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Halie Loren Headlines Benefit for Bees

EUGENE, ORE. – A summer solstice trip to Silvan Ridge Winery will be a treat for you, and a benefit for Oregon’s threatened native pollinators.

On Thursday, June 21, internationally acclaimed pop/jazz chanteuse Halie Loren will be taking a detour from her “From The Wild Sky” world tour to headline the **5th annual Bee Jazzy**, a benefit to save bees co-hosted by Mountain Rose Herbs and Glory Bee. This gala evening takes place from 5:30pm to 9:30 pm in the wine country of southern Lane County. Proceeds from the evening benefit Beyond Toxics’ Save Oregon’s Bees Campaign.

“As a life-long lover of nature, I know how important bees are in creating and maintaining a thriving ecosystem. I love being able to support Beyond Toxics and the work that they do to preserve and protect the health of our precious pollinators,” says Halie. “And I love to play music in my hometown (performing in Eugene is a rare treat for me these days!), so it’s a multifaceted joy for me!”

Fittingly, this year’s Bee Jazzy takes place during **National Pollinator Week**, “an international celebration of the valuable ecosystem services provided by bees, birds, butterflies, bats and beetles.” While a great deal of attention has been focused on honeybees for their pivotal role in agriculture, less attention has been given to native bee species – like bumblebees, miner bees and mason bees – which face even more alarming declines across the continent and are equally vital to the health of native ecosystems and the food supply.

Beyond Toxics works to protect bees by educating the public about the danger posed to pollinators by neonicotinoid pesticides and other toxic products, promoting legislation to protect Oregon’s bees and promoting the Bee City USA and Bee Campus USA movement. Just this spring, the University of Oregon signed a pledge to become an official Bee Campus, meaning it will not use chemicals toxic to bees and will establish and maintain healthy, non-toxic pollinator habitat. Beyond Toxics is working with City Councilor Mike Clark to introduce a resolution designating Eugene as an official Bee City USA this month.

In addition to jazz music by the Halie Loren Jazz Trio and opening act the Dana McWayne Quartet, Bee Jazzy features a silent auction with packages that include getaways to some of Oregon’s hidden gems and date night excursions to the opera or the theater. Two of Eugene’s favorite food carts, Navarro’s Latin Creole Kitchen and Sammitch Food Cart and Trucks, will be on hand with a selection of delicious food.

Tickets are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door, and include a glass of Silvan Ridge wine. Visit beejazzy.org for tickets and full details.

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