



City of Ketchum

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Ketchum Arts Commission Sponsors Free Dance/Music/Arts Performance

Boise-Based LED, Innovative Performing Arts Group, at The Spot Aug. 29

KETCHUM, Idaho – The Ketchum Arts Commission will host Boise-based LED in a free performance combining dance, music and the visual arts on Saturday, Aug. 29 at 8 p.m. at The Spot at 220 Lewis St.

Founders and leaders of LED are the husband-and-wife duo of Lauren Edson and Andrew Stensaas. Edson is a former Trey McIntyre Project dancer and choreographer whose original pieces have been performed at venues including the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and Jacob's Pillow Dance Center in Becket, Mass. Stensaas is a singer/songwriter composer and member of the Boise band Edmond Dantes.

Their Ketchum performance, "Barbarian Princess," features six dancers and four musicians, along with costumes designed by Project Runway winner Michelle Lesniak and digital projections created by the filmmaker and digital designer Kyle Morck of Boise. The dancers have performed with both traditional ballet companies such as the Washington Ballet, the Oakland Ballet and Ballet Idaho and contemporary dance companies such as Boise's Trey McIntyre Project and Hubbard Street Dance Chicago.

LED's performance in Ketchum is part of a multi-city Pacific Northwest tour, culminating in a major debut at the Morrison Center in Boise in October. This is the second dance-oriented performance sponsored by the Ketchum Arts Commission this summer.

The group chose LED, most often known as an abbreviation for light-emitting diode, for its name because the LED represents innovation, malleability and leadership.

Photo: Andrew Stensaas and Lauren Edson, founders and leaders of LED. Photo courtesy of Steve Smith Photography.

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About Ketchum Arts Commission

The city of Ketchum Arts Commission was created in 2007 with the objective of integrating arts and culture into the community. Among its initiatives are Cover Art, the wrapping of utility boxes in downtown Ketchum and a ski gondola at the Sun Valley Resort; Art on Fourth, an annual sculpture exhibit; Street Art, which features manhole covers designed by local artists; a rotation exhibit of work by local artists in City Hall; and the development of policies and plans for public art in the community. The commission consists of local volunteers who are active in and passionate about the arts.

About the City of Ketchum

The City of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The city of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 3,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information, visit www.ketchumidaho.org.

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