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**Blissfest Presents: The Way Down Wanderers**

**Saturday, January 20**

**Doors @ 7PM / Show at 7:30PM**

PETOSKEY — The Blissfest Music Organization will present The Way Down Wanderers, an alternative folk band from Chicago, to kick off the new year at the Ross Stokes Theater at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

Blissfest Executive & Programming Director Jim Gillespie commented that “from the first time I discovered this dynamo group at the Folk Alliance music conference, I knew I had to have them for Blissfest. After 2 Blissfest festivals and a Bliss concert, they are still one of my favorite hard driven acoustic new folk wizards. Some say they are easy on the eyes. I say they are easy on the eyes and the ears.”

“People love their high energy,” said Dan Calloway, Blissfest Business Director. “They also have a neat local connection as they picked up their banjo player Travis Kowalsky when they headlined the Thunder Bay Folk Festival in Alpena a few years ago. Travis was there playing as a part of his family band.”

Front-men and founders, Austin and Collin, met in their hometown and became friends through writing music and forming their band. Collin was only 16 and Austin was 20 at the time.

“Together they are a really tight band who have wowed crowds all over the country. We are thrilled to have them back in Northern Michigan to help stave off any cabin fever,” said Calloway.

The upcoming show is part of the Blissfest Night on the Town series. Concert ticket holders receive a 10% discount at participating restaurants on the night of the concert. To take advantage of the discount, people must have their tickets with them. The discount does not include alcohol, tax or gratuity. Restaurants participating in the discount include:

City Park Grill  
Beards Brewery  
Palette Bistro  
Pour Public House  
Roast & Toast  
Stafford's Noggin Room

The concert will take place at the Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey and doors will open at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Jan 20. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. and seats are available on a first come, first serve basis.

Tickets for adults are \$20 for not-yet-members of Blissfest and \$15 for members in advance. Student tickets are also available at \$10 for not-yet-members and \$7 for student members.

Tickets can be purchased online at **[www.blissfest.org](http://www.blissfest.org)** or by calling (231) 348-7047.

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