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**CUMBRES & TOLTEC SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

*Antonito, Colo. & Chama, N.M.* – The Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad is pleased to announce their 2013 Summer Concert Series, Saturdays, July 20 through August 17, 7 – 8:30 p.m. The Sunset Trains will combine a train ride to the Cumbres Pavilion, on board wine tasting and a dinner at the pavilion with live music. The entertainment schedule is:

**Saturday, July 20, Skip Batchelor**

Skip Batchelor will perform many of the great songs from the 1960s and 1970s. He plays acoustic guitar and has a wonderful voice. He sings the Beatles, Bob Dylan, Van Morrison and many other favorite artists. This evening will be magical with a train ride on the Cumbres & Toltec under the stars, great food and music. It's a night not to miss on the Cumbres & Toltec Scenic Railroad.

"I do primarily 60s and 70s major hits that people remember and seem to relate to," says Batchelor. "I've played in bands of all types for most of my 68 years. They are all songs that I enjoy and hopefully that comes across in my performance." Batchelor is one of the favorite acts at the High Country Restaurant in Chama.



**Saturday, July 27 Mark Dudrow & Justin Dean, High Desert Acoustic Duo**

Mark Dudrow and Justin Dean have been playing soaring bluegrass and Irish ballads with fiddle and cello along the Upper Rio Grande Corridor for 10 years. They draw from traditional fiddle and Irish tunes, rock 'n' roll, blues, original songwriting and good old songs to create a unique blend of acoustic guitar, cello and fiddle music that echoes the local landscape. Their music is just plain fun to listen and dance to.

Mark and Justin first met playing in a band in Taos, NM. Justin does the majority of the singing and songwriting for the duo, adding intricate guitar and fiddle to the mix. Mark plays a carbon fiber cello and guitar.

Their latest CD is "High Desert Acoustic Duo."

**Saturday, August 3, Kerry Grombacher, Contemporary Folk and Western**

Direct from Louisiana, Kerry Grombacher will paint vivid portraits with his songs and tell fascinating stories of working cowboys and old camp cooks, roadside motels and prisons, wild land firefighters, cattle rustlers and wolf trappers for the Cumbres & Toltec summer concertgoers. He plays guitar and mandolin and writes contemporary folk and western songs, as well as country songs and ballads. He performs regularly at festivals, house concerts, coffee houses and other folk music festivals. He travels throughout the west appearing at numerous cowboy poetry and music gatherings. Grombacher is a resident of New Orleans, Kerry represents the



soulful rhythms of Louisiana with his remarkable voice and songs he has authored

### **Saturday, August 10, Syd Masters**

Syd Masters is an award-winning singer and songwriter of traditional western music. He takes pride in keeping the Old West alive through traditional cowboy music and songwriting. Combining classic favorites with colorful songwriting, Master's melodies branch from his accomplished musicianship, adoration of the mountains and prairies he calls home, He and his Swing Riders are a highly talented, thoroughly funny, good time cowboy band who will inspire many of the Cumbres Sunset riders to dance and sing along.

Masters is the author and recording artist of the official state song of New Mexico and the 2011 AWA Male Vocalist of the Year. The Western Music Association, Academy of Western Artists and The New Mexico Music Industry have nominated him for more than 40 awards over the past 15 years. "Vocalist of the Year," "Country Song of the Year," "Best Album," Best Band," Most Humorous Song," and "Best Song" are some of the categories in which he won.

Earlier this century the U.S. Department of State named him Cultural Ambassador for his work entertaining the secret service departments of 26 foreign countries in the Diplomatic Security Antiterrorism Assistance Program. Masters has also been in TV commercials and billboards throughout the West as spokesman for the Powerball Lottery Campaign. His original compositions have been used in numerous film productions ranging from documentaries and television broadcasts to the recent Universal Studios motion picture "Paul" where he can also be seen as an actor in the film.

<http://www.sydmasters.com>

### **Saturday, August 17, Jim Garling, Cowboy and Western Swing**

Boots tap, hands clap, and grins grow like new spring grass when Oklahoman Jim Garling begins to play. The talented, personable Jim Garling will reach into the past, not to imitate Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, the Sons of the Pioneers or Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys, but to combine their sounds for just the right mix of old-style, acoustic western cowboy music and western swing. With guitar strap on shoulder, pick in hand and a bushy mustache bordering that genuine smile, he'll bring the Cumbres Sunset rider cowboy-era music, classics from Saturday matinee silver screen heroes, and some favorites tunes from contemporary artists who reflect on the cowboy life. Known for his Cowboy and Western swing performances, Jim's busy concert series includes many dude ranches and steam trains throughout the western U.S. <http://www.cowboyjimgarling.com>



### **Cumbres Sunset Train, Saturdays, 5:30 – 10 p.m. July 13 – August 17 Chama departure Entertainment 7 -8:30 p.m. at the Pavilion**

Parlor \$149 adult, child n/a; Deluxe Tourist \$119 adult, \$49 child; Coach \$89 adult, \$39 child

All summer concert musicians at the Pavilion perform from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The dinner includes prime rib, chicken, or eggplant parmesan dinner.

**CUMBRES & TOLTEC INFO:** 1.888.286.2737, [www.cumbrestoltec.com](http://www.cumbrestoltec.com)

### **PRESS IMAGES:**

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