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## **Oregon Trail Music Fest in Baker City**

Baker City, Oregon- Two full days of traditional American music will be featured July 10-11 at the National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center.

Starting at 10:00 am and continuing through 5:00 pm each day, hourly performances rotate between the Leo Adler Theater indoors, and the Wagon Box Theater. Phillip Charette of Baker City will perform Native American flute music. Phil & Vivian Williams, from Seattle, are nationally known for their impressive repertoire of country dance tunes, and their research and efforts to preserve and revive this art form. They will perform “Fiddling Down the Oregon Trail” on fiddle and banjo.

Doug Tracy of Portland has researched music of the Civil War era and performs folk style accompanied by the guitar. The Dead Fiddlers Society of Spokane recreates a traditional “string band” style of music once common at country parties and events before the advent of radio and record players. On Saturday Heidi Muller and Bob Webb of West Virginia will present traditional music on dulcimer and guitar.

Al MacLeod of Summerville will present a program of both traditional music and modern compositions in the American roots music style accompanying himself on acoustic guitar, and incorporating stories and traditions from the early American traveling minstrel shows. MacLeod will also lead an open mic and jam session for all musicians at 5:00 each day in the Leo Adler Theater

Music activities for children will be offered each day. Members of the Eastern Oregon Flute Circle will have demonstrations of Native American flutes in the lobby throughout the day. The Trail Tenders volunteer group will offer a lunch of bratwurst and drinks for \$5.00 at the picnic shelter.

The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center, operated by the Bureau of Land Management, is located 5 miles east of Baker City, Oregon on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$8. Seniors are \$4.50, and fee is good for two days. Children 15 and under are free. Federal passes are accepted. Visit [oregontrail.blm.gov](http://oregontrail.blm.gov) for more information about the Center, or call 541-523-1843 for updates on programs and events. For information on other live music in Baker County, Oregon, call 1-800-523-1235.

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