

Stage Set For Earth Day Celebration

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This Saturday marks the third year since Pacifica's Earth Day celebration moved to Linda Mar Beach, and this year's musical lineup promises to be the best yet! The first year featured one band, the second year had two, and this year will feature three musical acts, and much more.

Jim Ocean, a world-renowned singer/songwriter who writes environmental and science based songs, will be kicking off the music at 11:45 a.m., and is not to be missed. Jim has been performing for over 30 years, first appearing with Kate Wolf in the '70s, later forming the acclaimed satirical group Celtic Elvis, and now performing with his partner Kathy Dupler. Their tight harmonies, smart lyrics and environmental message are a perfect fit for Earth Day. One of the songs they will be performing is the hilarious "Plastilla," a song about a plastic monster that rises out of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch and attempts to shrink-wrap the earth. sJim says he is excited to appear at Linda Mar beach, "It will be a real treat to perform there."

At 1 p.m. The Humpbacks, fronted by local funnyman and environmentalist Ian Butler, will entertain the crowd with their unique combination of tongue-in-cheek environmental satire and rollicking, toe-tapping music. The band also features the wizardry of Count on keyboards, Larry Arndt's jazz-infused drumming, and the solid groove of Bill Oaks on bass. In addition to some of Ian's classic songs, (including one about Linda Mar Beach!) They will be unveiling their newest ditty, a rockabilly number inspired by a giant piece of Styrofoam that Ian and Count recently plucked from the waves. As to how they came up with the name The Humpbacks, Ian wisecracks, "Everyone loves whales, and ever since the housing crisis, many of our homes are also underwater."

Closing things out at 2:50 p.m. is Haunted by Heroes, the world's youngest rock band. Not a novelty act, these 11-year-olds can really play. Originally meeting in day care when they were only 3, the Pacifica middle-schoolers are already making a name for themselves. After being the youngest band ever to play the fabled Whiskey-a-Go-Go, the LA Times raved, "they bashed their instruments with the enthusiasm and proficiency of players twice their age!" In addition to the Whiskey, they recently appeared on the Today Show and at Candlestick Park, and last month opened for Y&T at The Fillmore. The bandmembers, twins Nick and Chris on bass and drums, Geddy and Charley on guitar, and Brandon on keyboards, are all stoked to be performing for their hometown crowd. "We look forward to playing Earth Day, it's a great cause!" enthused Nick, who is also the band's singer. "Playing at the beach is always cool," added Chris.

In addition to the musical acts, the celebration will feature turtle experts Wallace J. Nichols and Chris Pincetich (see accompanying articles), Congresswoman Jackie Speier, Assemblyman Jerry Hill, County Supervisor Don Horsley and Mayor Pete DeJarnatt. There is no better place to celebrate Earth Day than Linda Mar Beach, so come join us this Saturday at the South parking lot from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

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