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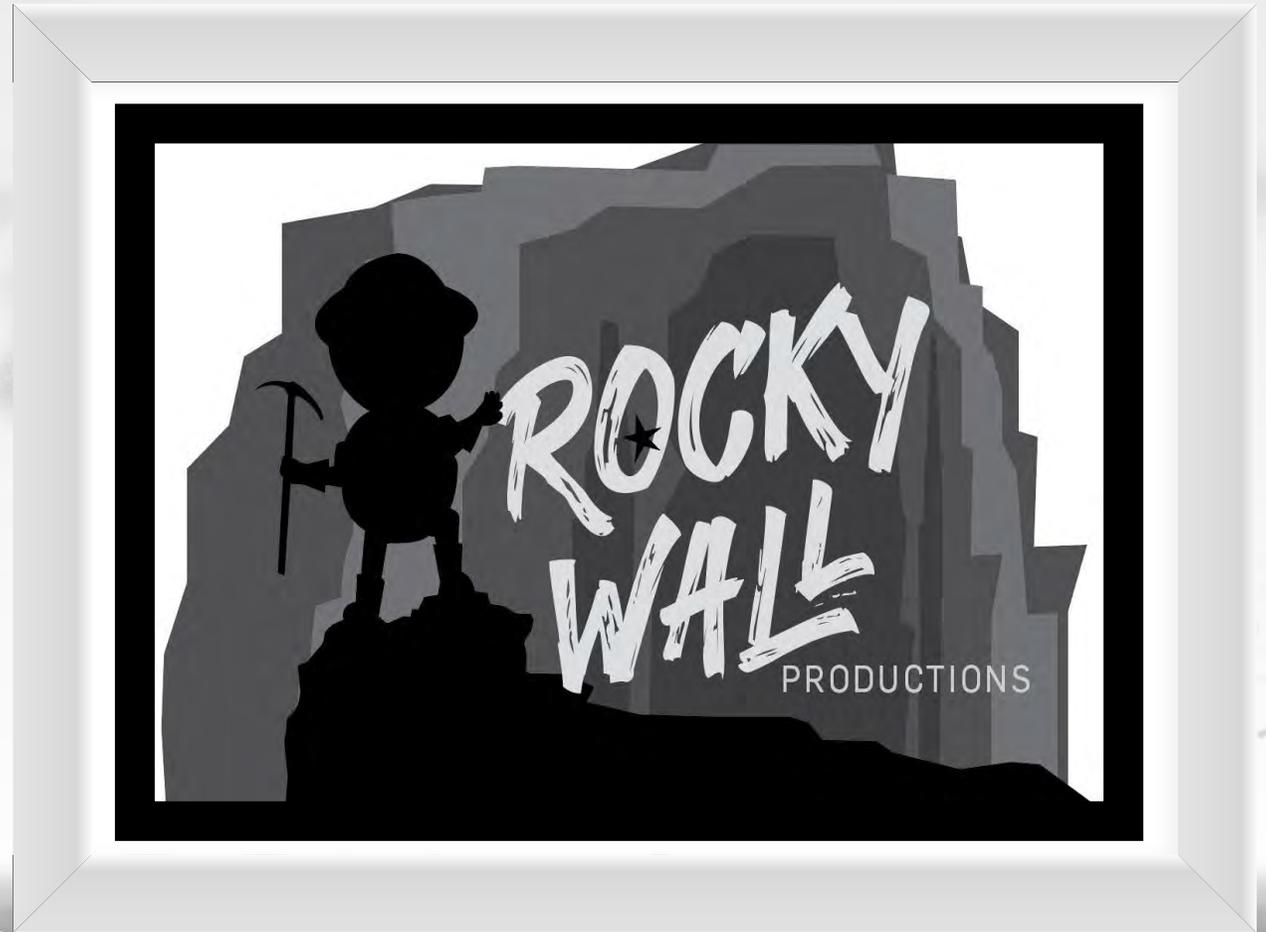


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Music in the Park Concert Series

March 31, 2022

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Free Concerts - Open To The Public

City Center Park
Silver Bay Municipal Liquor Lounge
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2021
5 Concerts

1,500 Total Attendance

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"It is not enough
to just play the notes,
Or sing the words,
Or hear the song.
For it to Mean Something.
You have to feel the Music
Because if you don't feel it...
How can anyone else?"

