



David Lindley

All's ^{Events} Faire In the Redwood Mountains

WITH A LIST OF PERFORMERS so packed it could almost burst, the 14th Annual Redwood Mountain Faire promises two days of entertainment capable of satisfying all the senses. Apart from the stellar musical lineup, to be presented on three separate stages, the event also promises children's entertainment in the variety of storytelling, 20-foot stilt walkers and giant puppets. More than 100 local and national artisans will also be selling their wares. Sixteen food booths representing various local restaurants will be on-hand as well, to round out the all-encompassing itinerary.

Organizers expect 10,000 people to attend the extravaganza, which will benefit 36 charities, including the Santa Cruz AIDS Project, local libraries, School Booster programs and Planned Parenthood. "I live in the community and I see what good it does," says first-time faire organizer James Kallas. "I also teach at the local high school and I see the direct benefits from this event."

Hoping to top past headliners, which included Big

Brother and the Holding Company and blues great John Mayall, Kallas has amassed a line-up that incorporates the best of all musical worlds — from local up-and-comers to nationally recognized music masters. "Too often with fairs they book bands who are 'retro,' or once famous," he says. "One of my big goals was to bring the fair musically into the '90s. I looked for bands that were vital, currently recording and consistently interesting."

A musical coup Kallas is particularly proud of is his attainment of multi-instrumental genius David Lindley (affectionately known by

locals as "Mr. Dave" or the "Prince of Polyester") who will play a set he has dubbed "electro-acoustic." In addition to his other duties, Kallas actually campaigned for the privilege to host the musician. "To get him to play here, I located his road manager and told him that his fans missed him," he says. "I also wrote him a personal letter to remind him of how beautiful the area is and how much he was missed."

Leaving no stone unturned, Kallas even wrote the musician and appealed to Lindley's fascination with marksmanship by mentioning the many shooting ranges in the area. "He's very much into Zen and the art of perfection," says Kallas. "He's also into the perfection of marksmanship so I made sure to appeal to that."

Musical purist and Bluegrass Mandolin Master David Grisman, who just cut an album with the Grateful Dead's Jerry Garcia, will also grace the stage. The Sugarbeats, a Virginian band featuring two national banjo champions will also perform.

On a more local note, Santa Cruz bands scheduled to perform include Pele Juju, Santa Cruz Steele, The

Square Roots and World's Collide. Rock and roll favorites the Back Alley Band and the Pan-Latin rhythms of Tocara round out the line-up, that still includes much, much more.

From the "alternative" scene, the faire will showcase Celtic harpists, Scottish bagpipes and various types of eastern music.

Although fun, music and togetherness are the goal of this 2-day extravaganza, Kallas and his band of volunteers refuse to forget the benefit aspect of this mammoth event. "There's nothing better than giving back to the community," says Kallas. "In times of bad economics, neighborhoods need

to help each other because the government probably won't."

The Redwood Mountain Faire takes place Saturday, June 5 and Sunday, June 6 at the Highlands Park in Ben Lomond. The festivities take place from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on both days. A free shuttle bus will also be available to provide transportation throughout the San Lorenzo Valley. Admission is \$10 before noon and \$12 for the time thereafter. Children 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 336-1044.

The bulk of the major musical events will take place at the two main stages and are as follows:

Magnolia Stage

Saturday

- 10 a.m. Celtic Harpists
- 11 a.m. Singer/Songwriter Competition
- 1:15 p.m. Hurricane Sam
- 2:30 p.m. Sugarbeats
- 4 p.m. Sugarbeats Mandolin Workshop

Sunday

- 10 a.m. Celtic Harpists
- 11 a.m. Guitar & Instrumental Competition
- 12 p.m. Vocal Competition
- 1:45 p.m. Yazoo Blues Band
- 3 p.m. Margaret & Kristoph
- 4 p.m. Yuji & Friends

Redwood Stage

Saturday

- 10:30 a.m. Clan Dyken
- 12 p.m. World's Collide
- 1:30 p.m. Tocara
- 3 p.m. Pele Juju
- 4:30 p.m. David Grisman Quintet

Sunday

- 10:30 a.m. Sista Monica
- 12 p.m. Back Alley Band
- 1:30 p.m. Santa Cruz Steele
- 3 p.m. Square Roots
- 4 p.m. David Lindley & Hani Naser

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