

The great unknowns



Local folk/reggae act Bonfire Dub.
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Indie music fans, rejoice: Underground Sound series returns to the Vilar Center in time for off-season. By Laura Lieff.

Want to see quality live music this fall?

Handpicked by the Vilar Center for a blend of alluring sounds and soon-to-be-famous names, the upcoming Underground Sound series promises great music you may have never heard before.

The eight-show concert series kicks off this weekend with local band Bonfire Dub, joined by Bridget Law from Elephant Revival. The fall kick-off, dubbed Discover the Music Party, starts at 6:30 p.m. in the lower lobby of the Vilar Center and includes delicious finger foods catered by the Dusty Boot. The music begins at 7:30 p.m., with in-house drink specials available all night long from Tito's Handmade Vodka, Liberty Creek Wine, High Country Kombucha and more.

Bonfire Dub

Playing a deep and powerful blend of acoustic-laced and electric-driven folk and reggae, Bonfire Dub's sound focuses on travel-inspired melodies that incorporate each band member's roots in a soulful, eclectic package. Bonfire's lyrical repertoire is inspired by Eastern philosophy, indigenous struggles, international relief efforts, and a deep respect for the roots of love and the balance of nature.

Derived from his humanitarian aid experiences in regions such as Central America and Haiti, Bonfire's founding member, local music promoter and longtime musician Scotty Stoughton, interweaves stories of hope and struggle in his music and his lyrics. In addition to performing, Stoughton is the founder of "Campout for the Cause" and other great music events that focus on the power of community, art, physical expression and environmental awareness.

During Bonfire's history, acclaimed fiddle player Bridget Law of Elephant Revival has joined the band at numerous shows and now accompanies the members to most performances. Law is also a part of the ensembles' newly released EP, "Who We Are," which will be available at the Vilar Center show.

Despite their name, the band is not an electronic dubstep experience – instead, they are straight-up roots reggae, fea-

Underground Sound concert series lineup

Sept. 7 – Kick-off concert with Bonfire Dub and Bridget Law of Elephant Revival -

Sept. 29 – von Grey

Oct. 6 – Chris Thile

Oct. 13 – San Jose Taiko

Oct. 20 – Lee DeWyze

Oct. 27 – Solas: Shamrock City

Nov. 3 – Nora Jane Struthers and The Party Line


Nov. 10 – David Wilcox

Times vary, but all concerts are held at the Vilar Center in Beaver Creek. Tickets to any series date are \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door. An Underground Sound Access Pass is available and includes eight shows and eight drink tickets for \$100. To buy tickets or find out more, see www.vilarpac.com.

turing moog synthesizers, thick bass, pounding percussion, sweet lyrics and clean, authentic guitar riffs.

Beyond opening night

In an effort to bring an intriguing variety of music to Beaver Creek, the Vilar Center has invited a diverse and talented group of artists to its stage over the next few months. Upcoming shows include von Grey (comprised of four classically trained sisters), mandolin virtuoso Chris Thile, drum group San Jose Taiko, 2010 American Idol winner Lee DeWyze, Irish band Solas, Nashville band Nora Jane Struthers and The Party Line, and singer/songwriter David Wilcox.

If you buy a series-long pass on opening night, you get an extra concert and drink for free. Otherwise, the Underground Sound Access Pass includes seven shows and seven drinks for \$100 if bought after the kick-off party. 

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