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Vesterheim Presents Concert with Northern Resonance and Tall Poppy String Band

DECORAH, Iowa —Join Vesterheim, the National Norwegian-American Museum and Folk Art School, in the new Vesterheim Commons on May 2 at 7:00 pm for a free concert with these exciting and talented bands!

Northern Resonance and Tall Poppy String Band are kindred spirit string trios at the forefront of their respective fields, deeply informed by Swedish and American Old Time music traditions while bringing together new instrument combinations and approaches.

Northern Resonance is a Scandinavian string trio of highly skilled and accomplished musicians, rooted in traditional music. Band members include Anna Ekborg Hans-Ers on viola d’amore, Jerker Hans-Ers on hardanger fiddle, and Petrus Dillner on nyckelharpa. With the Swedish Grammy nominated debut album from 2020 and the newly released album “Vision of Three,” Northern Resonance has impressed a broad audience worldwide with concerts that are characterized by their explosive energy.

Tall Poppy String Band is a new Old Time trio featuring fiddler George Jackson, guitarist Morgan Harris, and banjoist Cameron DeWhitt. Drawing from the deep well of American string band music, Tall Poppy String Band approaches tradition with playful curiosity and endeavors to prove that tradition is still being written.

About this concert, the bands say, “Like the Appalachian Mountains of the United States and the Scandinavian mountains of Sweden, which were once connected before continental drift, there’s a musical throughline with the convergence of European and African influences that connects the historic string band music of Scandinavia and the string band music that emerged in the United States. Together, the bands present a musical journey across geography, modality, and dance forms connecting the music of Sweden, America, and beyond. The performances reconnect the old continents once again through music.”

Vesterheim, the National Norwegian-American Museum and Folk Art School, welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to engage in the conversation of the American immigrant journey through the lens of the Norwegian-American experience. Vesterheim offers innovative and interactive exhibits, classes, and programs, both at the dynamic campus and park in scenic Decorah, Iowa, and online at vesterheim.org and Vesterheim social media. For more information on exhibits, classes, programs, tours, membership opportunities, and ways to donate and volunteer, connect at vesterheim.org, (563) 382-9681, and Vesterheim, 502 W. Water St., P.O. Box 379, Decorah, IA, 52101-0379.