

Drum Brothers with Alpine Artisans

Seeley Lake, Montana January 2005

This January (05) the Drum Brothers concert in Seeley Lake brought 2 Valleys Stage our first full house. Folks in their eighties down to eight year olds enjoyed the concert. The exciting rhythms and energy of the musicians enticed everyone to join in the call and response numbers clapping out rhythms and singing back chants. High school girls and a few of us older patrons enthusiastically answered the invitation to dance on the side lines. Many were surprised and delighted that the Drum Brothers program included the mellow harmony of the four male voices that graced many numbers and the soulful Soprano Sax and lyrical flute played by Lawrence Duncan.

The Drum Brothers wonderful out reach programs in our schools and community prior to the concert added new fans to those already excitedly waiting for the Drum Brothers concert in Seeley Lake. Drum Brothers' members gave exciting drumming workshops that got classes of grade schoolers and high schoolers enthusiastically beating out complicated rhythms. Member Nathan Zavalney gave an after school guitar class to several interested fifth and sixth graders. Twenty adults and one child gathered for an evening of chant in the home of our local Yoga teacher in Condon. Some of us drove up to 30 miles to get there and went home (the chants echoing in our heads) wishing we could do another Drum Brothers evening of chant real soon.

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