

Winter concert series in Holladay

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The Winter Concert Series began in January with Harry Lee and the Back Alley Blues Band. From left to right, Steve Auerbach, Mitch Olseon, Harry Lee, Gene Young and Michael Ricks. Photo courtesy of David Allen.

Community concerts may conjure up thoughts of summer, but the Holladay Arts Council is keeping the music alive throughout the winter months by offering a free concert series in the lower level of the city hall building.

The arts council, now branded "Holladay Arts!" sponsored the January concert featuring Harry Lee and the Back Alley Blues Band. The series continues with two more concerts, one held on Feb 28. with the

Paul Green School of Rock Music and another on March 28 featuring Terence Hansen with Zentherstick.

"We hope to continue having free concerts, but we may have to charge in the future," said Steve Auerbach, Holladay Arts Council President. "I asked my friends to help with the pricing and we helped them set an engagement so it is really a win-win situation for the community and the artist."

Auerbach is a record producer, award winning concert producer, and most recently known for running the Paul Green School of Rock Music afterschool program. He began with the council after attending Summerfest in June.

The March program features Terence Hansen in the first set and Zentherstick in the second. Classified loosely as art rock / experimental, Hansen plays two guitars simultaneously that are mounted on stands and connected to a computer.

"He has a tapping technique where he taps the strings and they trigger other instrument parts through the guitar," said Auerbach. "He is one of the finest guitar players in Utah. He is just absolutely phenomenal."

Adding to the festive nature of the event, Mo's Neighborhood Grill will be offering dinner (a choice of meat or vegetarian lasagna with salad and garlic bread for \$6.) Concessions will also be available during the event with soda, juice, water and snacks available for purchase.

"We'd like to keep this going," said Auerbach. "If we get the kind of support for the free concerts through March, we intend to keep it going, though we may have to ask for a nominal fee in the future."

For more information regarding future concerts, contact Auerbach at steveauerbach@hotmail.com or visit the Holladay Arts! link from the city's website at www.cityofholladay.com/holladayarts.main.html.