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Re: The Lowest Pair to perform at the Port Angeles Main Library

The Lowest Pair, hailing from Olympia, will bring their unique blend of inspired bluegrass to the Port Angeles Main Library of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) for the winter *Art Blast*, on Friday, January 20 at 7pm. The *Art Blast* is a quarterly event, celebrating the opening of the new *Art in the Library* show. Refreshments will be served, and limited library services will be available during this fun, free after-hours event.

### **About the Band**

The Lowest Pair, the inspired stringed duo from Olympia, found their roots together in 2013 after first meeting on the banks of the Mississippi. Known for delivering their story through poetic and playful lyrics layered within stripped down intimate arrangements, the group creates an experience that is both haunting and timeless. Kendl Winter and Palmer T. Lee both studied roots music and traditional banjo techniques, and their expert musicianship is equaled by their innate creative talents and free-spirited character. They recorded their first album, *36cents*, after playing together for only a month. The evolution of the group's sound in 2016 is expressed in their two new albums (*Uncertain as it is Uneven*, and *Fern Girl and Ice Man*) adding harmonica, drum, bass, and violin to their range. The Lowest Pair err on the side of creativity in their exploration of poetry, song, and melody, laying down songs about life's journey that deeply root listeners in their music.

## **Art in the Library**

The opening reception for the new *Art in the Library* exhibit will be held at 6:30pm, immediately preceding The Lowest Pair's performance. This is an opportune time to meet the featured artist, enjoy refreshments, and view the new show, featuring work by Seattle artist Derek Gundy. The *Art in the Library* exhibit will be on display at the Library from January 20 until April 18.

Derek Gundy earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Maine College of Art in Portland, Maine. Derek later worked with talented Maine artists like Andrew Wyeth, Alan Magee, and Jeff Colquhoun who each inspired his craft. After moving to Seattle in 2003, two alluring Pacific Northwest themes emerged in his work—wine & Pacific Northwest salmon. His use of bold colors and confident line work express his subjects with a vivid energetic quality that is characteristic of much of his work. Derek also teaches drawing and watercolor and acrylic painting in a variety of settings in addition to managing Artists' Edge, an art supply store and custom framing shop, in Seattle.

## **More Information**

*Art in the Library* is a collaborative library-community art project which celebrates the talents of local artists through a series of rotating visual art exhibits and fun, free *Art Blast* events. The *Art in the Library* program at the Port Angeles Main Library is generously supported by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library. For more information, contact the Library at 360.417.8500 or [Discover@nols.org](mailto:Discover@nols.org), or visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org) and select "Events," and "Art in the Library." The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody in Port Angeles.



*The Lowest Pair – Palmer T. Lee (Banjo)/left, Kendl Winter (Banjo)/right*



Swimming in Butter by Derek Gundy - Acrylic on Canvas

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