

New Odyssey to perform Monday at HHS auditorium

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Gags, gusto and far more than simple guitar riffs mark New Odyssey's unique stage show which comes to Holyoke Monday, Oct. 15 at the Holyoke High School auditorium as part of the Phillips County Arts Council concert series. The show is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Three guys wield 30 instruments and combine their individual virtuosity to form a raucous production featuring comedy, skits and audience participation. Once it gets going, they start putting on costumes and getting people on stage.

Gary Todd, Michael Jay and Gary Polkow—the men behind New Odyssey—are a power-packed team with eclectic backgrounds ranging in areas like musical theatre, acrobatic tumbling and even synthesizer production.

Tubas, banjos and drums are just a few of the instruments the trio wields. They play a lot of oldies that people know, and it's family friendly and very energetic.

The comedic stunts take their performances far beyond the basics of a traditional concert, and the music oriented skits add a dose of zaniness. There is one act where one of the men dresses up as Elvis. Audience members can join in on the antics and get a chance to perform along with the music, honking horns or donning silly costumes.

New Odyssey will mesmerize the audience. Classic rock, country, novelty and specialty arrangements are the calling card of the concert.

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