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Oceanside Theatre Company at The Brooks kicks off its 2018 Music Series on Sunday, April 22, with two American blues treasures: The Rick Holmstrom Band and Nathan James and The Rhythm Scratchers. The Brooks Theatre is located at 217 North Coast Highway, Oceanside, California. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for happy hour. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. All seats are \$25 and tickets are available online at [www.oceansidetheatre.org](http://www.oceansidetheatre.org).

Holmstrom is an electric blues and rhythm and blues guitarist, singer and songwriter who has worked with musical legends such as Jimmy Rogers, Billy Boy Arnold, R.L. Burnside, Smokey Wilson, Johnny Dyer, William Clarke and Rod Piazza. Holmstrom is currently the bandleader for the great Mavis Staples and can be heard on her Grammy-winning album "You Are Not Alone." Holmstrom has numerous studio recordings to his credit with his groundbreaking third album "Hydraulic Groove" peaking at No. 9 on the Billboard Top Blues Albums chart.

Internationally acclaimed blues guitarist and Oceanside resident Nathan James is a well respected and experienced guitarist in his field, having created a musical identity with his handcrafted washboard guitar, mastery of the Piedmont finger style and passion for blues and American roots music. James has worked with such well known artists as Jamie Wood, Johnny Dyer, Kim Wilson, Pinetop Perkins, Janiva Magness, Rick Holmstrom, Mark Hummel, Gary Primich and blues veteran James Harman. With his trio, The Rhythm Scratchers, James forges a distinct sound that combines elements of 1920's acoustic blues, amplified juke joint hill country, and 1950's uptown blues mixed with 1960's soulful R&B.

#### About Oceanside Theatre Company

Oceanside Theatre Company (OTC) is the professional production company in residence at the historic Sunshine Brooks Theatre in downtown Oceanside, California. OTC's vision is to be a beacon for arts education, culture, and the performing arts in North San Diego County. OTC produces a four-show mainstage theatre season in the 198-seat venue, as well as a music series featuring jazz, classical, blues, country, American roots music, and ongoing play readings in the blackbox theatre, Studio 219. Passionate for community outreach and sharing the arts with youth, OTC runs a four-week Youth Academy during the summer and brings theatre to Oceanside schools through the Youth outreach program. To learn more visit [www.oceansidetheatre.org](http://www.oceansidetheatre.org).