



Jalan Crossland Band to perform Saturday, January 22



LAFTA is hosting the **Jalan Crossland Band** in concert on **January 22** at the 7th Street Loft, 504 South 7th St, Lincoln NE at **7:30 pm**. His past performance was such a hit that we had to bring him back.

LAFTA President Charles Wooldridge (Wooley) had this to say about the group: "Jalan Crossland is from a small village of about 300 people Named Ten Sleep in North Central Wyoming. The sleepy little town rests in the shadows of the Big Horn Mountains along the Nowood River. I visited there this summer to attend the Nowoodstock Music Festival. The festival has been held annually for the past ten years. It features a mix of Bluegrass, Folk, Alt Country, and Americana music. I observed Jalan and his band mates are viewed as local celebrities. Everyone, old and young, knows them and appreciates their music. Their music is hard to describe. Jalan refers to himself as the "Trailer Park Troubadour". The three piece band consists of Jalan on guitar and banjo, Shaun Kelley on bass, and Andy Phreaner on drums and wackadoo. The music is rough and poetic. The unique blend of country and rock spins yarns of real life. I would call it "Americana", he calls it "American Bottom Forty", but I am not sure just what all that means...I do know it's foot stomping good fun. A couple of my favorite Jalan songs are Trailer Park Fire and Hoboerotica. The songs are every bit as colorful as their titles. When you come to this concert be prepared for a musical experience like no other. It really is one of a kind."

The show starts at 7:30 pm at the 7th Street Loft. Regular ticket pricing of \$13 for members, \$17 for nonmembers, students with ID are \$10 and children under 12 for \$1 applies with tickets online at www.lata.net or at the door the evening of the performance. More information is available on the web at www.lafta.net or at 580-8656, the LAFTA phone number.

New Riverside Ramblers Bring the Energy To LAFTA February 5



The New Riverside Ramblers will premier on the LAFTA stage on Saturday, February 5 at the 7th Street Loft, 504 South 7th St, Lincoln NE at **7:30 pm**. The New Riverside Ramblers are based in the Twin Cities, but they play the kind of high-energy Cajun dance music you might hear on a Saturday night at dance halls on the prairie and bayou country of Southwest Louisiana. Band members have been immersed in Cajun music for many years and have studied and performed with Cajun music greats such as Steve Riley, Marc and Ann Savoy, and D.L. Menard. One radio personality in Lafayette, La., said, "The New Riverside Ramblers is one of the best traditional Cajun bands outside of Louisiana," and in 2004 the Cajun French Music Association gave the group its "Best Cajun CD Released by a Band from Outside Louisiana" award. Come to downtown Lincoln, close your eyes, listen to a band from Minnesota, and you'll swear you were in the Louisiana bayou.

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COMMENTS from board president Charles Woolridge

As I write this Lincoln is covered in a white blanket of snow, but LAFTA is far from sleeping. We are in the middle of our concert season and the music couldn't be hotter! The Bluegrass Crusade got us off to a fast start with their collective musicianship and characters. They were a blend of nostalgia and freshness. Tommy Sands played at the O'Donnel Auditorium where we invited Wesleyan Students in for free. For me this concert was almost spiritual as Tommy, his daughter Moya, and son Fionan filled the hall with the songs and issues of social justice from their native Ireland. Marley's Ghost I find the most difficult to describe. Band members flew in from all over the western half of the United States but they played flawlessly, exchanging leads and harmonies with the familiarity of brothers. They originally came from California where they were good friends and contemporaries of the Grateful Dead. Their American roots music was a real crowd pleaser!

It has been a great season so far and it only gets better! Jalan Crossland, the Trailer Park Troubadour returns January 22nd. His hot picking and colorful song writing really got the place rocking when he was here in 2008. High energy Cajun dance music will explode from the stage in February as we welcome the New Riverside Ramblers from the Twin Cities. Jeff Black returns for a main stage show in February You may remember him from a house concert a couple of years ago. The season will wrap up with Boston singer songwriter Catie Curtis. Along the way there will be a series of wonderful intimate house concerts featuring; Dana and Susan Robinson, and Carolyn Cruso. Be sure to check out our website for more information about all of these acts and how YOU can become a member, volunteer, or Board member and support quality live music in Lincoln. Hope to see you there! Woolly.

CONTRA DANCE

7:30 pm first Saturday of each month at Auld Recreation Center. \$6 donation. For more information call (402-560-0108), or (402) 476-2441 or check the LAFTA web site at www.lafta.net.

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Upcomming LAFTA shows

Saturday, March 19 - Jeff Black
at the 7th Street Loft, 7:30 PM

"I have no doubt that Jeff Black is a musical genius," Vintage Guitar Magazine's Steven Stone writes,

Saturday, April 16 - Catie Curtis
at the 7th Street Loft, 7:30 PM

The vivid songwriting of Boston-based Catie Curtis combines insightful lyrics with addictive melodies and energy. She's toured with Dar Williams, Mary Chapin Carpenter and as part of Lilith Fair, and The New Yorker called her a "folk-rock goddess."

Saturday, March 12,
Dana and Susan Robinson
House Concert at 4615 Sugar Creek Ct
Lincoln NE. 68516

Dana and Susan Robinson are two guitar playing, banjo-frailing, fiddle-sawing, and harmony-singing interpreters of the American experience.

Thursday, April 28, 2011
Carolyn Cruso
House Concert at 4615 Sugar Creek Ct
Lincoln NE. 68516

For two decades Carolyn Cruso has been making a name for herself as a multi-instrumentalist, writing for and performing on the hammered dulcimer and various flutes.

Unless otherwise noted, all shows start at 7:30pm and artist donation is \$12 at the door. For information, directions, or to reserve seats for House Concerts, please call 402-328-9844 or send an e-mail to nancyanderson1@windstream.net.

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