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AUGUST 13 SAM MILTICH AND THE CLEARWATER HOT CLUB 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm	
	AUGUST 20 MONROE CROSSING 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
SEPTEMBER 10 SARAH BURTON 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm	
	SEPTEMBER 24 COURTNEY YASMINEH BAND 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
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Sam Miltich – Clearwater Hot Club
August 13, 2021
City Center Park



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AUGUST 13 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
**SAM MILTICH AND
THE CLEARWATER HOT CLUB**



Sam Miltich and the Clearwater Hot Club play jazz — traditional American jazz, gypsy jazz, Latin jazz, hot jazz — the kind of jazz that swings, sings and dances between the ears. Born and raised in the Minnesota northwoods, Miltich is an acoustic guitar wizard who fell in love with legendary French jazzman Django Reinhardt at age 15. Since then Miltich has delivered his sweet sound solo, in duos and through hot club collectives across the country and on seven full-length albums. Clearwater Hot Club includes father Matthew Miltich on standup bass, guitarist Briand Morrison and drummer Jay Epstein.



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Sam Miltich and The Clearwater Hot Club kick off 2021 Silver Bay Music in the Park Concert Series

Rocky Wall Productions is pleased to announce that Grand Rapids, MN based Sam Miltich and the Clearwater Hot Club will kick off the 2021 Silver Bay Music In The Park Concert Series on Friday, August 13th at City Center Park in downtown Silver Bay (near Silver Bay City Hall) with a FREE outdoor concert. The music will start promptly at 7 pm.

The Clearwater Hot Club is a dedicated to serving the repertoire and instrumentation of the Jazz Manouche style pioneered by Roma guitarist Django Reinhardt. Much of the repertoire played in this group are songs either performed or written by Django Reinhardt, though other styles of music such as French Musette, Brazilian choro, and East-European folk music are interpreted through the musical lens and technique of the Jazz Manouche style. In recent years Sam Miltich has written original works of music in the jazz manouche style, giving credence to the roots and traditions of the music while giving a fresh new voice to it.

The instrumentation typically consists of either a Macaferrri style-acoustic (a uniquely constructed French style guitar employed by Django Reinhardt) or arch-top lead guitar, acoustic rhythm guitar, lead violin or clarinet on some occasion's saxophone, and drums. The group typically plays with an all-

acoustic string ensemble, of guitar, violin, upright bass. When clarinet is a featured instrument, the group may also incorporate drums into the ensemble, much like what was known as Django Reinhardt's "War-T Quintet" during the 1940's when he used clarinet in the group emulating the sounds common from Benny Goodman in America, while his musical companion, violinist, Steph Grappelli were separated during World War II.

Sam Miltich is a self-taught jazz guitarist born and raised in the woods of northern Minnesota. Sam burst on the scene in his teenage years as a young lion of gypsy jazz, joining Frank Mehling's Hot Club of San Francisco and touring internationally with the world-renowned Robin Nolan Trio. Sam's fluid and instinctive sound has graced hundreds of stages, from small town bars on the Iron Range to Linderoth Center.

Rocky Wall Productions was formed in June and has hit the ground running. The 2021 SILVER BAY MUSIC IN THE PARK CONCERT SERIES is sponsored by a general operating grant from Lovin' Lake County and assistance from Best of the North Shore.

Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy Music In The Park!



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350 folks attended the 2021 Silver Bay Music In The Park Concert Series kick-off event



Monroe Crossing August 20, 2021 City Center Park



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AUGUST 20 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
MONROE CROSSING



“ Monroe Crossing dazzles audiences with an electrifying blend of classic bluegrass, bluegrass gospel, and heartfelt originals. Their airtight harmonies, razor sharp arrangements, and on-stage rapport make them audience favorites across the United States and Canada. ”

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Crossing Bluegrass Masters to Perform Music in the Park Series

Bill Monroe, "The Father of Bluegrass Music," is an audiophile blend of bluegrass, jazz, and the bluegrass music that has supported his music across the United States and Europe.

This Minnesota-based band is performing in the community and outside of the state favorites. The band's repertoire includes traditional bluegrass, original bluegrass, and some surprising songs outside the bluegrass genre. Monroe Crossing has recorded 17 CDs to date. The band's discography consists of: traditional & original bluegrass, three bluegrass gospel recordings, a tribute to Bill Monroe, a collection of Classic Country, two Christmas recordings, and two collaborations with the award-winning choir Vocal Essence.

