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## **MRAC 2011-12 Performance Series Continues with The Ragbirds**

The Mimbres Region Arts Council and premier sponsor Gila Regional Medical Center are pleased to bring another great performance group to Silver City. Join us February 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the WNMU Fine Arts Theater Center for The Ragbirds.

"The most engaging new band I've heard this year is The Ragbirds....eclectic, restlessly creative, poetic, and delivered with confidence, it grows on you with every listen."  
-Jeffery Overstreet, Looking Closer

It's rare to find a band that brings as much joy and creative flare to their music as The Ragbirds. The group utilize an arsenal of instruments from around the world in a fusion of folk rock and pop hooks over danceable world rhythms stirred with a Celtic fiddler's bow.

"The first time I heard them play I was stunned....I heard their music and literally stopped in my tracks. Their music is not only inspiring and powerful, but a successful experiment in teleportation as well"  
-Jamie Bradish, The Ypsilanti Courier

Led by the energetic front woman, Erin Zindle, the band tastefully unites multi-cultural rhythms with a roots rock flavor that is as captivating and flirty, as it is smart. The five-piece group is clearly built around the multi-talented Zindle, who is not only the singer and songwriter but is proficient in a range of stringed instruments. This classically trained violinist can aptly pluck the eight-stringed mandolin, wield a wild accordion and rock the banjo while maintaining lead vocals.

Surrounding Zindle's earthy-sweet voice is the whirlwind of guitarist T.J. Zindle and dynamic bassist Brian Crist, spinning over the world-beat grooves of drummer Loren Kranz and percussionist Randall Moore. Zindle skillfully switches between violin, mandolin, banjo, accordion, and percussion, all while dancing around the stage, drawing the awe of audiences across the country.

The Ragbirds albums have received local and national praise, hailed "Highly impressive!" by USA Today and touted as "Astounding international eclecticism" by Reveal Arts. The Ragbirds are kicking off a new year with the release of their 4th studio effort, Travelin' Machine on January 1, 2012.

Additional sponsors include the Holiday Inn Express Silver City and Silver City Radio.

For tickets to this performance, contact the MRAC offices at 1201 Pope Street in Silver City, call 575-538-2505, or visit us online at [www.mimbresarts.org](http://www.mimbresarts.org), or buy tickets at L&I Arts, Alotta Gelato, or A.I.R. Coffee (Bayard).

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