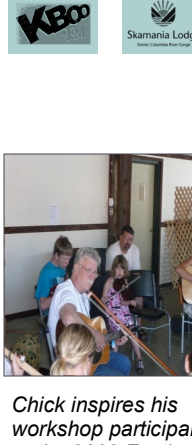


Spotlight on Chick Rose Kids Academy

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We are getting ready for the 2011 Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival, coming up July 21-24 on the Skamania County Fairgrounds in Stevenson, WA. The 28th annual event promises to carry on many traditions, the most important being the Chick Rose Kids Academy. Our long time and dear festival friend, Chick Rose, passed away in March. We greatly miss him and his boundless enthusiasm to inspire the youth of bluegrass music.

We are proud to announce Chick's former student, Stacy Harnew, will assist the Festival in presenting the Chick Rose Academy on Saturday, July 23. Stacy offered us a glimpse at the experience of being an Academy student:

"The typical novice who comes to a Chick's Kids Workshop can enter a class knowing absolutely nothing about music, be handed an instrument and exit ready to play a song on stage. A few hours is all it takes—a few hours and an enthusiastic staff. The staffers of a Chick's kids session are former students of Chick Rose. They have learned his teaching techniques and repertoire and even a bit of his rye humor via multiple workshops, lessons and jams with him. For years, Chick was known in the Northwest as The Pied Piper of the Bluegrass scene. He taught kids not only how to play, but to love music, and was greatly admired for that talent. However, he often said that his greatest pride was in developing a program that not only taught music, but one that taught students how to teach other kids music. His foresight is what has allowed his legacy and this program to continue on successfully. Chick's Kids are now teaching new groups of Chick's kids.



Chick inspires his workshop participants at the 2009 Festival

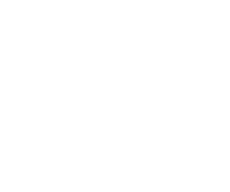
With humor and encouragement, Chick taught kids that music was fun. You could learn to play whatever you put your mind to and when you had it down, you had better share it with the kid sitting next to you. That was Chick's way and that's what is happening in a Chick's Kids Workshop: kids are teaching kids the joys of music--quiet a legacy for a social worker from Texas."

Festival Tickets and Camping Available at:



Please help us welcome Stacy and her staff to the 2011 Columbia Gorge Bluegrass Festival. We wish her success in continuing Chick's legacy and passing on the love of music to bluegrass youth.

We look forward to seeing you in July! Be sure to catch up on Festival news, full event schedule, and partnership opportunities-Call 509-427-3979, visit: www.columbiagorgebluegrass.net, or become a fan of the Festival on Facebook.



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