Made up of five vocalists, the band includes a lead and backup vocalists, a mandolin player, a fiddler, and a bassist. The band has been selected to showcase at the annual World of Bluegrass convention hosted by the International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) and they have appeared twice at Carnegie Hall in New York City. In 2016, Monroe Crossing had the honor of being the first Minnesota bluegrass band to perform in South Korea.



Monroe Crossing scheduled to perform Friday, August 20th at Music in the Park at City Center Park (next to City Hall) in Silver Bay, 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM. (Photo submitted by Nelson T. French)

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Whether playing traditional bluegrass, original bluegrass or some surprising songs outside the bluegrass genre, Monroe Crossing is one of the most entertaining acts

in bluegrass music. The band is performing in the Music in the Park Series at City Center Park in Silver Bay, MN. The band is performing on Friday, August 20th at 7:00 PM. The band is performing in the Music in the Park Series at City Center Park in Silver Bay, MN. The band is performing on Friday, August 20th at 7:00 PM.



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Over 550 folks attended the 2021 Silver Bay Music In The Park Monroe Crossing Concert

Sarah Burton Concert

September 10, 2021
City Center Park



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SEPTEMBER 10
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
SARAH BURTON



“ Sarah Burton continues a strong tradition of pop songwriting infused with a healthy dose of folk, and Americana... her music carries a “New Age West” label. She possesses a strong vocal instrument, capable of a wide range from breathy and silky smooth to rough around the edges and back again. ”

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Sarah Burton - Fumbleweeds, Truth and Terlingua, TX Come to Silver Bay

Rocky Wall Productions is pleased to announce that Canadian and Terlingua, TX singer-songwriter Sarah Burton will be performing a live concert on Friday, September 10th, at City Center Park, 7 pm in Silver Bay City Center Park near City Hall. Burton's career started in 2006 with a broken heart, a broken-yan, and a haphazard tour of Canada in a van named Fumbleweeds. This set the tone for an life driven by adventure, authenticity, and a desire to connect with people from all walks of life. Minivans, and several greyhound trips later, Sarah has performed on average, 150 shows and released 5 albums and shared her music at many festivals across America, finding and sharing inspiration for hundreds of people. Rooted in folk, and skirting pop, rock and country — Sarah's music is a collage of her adventures, and the people she meets along the way. Her songs have made their way to the radio, earned college radio airplay in US and Canada and commercial radio play in Canada and Europe.

Want. Sarah premieres a vignette of new age wild west songs about internet dating, crazy exes, getting older and feeling like everyone around you is in love and you're not.

While Canadian-born singer-songwriter Sarah Burton originally relocated to the US for expanded career opportunities, she says she had an ulterior motive. "All of us Canadians who go south have a warm spot for warmth" she laughs.

Burton embraces the heat in Terlingua, TX. The far-flung desert town celebrates eccentricity; in the recent past, a beer-swilling goat was elected mayor. "It's pretty wild" Burton says. "This weird juxtaposition of a small town with a vibrant nightlife, filled with music, culture, art and crafts."

Burton notes that in alternative rock and pop music, female representation is on the rise. She is dismayed that country music and the Americana genre remain male-dominated. "I went to the Americana Fest last year and there were a lot of great female nominees and representation on stage, but they didn't win," she says. "They were nominated, but the Americana voters chose more men. It sucks that it has to be the women's music



See Sarah Burton on Stage Friday, September 10, Silver Bay City Center Stage. (Submitted photo)

scene versus the men's music scene. I wish there was a music scene where people were represented according to skill and awesomeness."

Awesomeness indeed: An authentic, inspired artist, Burton has clearly paid her proverbial dues. On her title track, "Give Me What I Want," to the reverberant accompaniment of a plaintive steel guitar, she sings a droll plea to the heavens for a romantic reward. "It's taken me all of these years to realize that if you want something you have to ask for it" she concludes.

Burton is no stranger to Silver Bay as this will be her fourth visit

our community.

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Over 250 folks attended the 2021 Silver Bay Music In The Park Sarah Burton Concert

Courtney Yasmineh Band
September 24, 2021
Silver Bay Municipal Liquor Lounge



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SEPTEMBER 24
7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
COURTNEY YASMINEH BAND



“ Courtney Yasmineh :
Eight albums mostly
made in Minneapolis with
music producer Rob Ge-
nadek. One novel that
tells the tale. Three
grown children. A life-
time that speaks through
a unique voice in stories
and songs. Fifty years a
songwriter. A woman of
substance. ”

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Courtney Yasmineh Band - Red Roses and Cowgirl Dreams Tour Descends on Silver Bay

