

Harrington ARTS Center (1401 Belknap St., Superior, WI) announces with pride an important event:

Forró For All Concert, Sunday, October 1, 2:00PM. Admission will include viewing of the German Accordion-Harmonica Museum. Admission is \$15.00 for adults, Children under 12: \$5.00. For additional information, please phone 715-395-2787.

Forró for All is a band dedicated to the sound of Northeastern Brazil's forró pé de serra, performed with a sensibility born of New York City's diverse and dynamic musical culture. Led by rising accordion star Rob Curto, with musicians from Bahia, São Paulo and the United States, the band creates a sound which deeply respects the great masters of forró; the traditional, accordion-based party music from the sertão or dry interior the the Brazilian Northeast. Curto's virtuosic accordion playing and the band's wide ranging musical influences bring a fresh perspective with improvisation, original compositions and rhythmic and harmonic innovations.

Forró is both lyrical, romantic and excitingly syncopated music. The rhythm section, consisting of zabumba (a low drum strapped at an angle), triangle and bass-guitar churns out grooves such as baião, xote and arrasta-pé, while the accordion constantly improvises accompaniments or plays exciting solo lines. The vocalist sings of romance, friendship, love of one's land and the hardships of life in the Northeast. The couples dancing provide yet another counterpoint with their rhythmic body movements and close embrace. Musically, everything references the "king of Baião", Luiz Gonzaga, who reinterpreted the music of his native region and popularized it throughout Brazil, turning what was once a purely regional form of music into a national phenomenon. Forró For All continues this tradition by bringing this experience to people throughout the world.