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Storytelling Musician Bill Harley to Perform Kalispell Family Concert

Kalispell, MT – Grammy award-winning storyteller, singer-songwriter, author and musician Bill Harley will be visiting Kalispell later this month. A special performance for all ages is scheduled for 7 p.m. on October 30 at the Flathead High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for children and \$10 for adults, on sale now at Photo Video Plus, ImagineIF Kalispell and billharley.brownpapertickets.com. The performance is sponsored by the ImagineIF Library Foundation, Northwest Orthopedics & Sports Medicine and Montana Public Radio.

Harley has been called “the Mark Twain of contemporary children’s music” by Entertainment Weekly. But his appeal is not just for children. “My interest is in trying to entertain both parts of the equation – kids and parents,” Harley stated on his website. “I love the notion that all people can be entertained together. There are times when I look out in the audience and see that we’re all sharing in something together, and I’m the catalyst for that. It is very rewarding.”

Storytelling is an art that Harley takes seriously. Whatever mood or format he employs, Harley’s focus is always on connection, community and a genuine experience. “For all our sophisticated technology and mass electronic entertainment, we still need those voices in the dark, by the fire, in the hall,” Lynne Heffley wrote in Harley’s online biography. “Through his work, Bill Harley appeals to our better angels, reminding us that we’re human, making us laugh, sometimes making us cry.”

Harley released his first album, “Monsters in the Bathroom,” in 1984. He has been entertaining families and kids for 25 years and currently performs about 200 shows each year – at school gyms, conferences and concert halls. Harley also writes children’s books, including the Charlie Bumpers series, with the newest installment, “Charlie Bumpers vs. the Perfect Little Turkey,” out this fall. Dozens of Harley’s books, music CDs and DVDs may be checked out from ImagineIF Libraries.

“As a rule, I have a hard time figuring out where I fit,” Harley said about his multi-faceted career, “but I got into this because I’m trying to make the world a better place.”

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