

50-Year Musical Journey Spotlights Powerful Missing Stories of Peace

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TUBAC, AZ– On Sunday, March 17, the *Community Performance & Arts Center (CPAC)* in Green Valley will come alive with soulful melodies and electrifying rock. Singer-songwriter, Jerry Leggett, will take the stage, showcasing a diverse lineup of original tunes and beloved covers. Spanning 50 years of music-making across 50 U.S. states and three continents, Leggett's performance promises to be a memorable experience.

Leggett's compositions serve as a vehicle to unearth narratives often left untold. The missing peace stories, whether personal, cultural or historical, find resonance in the universal language of music, fostering connection and empathy among listeners.

The house band for the show will be Green Valley's favorite dance band, *Hardscrabble Road*, which will also serve as the backup band for a 'teaser' performance by Tubac vocalist and visual artist, Patsy Ferrell who will be debuting her *Women Are Human Story Art Project*. Ferrell states, "Missing stories matter. We live in a world where injustice experienced by vulnerable populations is often invisible. Listening to stories of injustice awakens a new justice."

This benefit supports the *Tubac Storytrail-Sculpture Garden*, a project of the Storytrail Foundation. It honors local Peace Heroes and crucial nonprofits in Santa Cruz County and the Borderlands region. These organizations often go unnoticed or lack funding but play a vital role as allies and advocates for vulnerable populations facing enormous risks. Established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 2006, the Storytrail Foundation aims to inspire nonviolent living through music and story art.

Reflecting on Leggett's past performances at CPAC, Larry Worster, founder of *Green Valley's Got Talent* and *Hardscrabble Road* band leader says, "Jerry's vocals are a commanding force, resonating with depth and emotion. His voice possesses a unique ability to convey both strength and vulnerability, captivating audiences with every note."

Jerry's performance will include upbeat originals such as, "*If I Can't Dance*," that playfully borrows a phrase from Emma Goldman's writings: "If I can't dance, I don't want to be part of your revolution." This lively jazz anthem is bound to lift your spirits and have you on your feet in no time!

Leggett and Ferrell collaborated on another tune, wittily named "*Be Kind to Yourself (and Other Endangered Species)*." The song's genesis traces back to a heartfelt encounter with a young nursing student during their time as frontline crisis workers on Hawaii Island. In the midst of profound struggles, the student shared her plan to end her life prematurely. Responding to this distressing revelation, Jerry and Patsy crafted a captivating song, encouraging her to embrace kindness for herself, mirroring the care she generously extends to others.

The Master of Ceremonies of the event, Dr. Jose Lopez, serves as President of the *Border Community Alliance* in Tubac and is a recipient of the *2023 Peace Heroes Award* by the *Storytrail Foundation*.

A Silent Art Auction will take place before and during the intermission of the concert. Fine art generously donated by local art collectors will be provided as a token of appreciation for those who pledge a monthly donation.

The event will begin at 3pm on Sunday, March 17 at the *Community Performance & Art Center*, 1250 Continental Road, Green Valley, AZ 85614. Tickets are limited. Beer (St. Patrick's Day green!) and wine will be available at the intermission at a cash bar.

Special thanks to the corporate sponsor of the event, *Valle Verde Ranch* in Tubac, Arizona, a vacation rental for travelers, birders, artists, history lovers and friends.
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