baumann Hohenstein, Abigail Kimble and Michelle Roche.

**NO PETS IN THE PARK...  
EVEN ON A LEASH.** (by City Ordinance.)

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## sunday 9.8.24

JOYCE'S NORTH GROVE STAGE

### Noon Open Mic

Sign-up is available at 11:30 a.m. Young, old, established, newcomers, all are welcome to bring their instruments and try out a solo/duo performance on the North Grove Stage

### 1:00 Radzoo

We bring turtles, lizards, snakes and a small alligator right to you. We travel all over the state and northern Iowa and western Wisconsin to bring the joy of these animals right to you. We provide a fun, interactive experience for schools, daycares, birthday parties, churches, scout events, and fairs.

### 2:00 Peter Bloedel

You're in for a treat if you've never seen Pete's juggling act. Bring the kids!

### 3:00 Songwriter Set - feat. Mike Munson, Joe Tougas, Mal Murphy

### 4:00 Crista Bohlman & Mal Murphy

Local Singer/songwriters team up for an ideal North Grove stage performance.

\* Schedule subject to change

See the schedule online...  
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