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## Wildish Theater to Celebrate 10th Anniversary

**Springfield:** Tickets are on sale now for “The Wildish — Celebrating Ten Years!” This gala fundraiser for the Richard E. Wildish Community Theater takes place Saturday, May 20. The professional theater venue in Springfield sponsors an annual fundraiser to help keep rates affordable for all user groups.

“But this year is especially important, because 10 years is a milestone,” said Wildish manager Dan Egan. “We’re so happy to have an extraordinary lineup of talent for the show, including a special appearance by Mason Williams, who inaugurated the theater with a gala performance in Dec. 2006. Our 10 years span 2007-2017.”

### The Headliners

This year’s event is headlined by renowned jazz singer/songwriter Halie Loren. Based in Eugene, Loren, who sings in several languages, tours constantly in Asia, Europe and North America.

Loren has released eight albums to date, garnering several national and international awards as well as critical acclaim and chart success. Her albums consistently reach #1 on Billboard/Japan Jazz Charts, iTunes (Canada and Japan) and Amazon Music.

Her jazz/pop quartet includes Matt Treder (pianist), Brian West (drums) and Sean Peterson (bass).

A new group, halie and the moon, will perform all-original acoustic pop/singer-songwriter music. Members include Loren (vocals, piano), Daniel Gallo (guitar), Bobby Stevens (bass), Beau Eastlund (drums), and Katherine Dudney (cello).

Also appearing are the Sugar Beets, of which Loren is a member. For over 25 years the Sugar Beets have been bringing people to their feet with their blend of traditional music and contemporary original songwriting. One of their favorite descriptions is “Soul-grass.” This eight-piece ensemble features high-energy acoustic dance music loved throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Aside from Loren, the members include Megan Bassett (vocals), Marty Chilla (guitar, vocals), Matt Keenan (bass), Brian West (drums), Jeremy Wegner (electric guitar, mandolin, banjo), Dave Burham (violin), and Scotty Perey (keyboards, vocals).

Musician, composer and comedy writer Mason Williams will chat with the audience about his long career, during which, in his words, “I have performed at least 1,300 gigs.”

His composition and recording of “Classical Gas” earned him a Grammy Award, and his writing for the Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour gained an Emmy. He and Loren will sing a comic duet, “Cinderella Rockefeller.”

Matt Templeman of KEZI will return as emcee.

A pre-show reception, included in the ticket price, begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Emerald Art Center, 500 Main St., just a block from the theater. Planktown beer and Mezza Luna pizza are on the menu, and entertainment will be provided. The show at the Wildish begins at 7:30 p.m. The City of Springfield is sponsoring this event.

Tickets for the show and reception are on sale now. Cost is \$50. Purchases may be made online at [www.wildishtheater.com](http://www.wildishtheater.com) or by calling 541-868-0689.

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**Halie Loren jazz quartet:**

Digital press kit: <http://halieloren.com/epk/>

More Photos: [https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zp1yaj5thpegux6/AACOGuQP1B4bk\\_Ex92ieiqb6a?dl=0](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zp1yaj5thpegux6/AACOGuQP1B4bk_Ex92ieiqb6a?dl=0)

**halie and the moon:**

Digital press kit: <http://www.halieandthemoon.com/press-kit/>

Photos: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/z677md3zff8cwk1/AAA7-ta8sPMZJJeJkpXhJYgpa?dl=0>

**The Sugar Beets:**

Digital press kit: <https://www.reverbNation.com/thesugarbeets>

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