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FAR-WEST REGIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTS

“VENUES CHOICE CONCERT” ~ FIVE FAVORITE ARTISTS FROM REGIONAL VENUES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2017 AT HYATT REGENCY, BELLEVUE WA

On Thursday, October 5, the FAR-West Conference kicks off with the [Venues' Choice Concert](http://www.far-west.org/showcase2017-1.html) featuring artists selected by five area venues. Show starts at 7 pm and a limited number of Showcase Passes are available at <http://www.far-west.org/showcase2017-1.html>

Here are the venues and artists for this year's concert:

	<p>The Triple Door (WA) presents Lydia Ramsey</p> <p>Her songs convey both the wildness and free nature of the great northwest and are steeped in the fingerpick-guitar rudiments of folk music. A multi-instrumentalist and songwriter, Lydia Ramsey has been praised for the almost vintage quality of her voice. Her songs feature ancient music making devices in unique arrangements to back up her beautiful voice.</p>
	<p>Sisters Folk Festival (OR) presenting Jeffrey Martin</p> <p>Jeffrey Martin's music is not widely known, which is a shame, because he might be the best songwriter in Portland. With lyrics that read like Raymond Carver stories and a voice that's one breath away from breaking completely apart, Martin's songs are beautiful, sparse, and utterly devastating. . . . If there is any justice in the world, Martin's music will soon reach a wider audience and inflict devastation on a much larger scale.</p>



[Olalla Community Club & Americana Festival](#) (WA)
presenting **[LeRoy Bell](#)**

Sometimes a songwriter has to take the plunge and express what's really on his mind. In these turbulent times the emotions of the moment can overwhelm you ... and then we witness a natural cycle of renewal. Here is a songwriter who brings the optimistic part of our humanity to the center stage.



[Mission Folk Festival](#) and **[Home Routes](#)** (CAN)
presenting **[Early Spirit](#)**

This band is a hot example of Celtic music and jazz fused together by superb musicians. The group is centered around violinist Gabriel Dubeuil, a well-established session player, who has recorded on dozens of pop, jazz and rock albums and music videos with local and international bands.



[The Royal Room](#) (WA) presenting **[Led to Sea](#)**

Alex Guy (as Led to Sea) is one of those artists, like St. Vincent or Andrew Bird, who approaches pop music with the eye of a classical composer, breaking down and rebuilding pop tropes into something resembling fine art. It's a constant balancing act, combining classical and pop. Her layered viola melodies coupled with an incredible voice are enough to hold any audience in thrall.

The 2017 FAR-West Music Conference is held on October 5-8, 2017 at the Hyatt Regency in Bellevue WA. Parking is available in the hotel garage at regular rates on Thursday night and free on Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday. For registration and further information please visit <http://www.far-west.org/registration-2017.html>

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