



All the pretty colors: Greensky Bluegrass at The Red Fox

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What: Greensky Bluegrass

When: 9 p.m. Tuesday

Where: The Red Fox Tavern, 415 Fifth St., Eureka

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Greensky Bluegrass is winding down a very busy summer of performing at festivals, theaters, clubs and listening rooms across the country. But just because the bluegrass boys from Michigan are wrapping up their nationwide tour on the West Coast doesn't mean they will be losing any steam when they play The Red Fox Tavern on Tuesday at 9 p.m.

In fact, playing behind the Redwood Curtain seems to have given the band a shot of adrenaline, musically speaking, of course.

"We played Humboldt a bunch of times and it's always a good stop on tour with good crowds and really good energy," said Anders Beck, Greensky Bluegrass' dobro player. "A lot of the people in the band have friends that live in the area and it's always nice to see (them) when traveling around the country.

"It's one of those places where people really get what we're trying to do. Northern Cal seems to be an area where we can take risks and explore musically."

Touring constantly since 2005 and playing more than 170 shows a year, the hard work is certainly paying off for Greensky Bluegrass. Recent highlights include sharing the stage with musical heroes and former Grateful Dead drummers Bill Kreutzmann and Mickey Hart.

"We have a bunch of deadheads in our band so

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that was pretty awesome," Beck said, remembering their performance with the rock gods at the Hoxeyville Music Festival in Michigan this summer. "When it all works out and you see them building Grateful Dead drum kits behind you and you know they're coming out to play with you; it's pretty magical."

"We really just try to make music as a group that sounds and feels right to us", said mandolin player Paul Hoffman.

Live performances are something Greensky Bluegrass takes much pride in.

"We are as likely to play a three-minute song as we are a 10-minute song on any given night," Beck said, "and I think that keeps it exciting for the audience."

Last year brought the first release in The Greensky Bluegrass' LIVE Series, "Live from The Riviera Theatre Three Rivers, MI." This year is proving to be another stellar year for Greensky Bluegrass as they are slated

to release the second album in their LIVE Series and head back into the studio to record a new album.

"When you make a studio record it's one thing but when you make a live show a record it's a whole other level," Beck said. "We try to capture the killer moments that only happen during live shows. It's a really fun process."

For more information about this show, visit www.theredfoxtavern.com.

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