



The Old Art Building in Leland Leelanau Community Cultural Center

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HEADLINE: *A Concert of Old Friends ~ Jim Crockett, Fred Ball, and Mark Brown*

The Leelanau Community Cultural Center is pleased to announce a very special evening of music, featuring three gifted singer/songwriters Jim Crockett, Fred Ball and Mark Brown. These 'Old Friends' are coming together for a show at the Old Art Building Thursday evening August 8th, at 8:00 p.m. The doors open at 7:30 p.m. with a cash bar available.

Jim Crockett is the 'elder' statesman of the local folk community. His musical roots in the area go back over 30 years and many consider his 'Manistee River' song one of the folk anthems of our area. Sharing the stage and the spotlight with Jim Crockett will be his old friend and fellow songwriter, Fred Ball. In the late 70's and early 80's, Fred Ball transformed the Glen Arbor Roller Mills, from a grist mill into a recording studio. Fred recorded many of the rising stars of the local folk music scene there at his studio. Jim Crockett was one of the first if not the first to record there. What only a few knew, was that Fred was a fine singer/songwriter himself. Fred was a surprise favorite of the crowd at the 2009 August Picnic in the Park Folk Festival in Almira Township and has opened for a Michael Smith performance for 'on the porch concert series at Sleder's.

As an added bonus, two 'Old Friends' will be joined by their good friend and fine performer, Mark Brown. He began his professional music career by playing clubs the Traverse City area in the early 1970s, leaving the area in 1975. After a short stint playing clubs in Charlottesville, VA, he moved to Denver, where he played clubs in Denver, Steamboat Springs and Vail. While in Denver, he composed a musical, "Rules of the Game", which was produced for the stage at the Jewish Community Center in Denver. He moved to Seattle in the late 70s, where he recorded two vinyl albums of original material with the group Stonehouse and composed a second musical, "Charley Parkhurst", which was staged on Whitbey Island and again in Seattle.

In 2007, he recorded the CD "Words and Music", a project produced with long-time collaborator and dear friend Paul West. In 2018, Brown produced a solo CD of recent original tunes entitled "Songs from Many Waters". He continues to write music and perform in clubs in the Walla Walla, WA area, where he now resides. Mark's musicianship on a variety of instruments and his vocal harmonies provide some added luster to any performance that he is involved in.

This performance by a trio of 'Old Friends' promises to be a fine evening of music for one and all.

Tickets are \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door and are available at the Old Art Building in Leland or on line via: <https://mynorthtickets.com>

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