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Folk Singer David Nigel Lloyd Performs in Etna... Lectures in Chicago and Teaches at COS Yreka Campus

Weed / COS - Folk singing professor, David Nigel Lloyd, will make one of his rare local appearances when he hosts and performs at the singer song/writer showcase at the Far North Music Summer Music Festival, June 23rd. Though the festival itself will sprawl up and down Etna's Main Street, the showcase will allow for focused listening at 5:30 p.m. in Etna's historic Avery Theater.

"Siskiyou County has some excellent singer/songwriters," says festival director, Adam Sizemore. "Some, like Sara Knox, better known than others. I thought...wouldn't it be cool to let Siskiyou County encounter them all together in a professional listening situation, and I thought... who better to introduce them than David."



Lloyd, 64, recently took a part-time teaching position with the Continuing Education Department at College of the Siskiyous. "I can't tell you how often people ask if I am a professor," said Lloyd. "Now, I can simply say, "yes.""

He will be representing College of the Siskiyous at the *On Miracle Ground XX* conference held during the first week of July in Chicago. Dedicated to the writing and legacy of Nobel short-listed novelist Lawrence Durrell [1912 – 1990], Lloyd will be there to read his paper "Seek Me In Vain on Golgotha: the song poetry of Robin Williamson." Lloyd taught "Folk Guitar" at the Yreka Campus this past February. Coming again in fall 2018, the Guitar class, with a broader focus than just folk, will be offered. He has also been approved to teach a semester-long Language Arts course.

"I plan to focus on various aspects of expression through language: serious poetry to jokes. Songwriting to business writing," says Lloyd. "I want to allow students with writing projects to use the class as a tool for any individual writing project they have. From family memoirs to a Great American

Screenplay. But most of all, I want to instill a sense of pride in language. Every accent, every variety of English, has a heritage worthy of pride. Don't forget it."

Lloyd is preparing two more class offerings, hopefully available this fall. "The ABCs of Songwriting," he says, "will avoid the pitfalls of prevailing, if not failing, songwriting formulas and focus on why we sing and who we sing to, and build from there." "Singer/Songwriter Boot Camp" will be an intense course on the basics of the trade. "Not just how to perform what you write, but how to record it, promote it, finance it, all while keeping your loved ones loving you." His own music is a blend of traditional folk and highly personal poetry. With his eight-stringed octar, and guitar in l'ud tuning, he has performed in folk venues in the British Isles and throughout North America. In 2011, he was an *Official Showcase Performer* at the Folk Alliance International Conference in Memphis, TN. Lloyd has just finished work on his 6th CD entitled *WatThe? Hell* [sic]. Begun over 40 years ago, the album completes recordings begun in Los Angeles just as punk and new wave were bursting into our national lexicon," the grey-haired folksinger explains. "It's a seemingly departure."

His 5th CD, *Rivers, Kings and Curses* was showcased on "the Best of 2008" episode of Celtic Connections, a radio program broadcast weekly on many NPR stations. That same year, his 1984 debut album, *Dark Ages*, was re-released as a neglected classic by a boutique label named Yoga Records. Currently, Lloyd is now working on four projects due for release in 2018 and 2019. Born in Mombasa, Kenya, in 1954, he and his wife Gita have lived in the County since 2012.

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