Rocky Wall Productions is pleased to announce that the Courtney Yasmineh Band Red Roses and Cowgirl Dreams Tour will be performing a FREE live concert on Friday, September 24, at 7:00 pm in Silver Bay's City Center Park near City Hall. Authenticity and character in her music come from her roots in folk and some 60 years into the fray of getting harder to see and hear — and believe both — about the artist Courtney Yasmineh. Whether it's her cogent body of work over 15 albums, or in her bewildering back story that continues to inform Yasmineh's convincing amalgam of alternative rock, folk, pop and soul. It's a deep, resonant well she urgently draws from, filled with hard reflection, vital honesty, bittersweet inspiration, brief flights of sexual fantasy and blistering romance, and graces. Live onstage, she's sly, smart and somehow simultaneously shy and brazen. Imagine Yasmineh Musically as Cinderella in a Family of Stylist-Sisters Comprised of Lucinda Williams, Sheryl Crow, Liz Phair, Alanis Morissette, and songwriter Courtney Yasmineh, a true mythic, true backstory. Leaving Chicago at seventeen to live alone in a deserted cabin on Lake Vermilion in the north woods of Minnesota through a long cold winter, listening over the recordings of five countryman Bob Dylan, graduating from Tower-Soudan High School, and attending Allester College, she emerged from those experiences as an ex-

traordinary songwriter in her own right, hellbent on taking her guitar and her songs out on the open road.

"I am thrilled and grateful to be invited up for such a special Music In The Park Concert in Silver Bay," said Courtney Yasmineh. "I'll be playing as a trio with Rob Genadek and Chad Mittag, we are all very psyched for the show."

Yasmineh is an accomplished songwriter, independent touring and recording artist, and published author. She has fourteen European tours under her belt and many more forays across America, including many appearances in her adopted home state of Minnesota. She has released eight albums, mostly made in Minneapolis, with Grammy-nominated producer/engineer Rob Genadek. She has written one novel that tells the tale of her life journey, has been a successful mother with three grown children, and a lifetime that speaks through a unique voice in stories and songs. Fifty years a songwriter. A woman of substance.

Rocky Wall Productions President Nelson French has known Yasmineh for more than 60 years. "We had neighboring cabins on Birch Point, Lake Vermilion, and spent many summers together with our siblings and others enjoying all that Lake Vermilion had to offer," said French, "it was a simple twist of fate that we reconnected later in life through our respective love of music. It is very heartwarming to have the Courtney Yasmineh Band share



Courtney Yasmineh performing live in concert, Silver Bay Music in the Park Concert Series, Friday, September 24th, 7:00 p.m.

their music with us in Silver Bay." Yasmineh and her band will feature the live roll out of much of her new work from her eighth album Red Roses and Cowgirl Dreams. Baptism Barbecue and Timber Coffee Company will be available before and during the concert. Bring a blanket (or two) and a lawn chair and come on down to enjoy the show.

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Over 125 folks attended the 2021 Silver Bay Music In The Park Courtney Yasmineh Band Concert

Scarlet Rivera and Fredy Argir
October 1, 2021
William Kelley High School Auditorium



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OCTOBER 1 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
SCARLET RIVERA
WITH THE FREDY ARGIR BAND



“ Grammy nominated American musician Scarlet Rivera has burned a hole in the fabric of rock history as a pioneer of electric violin. Fredy Argir is a Hibbing native who has traveled the world and has lived most of his life in Austin, TX. He has released 12 albums in his career and is set to release SOUTHWEST later this year.”



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Scarlet Rivera and The Fredy Argir Band Rolling in to Silver Bay like thunder from LA and SW Texas

Rocky Wall Productions is thrilled to bring Grammy-nominated American musician Scarlet Rivera and Hibbing native and Austin, TX based Fredy Argir to perform a FREE live concert on Friday, October 1st at 7:00 pm in William Miller High School's Auditorium.



