

Folk rock legend to perform downtown

By Cayla Rasi
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

British folk rock legend Richard Thompson was scheduled to perform at the State Theatre last April, but a scorpion sting kept him from playing his guitar.

While traveling through Mexico last year, Thompson's finger was stung by a scorpion and the musician could not play for three weeks, resulting in the cancellation of six shows, including the State Theatre show, Tim Bennett, Thompson's manager, said.

Tonight, however, Thompson will be performing injury-free. Tickets are still available and prices range from \$20 to \$40.

Bennett said Thompson's style of music crosses many boundaries. "His music starts with British folk rock but incorporates folk to Celtic to modern," Bennett said.

Anyone who purchased tickets for last April's show can use their tickets for admission tonight, said Kristy Cyone, State Theatre marketing director.

"I have been looking forward to this event since January or December when we booked the event," Mike Negra, State Theatre executive director, said. "He's a musician's musician. It'll be an amazing show."



Courtesy of moonstruckrecords.com

Richard Thompson, voted a top 20 guitarist by Rolling Stone, canceled a local show last year because a scorpion stung his finger and he was unable to play.

According to the State Theatre's Web site, Thompson's work has been admired and recorded by artists such as Bonnie Raitt, David Byrne and Elvis Costello.

"He is one of the top 20 guitarists voted by Rolling Stone Magazine," Negra said. "And unless someone introduces you to him and his music, then you'll never hear of him."

Elaine Meder-Wilgus, a fan of Thompson's and owner of Webster's Bookstore Café, said she was disappointed after April's cancellation.

Meder-Wilgus said her husband, who told her Thompson is one of the best stand-up comedians and is witty and intelligent, introduced her to Thompson's music.

"He can fly under the radar but when you discover his music you'll

want all of his albums," she said. "He makes Eric Clapton look like he's playing chopsticks on the guitar."

She added she will be sitting in the front row at tonight's concert.

"I'm going to be beaming the day of the show ... I don't want to freak him out, but I know I'm going to cry," she said.

If you go

What: An Evening with Richard Thompson

When: 8 tonight

Where: State Theatre, 130 W. College Ave.

Details: Tickets are still available. Prices range from \$20 to \$40.

Artist to perform first solo State College show

By Alexandra Fletcher
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Penn State student Mike Bonesheski said his least favorite part of last year was the demise of the Chicago-based band Spitalfield.

Fans like Bonesheski (senior-psychology), however, have a chance to see former member Mark Rose in concert at 7 tonight at SoZo.

Tonight signifies Rose's first show in State College as a solo artist.

The band, which had a nine-year run, last played in State College in 2004 at The Crowbar, 420 E. College Ave., where Cell Block now resides.

Rose will be performing alongside Pennsylvania-native singer/songwriter Lucas Carpenter, who is joining forces with the former Spitalfield member for four or five shows throughout the state, said Garrett Bogden, the head of Nittany Booking.

Tonight, Rose and Carpenter will also be joined by local band Hopes High and TJ Cornwall of Cloverleaf.

Rose said his sound has evolved since the break from Spitalfield. "Spitalfield was a driving pop sound," Rose said. "Now the sound is breaking away into a pop-blues singer/songwriter style."

Rose compared his new sound to that of artists such as John Mayer, Jason Mraz and Ryan Adams.

Bogden agreed Rose's sound is more developed.

"It's more pop-rock and blues," Bogden said. "It's a more grown up, more mature sound."

Rose said he is trying to bridge the gap between the old and the new,

appealing old fans and new fans alike. He added he will be playing some songs from his former band and some of his own, newer music.

"There will be a special cover [song] that may be worth the ticket price alone," Rose said.

The show will be a singer/songwriter night, Bogden said. He added in the past, other artists have come to State College and stripped their performances to give fans a more personal experience.

"There's no barricade between the fans and the artists, it's really an up-close and intimate show," he said.

Although Spitalfield is no longer together, Bonesheski said he still follows Rose's career and went to one of his solo performances recently. He described the former band member's performance as "pretty amazing" adding "the guitar work is better and the lyrics are good."

Bonesheski said although Rose's solo tour is bittersweet with the band no longer in existence, he will be in attendance for tonight's show.

If you go

What: Mark Rose solo tour and local artists

When: 7 tonight

Where: SoZo's, 256 E. Beaver Ave.

Details: Tickets for the all-ages show are \$10 at door and \$8 in advance at City Lights, 316 E. College Ave.

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HOROSCOPES

By Jacqueline Bigar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008:

You have creativity, magnetism and Lady Luck on your team this year. You might make the impossible dream a reality. Using determination and visualization, you can make nearly anything within reason happen. Get into a strong physical exercise program to discharge anger and energy. A neighbor or sibling could demand a lot. If you are single, excitement will surround you. You will be like the ringmaster at the circus. Stop if you want to get to know someone better. Learn to be less me-oriented if you are attached. Your partner will open up and surprise you with more nurturing. SCORPIO caa test your patience! Remember, he or she reflects a side of you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Don't start a problem because you are frustrated and tired of dealing with certain people. More importantly, don't hit the cat because you are mad at the dog. Try to give back what you receive. Time will give a new perspective. Tonight: Dinner and a chat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You observe that others want to have their way. More importantly, they will go to any lengths to make that happen. Rather than get into a tiff, let it go. Isn't there something the Bull would love to do if you had the time? Tonight: Socialize, network and visit.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Review what is happening on

the home front. Your perspective will change enormously given time and effort. Someone could be hot under the collar at work, or could that be you? Dive into work, making accomplishment your middle name. Tonight: A much-needed rest.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your playfulness funnels into creative brainstorming or a fun exchange. Follow your extremely intuitive sixth sense with care. News from a distance could be very exciting. Don't put off a call any longer. Tonight: Let your hair down. Midweek break!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★ Deal with basics. Property, investment and familial relationships star. You might decide that you cannot make a change, but at the same time discover you can change your attitude. Note what happens! Tonight: Let others be. Just be yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Communication is hot and toasty on some level. You easily could be overwhelmed by all you are hearing. A child, loved one or friend could be full of surprises. Don't try to control others. Let them be. Tonight: Speak your mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★ Curb a need to have things happen your way. Staying in control could be close to impossible. Relax and enjoy what someone offers. Don't try to change him or her; rather, appreciate this person for who he or she is. Tonight: Gather your bills.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You sparkle with energy. Demonstrate your innate flexibility through a discussion or action. Though, of course, you would prefer to have

events tumble your way, be open to suggestions. Tonight: Yes, a neighbor, friend or sibling feels down. Listen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Take your time right now. In fact, if you want to call in and take a personal day, do. Sometimes, away from the heat of the moment, you gain a new perspective. Let go of heaviness. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want. You are strong-willed and determined. Anyone who could be so unfortunate to get in your way will hear about it. A friend continues to push for what he or she wants. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile. Use the unexpected.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ A most appearance is demanding. Many people want something from you. Knowing when to pull back could be important. A boss or someone in charge must have his or her way. Do not interfere. Tonight: A little more carefree.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You could surprise someone and be the source of a lot of unexpected developments. You will want to try another approach or detach to see where you are making a situation more complicated than necessary. Tonight: Make sure you have music around you.

BORN TODAY

Actor Richard Dreyfuss (1947), comedian Fanny Brice (1891), actress Kate Jackson (1948)

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