

ARTISTS REPERTORY THEATRE

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Music thrives with new *Artists Rep in Concert* series

Oregon Trail Trio

A special engagement featuring Appalachian music

- WHO:** Artists Repertory Theatre's *Artists Rep in Concert* Series
- WHAT:** *Oregon Trail Trio* featuring Phil and Gayle Neuman & Mick Doherty
Three members of [The Trail Band](#)
- WHEN:** Tuesday, December 1, 2015 @ 7:30pm
- WHERE:** Artists Repertory Theatre, Morrison Stage, 1515 SW Morrison St., Portland, OR 97205
- TICKETS:** \$30; \$90 Family Pack: 4 tickets to a single show, call to reserve
- Buy Tickets: 503.241.1278 or www.artistsrep.org
- PHOTO:** **Attached:** Oregon Trail Trio photo, pictured Phil and Gayle Neuman and Mick Doherty

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Portland, Oregon | November 20, 2015. Artists Repertory Theatre presents the Oregon Trail Trio as part of its new *Artists Rep In Concert* series. The Oregon Trail Trio includes Phil and Gayle Neuman and Mick Doherty from The Trail Band who will perform traditional Appalachian music using instruments including violin, guitar, hammer dulcimer, banjo, flageolets, walking stick recorder and more. Ballads are interspersed with lively dance tunes and spoken commentary. Mick, Gayle and Phil have been performing together for many years as members of The Trail Band and now come to Artists Rep to complement the the patron programming for *Broomstick*.

ARTISTS REP IN CONCERT MUSIC SERIES

The *Oregon Trail Trio* concert is part of a new series curated by accomplished musical theatre performer and Artists Rep Resident Artist Susannah Mars. *Artists Rep in Concert* features concerts inspired by the plays of the 2015/16 season, or well-matched musical engagements. By integrating music programming into the magic of Artists Rep's emerging ArtsHub, we hope to welcome music-loving newcomers and further engage our current patrons. More information [HERE](#).

THE TRAIL BAND

The concert at Artists Rep features three, longtime members of *The Trail Band* who are an eight-piece ensemble that creates an energetic blend of brass and string arrangements of traditional and original music featuring five great vocalists including [Quarterflash](#)'s Rindy Ross. Their history includes hundreds of public and private appearances across America and Japan, plus seven successful albums have established *The Trail Band* as the premiere historic music ensemble from the Northwest. Their

instrumentation includes cornet, tenor horn, tuba, fiddles, hammer dulcimer, guitars, penny whistle, mandolin, piano, saxophone, spoons, bones, drums, bass, and recorders combined with their rich vocal harmonies to create a diverse tapestry of sound.

APPEARING AS THE OREGON TRAIL TRIO

Phil and Gayle Neuman (Phil: tuba, pennywhistle, recorders, flageolet, cornet, fluegelhorn/ Gayle: violin, tenor horn, trombone, banjo, recorders) are recording artists on Pandourion Records, award-winning musicologists and instrument makers. They also play with *The Pioneer Brass*, *The Oregon Renaissance Band*, and present a rare concert of ancient Greek music as a duet. For further information please visit www.emgo.org.

Mick Doherty (hammer dulcimer, string bass, electric bass) is known in the U.S. as a hammered dulcimer specialist, an instrument for which he teaches private lessons and festival workshops. When not playing music with friends in the Pacific Northwest, Mick works as musician and storyteller with shadow puppeteer Deb Chase and the [Oregon Shadow Theatre](#), touring award-winning shadow plays in the U.S. and Canada.

ARTISTS REPERTORY THEATRE

Portland's premiere mid-size regional theatre company is led by Artistic Director Dámaso Rodriguez and Managing Director Sarah Horton. Founded in 1982, Artists Repertory Theatre is the longest-running professional theatre company in Portland. For the 2015/16 season Artists Rep will offer eight bold and entertaining plays written by internationally acclaimed playwrights and guided by esteemed directors. Artists Rep productions will feature the work of a core group of accomplished Resident Artists, each with a shared history and a shorthand for collaboration, working alongside guest artists from Portland and beyond. Artists Rep is also home to the ArtsHub, a program which offers residencies within Artists Rep's facility to smaller and emerging arts organizations with subsidized administrative, performance and rehearsal space, as well other infrastructural services. The Artists Rep facility serves as a community arts center, where performance venues and other public spaces are continually buzzing with activity.

Artists Rep's mission is to engage diverse audiences in fresh, thought-provoking and intimate theatre. We are committed to world-class acting, directing, design and stagecraft that support new playwriting and aspire to embody great literature, moving audiences to truly feel — to *experience* — storytelling in a way that only the best live theatre can.

The 2015/16 Artists Repertory Theatre season is presented by Ronni Lacroute/WillaKenzie Estate and David and Christine Vernier. Other season support comes from the Regional Arts Culture Council, Oregon Community Foundation, Collins Foundation, Meyer Memorial Trust, James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation and Work for Art.

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