"Get ready for some amazing music from the very talented Scarlet Rivera and Fredy Argir Band," said Rocky Wall Productions President Nelson French. "This will be the first time these two performers share the same stage - and we can't wait to see what the chemistry produces." Grammy-nominated American musician Scarlet Rivera burned a hole in the fabric of rock history as a pioneer of electric violin. From a classical background she bent the accepted norms by experimenting with all genres of music from Rock and Jazz to Latin polyrhythms. She was a revolutionary from the start. Bob Dylan was the first to discover and acknowledge Scarlet, inviting her as an integral part of the legendary album 'Desire' and Rolling Thunder Revue tour. Dylan recognized the genius of Scarlet's vision as a violinist who played much like a lead guitarist. Scarlet's dynamic presence led the way to the inclusion of other string players in Rock music. 'Desire' was chosen by Time Magazine as one of the top

five albums of Dylan's career and was Scarlet's debut on the world stage. As the first female member of Dylan's band Scarlet was featured on four additional multi-platinum albums. She is known for her contributions to countless recordings and performances with the most influential artists of our time. Her abilities are wide ranging and have enjoyed the spotlight in music's most hallowed Carnegie Hall, with The Duke Ellington Orchestra as well as The Kennedy Center and the Carnival of Venice, Italy. Her current Grammy-nominated vocal debut, 'All of Me', has been spotlighted with stellar reviews around the world. Scarlet continues her journey of expression and creativity having performed with such treasured legends as Indigo Girls, Tracy Chapman, Eric Andersen, Keb Mo, Peter Maffay, David Johansen and Sylvia Tyson of 'Ian and Sylvia'.

and five-time Grammy winner Cindy Cashdollar. She has most recently been performing with Brandy Carlisle and has performed for her good friend Joni Mitchell. Get ready for Scarlet and her violin to carry you to a different world. Fredy Argir was born and raised in Hibbing, Minnesota, and for most of his life he has lived in and worked out of Austin, Texas. When he got out of school he traveled for decades, wrote folk songs and toured on the college coffee-house circuit. Fredy lived and worked in New York, San Francisco, Austin, and Northern Minnesota and drifted around for many years as a solo performer and had a few bands. By his own reckoning, Argir has cut twenty-five albums and released a dozen of them. Several of his recordings, including Thisledwed from the 1970's and One-Man Dancing from 2001, surface in in-

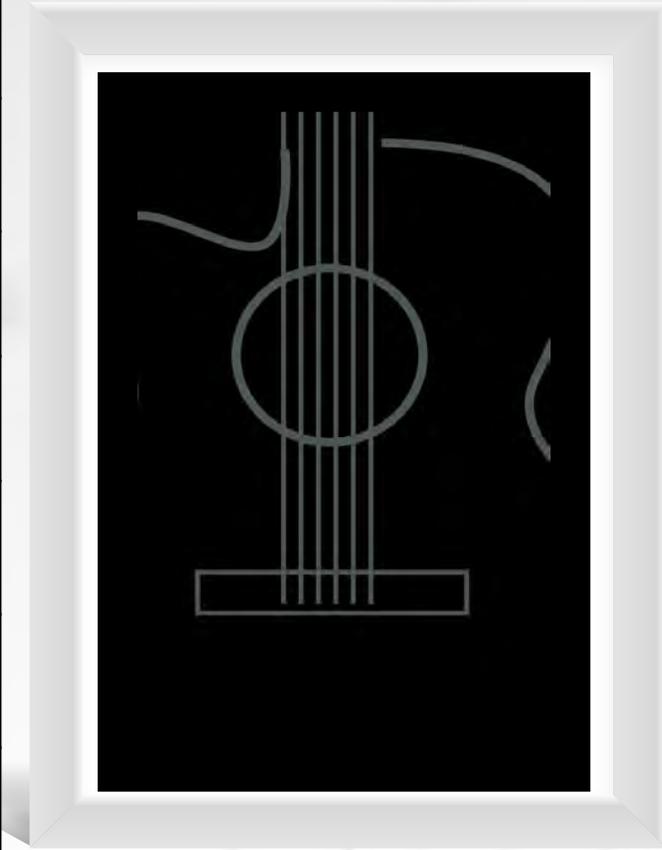
teresting ways every often. Argir's music-cording career spans from his first album 'Not Yet Home' in 1968, the latest 'Southwest' due out later this year 2021. In a 2011 review of "Last Time Around" album, Duluth music critic John Ziegler had the following observation about Fredy, "Fredy Argir's music is like battered leather jacks that's seen miles under the sun, wind and rain. It's wrinkled, creased and discolored in places and it's just got that character than an unworn, unused shiny new one doesn't have... (It) comes from the school; of artists whose vocal qualities don't concern impressing an audience with huge range and a palette of pretenses. He belongs in the same record bin as Tom Waits, L. Reed and Warren Zevon. It ain't pretty, but it's got balls and is loaded with depth and emotion." Rocky Wall Productions is a Silver Bay nonprofit organization focused on producing and promoting live music events in Silver Bay at Lake Superior's North Shore The SILVER BAY MUSIC IN THE PARK CONCERT SERIES sponsored by a generous grant from Lovin' Lake County and assistance from Best of the North Shore, Post State Bank and the City of Silver Bay.





