

Shaniko Ragtime and Vintage Music Festival October 10-12

By Chris Bradshaw

The 12th Annual Shaniko Ragtime and Vintage Music Festival in Oregon takes place October 10th-12th and will move between two locations: Shaniko and Madras, Oregon. Performers are Keith Taylor, Jack and Chris Bradshaw, Vicki Cox, Meg Graf and Clare Kennedy.

The festival begins at noon, Friday, October 10th in the Shaniko School House with a silent movie, *The Gold Rush*, accompanied by Keith Taylor. Performer sets will follow until 6:00 p.m. In the evening there will be a jam session from 7:00-11:00 in the Sage Saloon. All who sing or play acoustic instruments are welcome. Please no microphones or amplifiers.

The Saturday sets will be held in the conference room of the Best Western Motel in Madras from noon until 6:00 p.m., with a jam session scheduled from 7:00-11:00 a.m.

The Sunday October 12th finale concert will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Shaniko Schoolhouse and feature all of the performers.

If you happen to arrive on Thursday the 9th, there will be a special meeting of the Cascade Ragtime Society at the Best Western Motel in Madras to which all are invited. No tickets required. Donations are accepted. For further information call: 541-489-3434

What's so special about Shaniko, you may ask? It's a ghost town that exists in Oregon's beautiful, barren high desert with a mere 26 year-round residents. Shaniko was once a thriving sheep raising center and the old barn, with its lanolin oiled floor still stands, along with a now-closed hotel, and many smaller businesses, several of which are now open. There is something uniquely special about making music in and around buildings of the past that stood proudly during the time period this music was composed and first performed.



The Shaniko Festival picture from 2007. We'll all be there again together. front: Meg Graf, Jack Bradshaw, Chris Bradshaw back: Clare Kennedy, Vicki Cox, Keith Taylor. (Photo courtesy of Kurt Krueger)



Downtown Shaniko



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Shaniko Schoolhouse

