

Wyoming Tribune Eagle of August 11, 2016: "Hear local talent at Day of Music in the Park." Casper Star Tribune, August 13: "Musician with local ties is worth a listen."

On August 20, residents of Platte County and beyond get the chance to experience a gifted guitarist, singer and songwriter who resided in Wheatland during his pre-teen and teen years. Martin Gilmore, who now makes his home in Cairo, Egypt, will appear at 7 PM in concert with two more fabulous musicians at Wheatland's Lewis Park in the Brecht Band Shell. He lived in Wheatland from age ten through high school graduation. The Gilmore family had arrived in 1994 as his dad accepted a position as the city's Chief of Police.

This talented musician and his guitarist dad will return to their town for a performance that's free and open to the public as part of "Day of Music in the Park," which has been planned and arranged, courtesy of Kaylah Maue and husband Andrew Maue. The couple are the owners of Maue Music Studios of Wheatland, Wyoming, where they bring music instruction to the town's youth.

Steve Gilmore, Martin's dad, loves to team up with his son. Gilmore Senior is a guitarist with the Denver-based "High Plains Tradition," a bluegrass band that has toured extensively throughout the United States, Canada, and Ireland. "High Plains Tradition" has repeatedly performed in Wheatland for fund raising events as well as at Green Harvest Festival.

"Martin said the first time he played in public," writes the editor of the Cheyenne Guitar Society's newsletter, Keith Blaney, "was at Guitar Society almost 16 years ago. As a singer/songwriter, he could hold his own with anyone out there today."

At the time of his CGS appearance, Martin Gilmore was 15; his selection was the Santos and Johnny song, "Sleepwalk."

After college, Gilmore Junior served on the faculty at Swallow Hill Music School in Denver, where he taught guitar, ensemble, and songwriting courses. "The songs he writes are informed by his passion for history," explains his dad, adding that well-known groups have recorded and performed his compositions.

Martin Gilmore has been guitarist and lead singer for the Colorado-based bluegrass band "Long Road Home." Besides bluegrass, he performs a variety of acoustic styles. In Cairo, where he lives with music teacher and spouse Stacey, he plays and teaches the guitar.

His sister Gretchen, residing in Boulder, is a vocalist and musician in her own right. Ms. Gilmore plays anything from sax to clarinet to piano. She recently appeared as bassist with her father and brother at a semi-private venue in Cheyenne.

Martin and Gretchen's mother Judy encouraged her children's musical leanings, since she herself played the piano as a young woman. As for their dad, Steve Gilmore started practicing guitar at age 12. The first time he played in public was in a talent show at Leshar Junior High School in Fort Collins, Col.

"Steve Gilmore was with us practically from the start in 1995," says CGS founder Russell Williams. "It took a number of devoted guitarists to bring this off."

As I have reason to know, the Gilmores are a talented family. At CGS meetings I have often admired Steve's finger acrobatics and sonorous voice, and the Gilmore trio's recent Cheyenne performance was a delightful treat.

Back in 1995, "CGS was an opportunity for players to connect with each other," writes Steve Gilmore. At the time, he was part of a touring arts program, billed as "Three Guitars," that was sponsored by the Nebraska Arts Council. "We concertized throughout Nebraska, Wyoming, and Colorado, playing all styles of music—classical, jazz, country, rock and roll, blues, bluegrass, etc."

Similarly, the Gilmore father-and-son duo has performed on stages throughout Wyoming, Nebraska, and Colorado.

In Wheatland, K.C. Groves will join the duo as instrumentalist on mandolin, guitar, and bass. K.C. is also a superb vocalist and songwriter who has been at the heart of many celebrated projects. As the creative center and bandleader of "Uncle Earl," she helped bring old-time music to an appreciative audience. She has played major festival stages in the United States and toured extensively abroad. She was a Telluride Troubadour contest finalist and a Detroit Music Award winner who has teamed up with countless notable musicians.

"Maue Music Studios is proud to host 'Day of Music in the Park' on August 20," writes Kaylah Maue. "The summer recorder and ukulele clubs at 10:30 AM will kick off the concerts. In town from Casper, Wyoming, is the Hill Music Company, in a new student instrument show and open house for our studio from 11:00AM to 2:00 PM. At 2:30 PM, the 67th Division Army Band will perform with concert band and jazz band. The Gilmore performance wraps up the show."

She describes Steve Gilmore as a long-time family friend, reminiscing that "In my teens I used to go rollerblading with Gretchen Gilmore."

To enjoy the concerts to their fullest, audience members are urged to bring lawn chairs.