

# ENTERTAINMENT

## BCA season set to begin Oct. 23

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The lineup of talent is set and the Border Concert Association is ready for the 2014-2015 season to begin.

Each year, board members challenge themselves to deliver the finest performances and enrich the culture of the Borderland area, according to the group's mission statement. This year, in its 70th season, the schedule of talent hopes to do just that.

"This is our 70th season providing entertainment in Borderland and are proud of the offerings we have chosen for our audience," board member Mary Bartlett said. "Border Concerts are such a standard in the community – I can't imagine the winter without them."

Bartlett said this season will offer a variety of shows from a jazz combo, to a comedy variety night, a touch of Broadway, and finally a young, vocal a capella group. The lineup includes: Jaimee Paul; My Generation with Tony DeSare; Todd Oliver and Friends; An Evening with Rebecca and Kuba; and Six Appeal.

Since 1945, BCA has provided more than 300 concerts to the community which reaches audiences on both sides of the border.

"Our international organization is unique and our performers love the idea they



An Evening with Rebecca & Kuba



My Generation with Tony DeSare



Jaimee Paul

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Six Appeal

have a U.S. and Canadian audience," Bartlett said.

In addition, board members hope to attract a crowd of all ages.

"This is high quality entertainment geared to all ages," Bartlett said. "The board has committed to our young audience making season tickets only \$10 for students."

Each show in the five-con-

cert series will take the stage of the Backus Community Center Auditorium at 7 p.m. on the respective performance nights. Bartlett is hopeful a new curtain time will help make the event more family-friendly.

"We hope our new curtain time will be helpful to families with school-aged kids," she said. "Live music is so

important in enriching life at all ages."

Season tickets for all five shows are expected to go on sale this week, Bartlett said. Each ticket is \$50, a family pass can be purchased for \$100 and students are charged \$10. Season ticket holders can bring a guest who lives more than 50 miles away for \$10 per show. Single-show tickets will



Todd Oliver & Friends

be available at the door the night of each concert.

"We love seeing all ages in the auditorium but the future of concerts in the community

is with the youth," Bartlett concluded. "Our performers come from all over the country and are established in their field of entertainment."

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