

YUKON SONGWRITER OPENS AT THE BEAR'S PAW

May 11, at the Bear's Paw will see Award-winning Yukon singer-songwriter Kim Beggs, closing her cross-Canada tour, offering up both a collection of favourites from her first two albums and a sneak preview of her forthcoming new release, *Blue Bones*. Beggs first debuted her CD *Streetcar Heart* at the Paw in 2004, and the years have only added to the accolades and recognition she has received since then. As a special treat for lovers of female vocal harmonies Beggs will be joined by fellow Appalachian-inspired Yukoner Natalie Edelson. Edelson, who is also influenced by the vocal quality of Hazel Dickens' and Alice Gerards' coal mining songs, sings low harmony to Beggs' sweet-dark melodies, enhancing the high lonesome sound of Beggs' sophisticated country / Americana compositions. She also brings a touch of subtle colour through supporting instrumentation, including percussion, banjo and electric guitar. Beggs and Edelson have been singing together since the ragged old campfire days, and their long association shows in the unique blending of their voices.

The Bear's Paw provides an intimate atmosphere to enjoy this unique event. This is already concert number three for the Paw this season, as owners Cheryl Macarthy and Dave Jorgenson make the commitment to support the arts and embark on an ambitious music program for the 2010 season. "Kim Beggs brought the Yukon right into Wells during her last visit here," said Cheryl Macarthy, "She's got the musical root in her soul and it comes across in her songs." Winner of a Canadian Folk Music Award, Western Canadian Music Award, Porcupine Award for Find of the Year and recognized by the International Songwriting Competition for 4 consecutive years, Begg's music has also been featured in a number of film and television shows. Jorgenson notes, "We've been watching Kim travel the festival circuits over the last few years, waiting for the opportunity to bring her back here, and we're delighted that we've found the chance to get Kim back to the Cariboo. She's a kindred spirit."

The Concert begins at 8 pm on Tuesday, May 11, with a pre-concert dinner special and admission by donation. For more information contact the Paw at 1-866-994-2345 or visit their website at www.thebearspaw.ca/specialevents.html

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