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### [The music plays on at the Comm](#)

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*WAVERLY* - They're at it again. For the past three years, PocoNotes have made it their mission to expand the musical education of the area by bringing in musicians from all over the country. Their current storyteller's concert series, "Hear 'Em at the Comm," will be holding its third in a series of four shows Saturday, September 13 at the Waverly Community House.



Above, musician Spencer Bohren

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Each show has featured one touring musician handpicked by the PocoNotes themselves, Pat Harper and Dolores Hippler, from Jorma Kaukonen's Fur Peace Ranch guitar camp and a local talent. This week's show will feature New Orleans-based musician Spencer Bohren.

"Spencer plays multiple instruments and, depending on the night, he might pull out a guitar, banjo, lap steel guitar, etc. He has a laid back, storytelling style that draws on over 30 years of experience of being on the road with his family as a true troubadour," said Harper.

"I haven't made a set list in 30 years," said Bohren. "You just don't know what's going to happen at

one of my shows. You will hear Hank Williams, that I can guarantee.”

Bohren has been touring the world for 40 years, he’s played in Europe three times this summer alone, and the thing that’s bringing him to Waverly is the enthusiasm and dedication he sees from the PocoNotes.

“It’s really a gift what they’re doing by bringing this stuff to the area where people might not get a chance to see it. Not that it’s not commercial, but it’s not something you’d hear on the radio. They (Pat and Dolores) are true believers and lovers of music and I like that,” said Bohren

Local artist Pat Flynn, who will be sharing the stage with Bohren on Saturday, shares his feelings.

“I went to their first show and was blown away. I thought it was great, well- put together, well-organized and it gives people a chance to experience music they wouldn’t normally get a chance to experience,” said Flynn.

Flynn has played with a number of local bands over the years, including Mere Mortals, Bent Blue and recently Underground Saints. But, this show will give people a chance to be reintroduced to the artist.

“I’ll be doing instrumental pieces that never fit with any of the bands I was with. I saw this as a good chance to showcase them,” said Flynn.

Since April, the PocoNotes have brought top notch musicians like Patrick Sweany, Toby Walker and, next month, Roy Book Binder to the area. And while they have been thrilled to do it, they’re just hoping those in the area appreciate the gift.

“We’re hosting artists that regularly play in New York City and Philadelphia, but who are now playing in a neighborhood near you. In order for this to be attractive to them, however, they need to have people that will support them when they are in the area,” said Hippler.

“We just hope that those who have experienced one of our shows will bring others with them to expose them to it as well. We all need to make sure that we can continue to have this level of artist, both national and local, in this nurturing environment, right here. So if you appreciate this opportunity, help us spread the word, bring a friend, they’ll thank you for it,” said Harper.


What’s made the “Hear ’Em at the Comm” series so much more special than just a normal concert is they’ve given the audience a chance to pick the artist’s brain. Each headliner has run a guitar workshop prior to the concert, and this show will be no different.

“I’m going to be at the workshop, and I’m telling my guitar students to be there,” said Flynn. “To get the experience to learn from a musician of Spencer’s caliber is invaluable.”

Anyone who shares Flynn’s enthusiasm should get their tickets soon, as class size for the workshop is limited to 15 students. Cost is \$40, for the 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. session. The concert will start 7:30 p.m., cost is \$20 in advance, \$25, day of the show, free for children under 12 and military personal. For details, call 1-888-800-POCO or visit [www.PocoNotes.com](http://www.PocoNotes.com)

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