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New Sounds For The Christmas Season

Holiday Jam!

Hegg Brothers Bring Holiday Show To The Dakota Theatre Dec. 15

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Holy Night" as a soulful ballad? "What Child Is This" in a Latin style? With its performance next weekend, "Holiday Jam with the Hegg Brothers" will be bringing to Yankton a

fresh new look on age-old music. Presented by the Historic Downtown Yankton Association (HDYA), the concert will take place at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 15, at

the Dakota Theatre.
"It's old Christmas songs with new twists," said HDYA board member Kathy Church. "This would be a fantastic way to begin your holiday season — with an entertaining, feel-good concert."

The musical showcase features a multipiece band playing holiday classics along with contemporary new arrangements from Jeremy and Jon Hegg. The two-hour performance will include male and female vocalists, two keyboardists, guitars, percussion, upright bass and horns.

"It's pretty jazzy and lively," Church said.

"They're very entertaining."

Music director for the Hegg Brothers, Jeremy is the staff arranger and composer for the Augustana Brass Choir, Sioux Falls Municipal Band and numerous marching band programs nationwide. As a performer, he is known for his horn band Spooncat!, which has played JazzFest five times, as well as Sioux City's "Saturday in the Park." He has performed throughout the United States and Europe with artists such as Smokey Robinson and Chuck Berry, and was a featured guest pianist and arranger with "A South Dakota Acoustic Christmas."

Recording and mixing engineer for the Hegg Brothers, Jon has performed with a variety of musical groups locally and nationally, including Tommy Roe and The Coasters. His joint efforts with his brother include Spooncat! and "Acoustic Christmas."

"If people are familiar with 'Acoustic Christmas,' they're familiar with the Hegg Brothers," said Shauna Marlette, managing



"Holiday Jam with the Hegg Brothers" will perform at the Dakota Theatre in Yankton at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15. This show follows in the footsteps of "South Dakota Acoustic Christmas," which retired in 2009. Jeremy and John Hegg both participated in "Acoustic Christmas" performances.

director for the Lewis and Clark Theatre

When "A South Dakota Acoustic Christmas" retired in 2008 after 19 years of playing Christmas music across the state, the Hegg Brothers invited several other musicians throughout the region to join them in carrying out the "Acoustic Christmas" tradition while

adding their own twists to the performance. "They put together the 'Holiday Jam' to close that gap," Marlette said. "They're just phenomenal, and we're excited to have them at the theatre."

Tickets for "Holiday Jam with the Hegg Brothers" are available at Boller Printing, the Yankton County Observer, B-Dazzled Downtown, Royal Sport Shop, Rexall Drug, Lily Crest, Hy-Vee, Dakota Theatre or online at https://yanktonjam.eventbrite.com/.

Doors will open at 3:15 p.m. for general

"It's going to be a great afternoon of music," Marlette said. "People really should come out and enjoy it."

For more information on Holiday Jam with the Hegg Brothers and musician biographies, visit holidayjam.com/.

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