

Six Appeal bringing harmony and laughter to Raton

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RATON – Presenting a wide range of songs from Maroon 5, Justin Bieber, John Legend and others, Minneapolis a cappella group Six Appeal brings its acclaimed touring show to the Shuler Theater Friday night in a concert sponsored by Raton Arts & Humanities Council.

Known as much for their humor as their complex harmonies, the singers founded their group in 2006 while freshmen at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. Building on their classical music and choral backgrounds, they tackled contemporary popular songs, creating six-part arrangements using only their voices to create all of the rhythm parts along with lead and harmony vocals.

Three years later, they were performing concerts around the Midwest and winning national a cappella competitions. When they finished school, they moved their home base to Minneapolis and expanded their touring. At 2012's National Harmony Sweepstakes A Cappella Festival in San Rafael, CA, they triumphed with awards for audience favorite, best original song, and the national championship.

The festival's executive producer, John Neal, said, "I've presented hundreds of a cappella groups over the years and Six Appeal has to be one of the most entertaining of them all. They're sure-fire audience pleasers."

Six Appeal's repertoire spans the past forty years and includes such classic songs as "I Will Survive," "Low Rider," "Circle of Life," Van Morrison's "Brown-Eyed Girl" and Michael Jackson's "Billie Jean." Vocal bass lines and percussion underpin complex soaring harmonies in each song. Beat-boxing and parody add to the group's sometimes-antic humor, billed as family-friendly fun.

Scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. Friday night, the Six Appeal concert will follow the 6 p.m. 5th annual



A cappella singing group Six Appeal combines vocal rhythms and harmonies with laugh-out-loud humor.

Raton Arts & Humanities Council presents Six Appeal in concert Friday night at the Shuler Theater, immediately following the annual Poetry Rocks! student poetry performance show that begins the Shuler's big centennial celebration weekend.

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Six Appeal's show is this year's second to last in RAHC's Performing Arts Series. Reserved-seat tickets are available at Old Pass Gallery, 145 S. First St., (575) 445-2052, and at the Shuler immediately before the performance. Adult tickets are \$20, seniors \$15 and students \$10.