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## **Seeing the Elephant Musical program at Trail Center**

**BAKER CITY, OR.** – The National Historic Oregon Trail Interpretive Center is hosting several performances by The Quons of “Seeing the Elephant: Songs Inspired by the Oregon Trail.” The performances with readings and commentary will occur on Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 26 with shows at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 and 2 p.m. on both days.

The presentation explores the trials and tribulations of life along the Oregon Trail through words and song. Relive the wonder, excitement and heartache through excerpts from Oregon Trail journals, literature and original music inspired by the true life stories of Oregon Trail pioneers.

The Quons are Linda and Mark Quon from Bend, Oregon. The Quons write and perform acoustic folk “Roots-Revival” music inspired by traditional American music. The Quons sing of old fashion love, the afterlife, demons, and the simple desires of everyday life. Their songwriting and performances make strong connections with audiences.

The Trail Center is located five miles east of Baker City, Oregon on Highway 86. Take Exit 302 from I-84. The Center is currently open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$8.00; for seniors it’s \$4.50; children 15 and under are admitted for free. Federal passes are accepted. Call (541) 523-1843 for updates on programs and events. For more information about the Trail Center visit [www.oregontrail.blm.gov](http://www.oregontrail.blm.gov).

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