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## **December Artist Salon at the Sitka Center**

**Otis, OR – December 6, 2010** – The Sitka Center for Art and Ecology will host an Artist Salon on December 15, 2010. From 5:30-8:30pm, community members are invited to join Sitka and its current Artists-in-Residence in the Boyden Studio for a potluck dinner, live original music, readings, and in-studio demonstrations.

Each year from October to May, Sitka offers up to 28 artists, writers, scientists and musicians the chance to live and work at The Center's facility near Cascade Head. The Artist Salons are a way for those residents to share their work and connect more deeply with the local community.

Musician and producer Graham Smith-White will lead the program, while attendees enjoy the communally provided food. He will be followed by writers Margaret Malone, Robin Kimmerer, and Lauren Davis, who will each read from their distinctive work, and visual artist Catherine Chauvin, who will pull an original print during a presentation of her work.

After the "official" salon concludes, attendees are invited to join together for an impromptu jam session. So come with instruments in tow to experience first-hand the talent and creative energy of the Sitka community.

Committed to expanding the relationships between art, nature and humanity, the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology is renowned for its workshop and residency programs. Exploration of the coastal environment has remained a key component to the Center's vitality. Located on Cascade Head, with views of the Pacific Ocean, Sitka offers a place where artists come to inspire, create, and ultimately, transform themselves. Head to [www.sitkacenter.org](http://www.sitkacenter.org) or call 541.994.5485 to learn more.

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