

Sept. 19: Singer/Songwriters Molly Maher, Erik Koskinen

Concert is in Halling Recital Hall.

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MANKATO, Minn. – Acclaimed Minnesota alt-country and Americana musicians Molly Maher and Erik Koskinen will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19 in Minnesota State University, Mankato's Elias J. Halling Recital Hall of the Earley Center for Performing Arts, 320 Maywood Ave.

Hailed by longtime Star Tribune music critic Jon Bream as “the state’s best pure country singer/songwriter,” Erik Koskinen authentically champions twangy honky-tonk sounds while delivering a wry, reverent, and articulate lyrical landscape of knowing, blue collar personal and social struggles.

A native of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, Koskinen has been residing in the Twin Cities for the past 10 years and making a living playing and recording music full-time for the past seven years. Whether he is recording or producing in his studio, or traveling across the country with other musicians, Koskinen has found a way to make ends meet.

Molly Maher is a gifted guitarist with a raw, sultry Americana sound and an irrepressible spirit. Maher’s music is a window to the lonely world of a nomadic spirit, someone who has loved and lost at love, and who has lived the existence of a vagabond dreamer. The seasoned St. Paul-based singer and songwriter has crafted a modest but impressive back catalog of soulful, countrified folk music while entertaining live audiences in Minnesota and beyond for well over a decade.

Minnesota State Mankato students are admitted free with a valid MavCARD and by preregistering for the concert at www.mnsu.edu/music/events. Concert admission for community members is \$10 (advance purchase) and \$12 at the door. Those who wish to purchase tickets online should go to www.mnsu.edu/music.

Advance purchase ticket package discounts are available for community members. For more information, call the Performance Series office, (507) 389-5549.