Over 225 folks attended the 2021 Silver Bay Music In The Park Scarlet Rivera with the Fredy Argir Band Concert

Musicians	Attendance
Sam Miltich & Clearwater Hot Club	350
Monroe Crossing	550
Sarah Burton	250
Courtney Yasmineh Band	125
Scarlet Rivera and the Fredy Argir Band	225
An estimated 1,500 individuals attended the 5 Music In The Park Concerts in 2021. An assessment of the audience conducted by Monroe Crossing indicated that more than 60% of the attendees were from out of town.	



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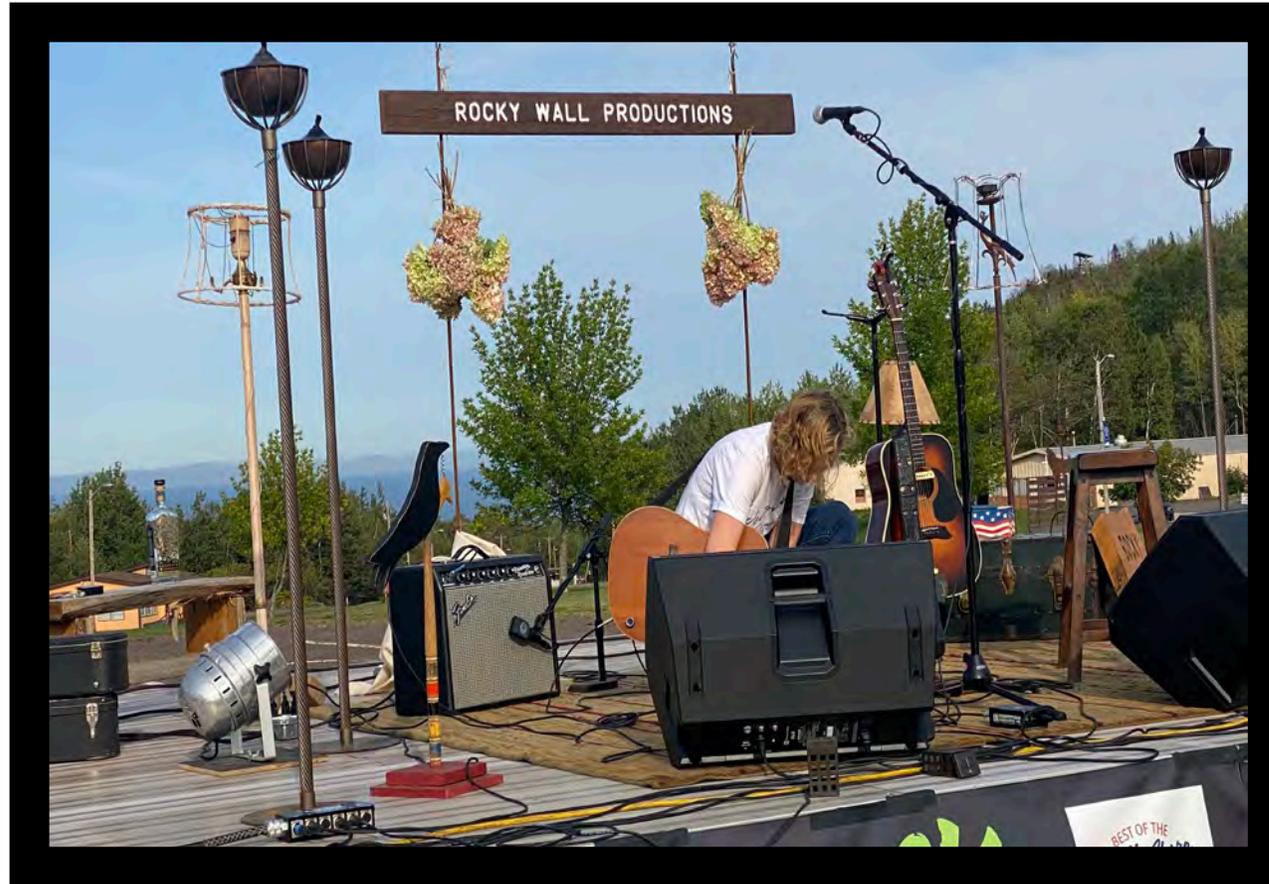
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