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BLACK BUTTE RANCH ANNOUNCES FIRST SUMMER “LIVE AT THE RANCH” CONCERT

Portland, Oregon-based band Blitzen Trapper will perform at Black Butte Ranch

(Black Butte Ranch, Ore.) – Portland, Oregon-based Blitzen Trapper comes to Black Butte Ranch on Sunday, July 6th for an eclectic journey through American roots music with ramshackle rhythms, luminous guitars and a heavy dose of full throttle west coast country rock.

Blitzen Trapper was founded in Portland, Oregon in 2000 by a group of native Pacific Northwesterners, who played around town endlessly to skeleton crowds and gave away an impressive stream of garage recordings on CDR for years. Then came the *Blitzen Trapper* record in 2003, and *Field Rexx* in 2005. But it wasn't until 2007's self-released *Wild Mountain Nation* made a big splash that they finally hit the road, setting the stage for the release of *Furr* the following year. This release was a high-water mark for the group as their eclectic new songs received a two-page feature in *Rolling Stone*. The album was ranked No. 13 on *Rolling Stone*'s Best Albums of 2008 while the title track was ranked No. 4 on the magazine's Best Singles of 2008. After this, the group suddenly found itself on network television and in glossy magazines and astride colossal festival stages. So they released more music, toured the Western world incessantly, got to work with the likes of Wilco, Stephen Malkmus, Guided By Voices and Belle & Sebastian, and slowly became the band they'd always dreamed they would be. Blitzen Trapper is a five member band comprised of frontman and songwriter Eric Earley, Marty Marquis, Brian Adrian Koch, Michael Van Pelt and Erik Menteer.

The band's most recent album, *VII*, was released in October, 2013, and their first release for Vagrant Records. *“Throughout the 12 songs, Earley’s warped country-boy witticisms float over ghostly harmonicas, DJ scratches, and funky keys — a subtle shift from their previous records,”* wrote *Rolling Stone*. Without a doubt the culmination of all the group's best work, *VII* sounds a lot like America.

Tickets for Blitzen Trapper can be purchased online at www.bendticket.com. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$12 for children ages 6 -12. All sales are final - no refunds or exchanges on ticket purchases. A performance by local singer-songwriter Noelle Bangert begins at 5:30pm, with Blitzen Trapper immediately following. Guests will be able to enter the venue 45 minutes prior to the start of the concert. There will be an area for purchasing food, water and soft drinks. Beer and wine will also be available for purchase in a separate space. Outside alcohol is prohibited. The concert takes place on the expansive outdoor lawn, with sweeping views of the Cascade Mountains. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets or low-backed, sand chairs (4 inches from the ground). Purchase your tickets today to guarantee a time of great music, food and family fun!

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