

# THE HIBBING **DYLAN** PROJECT

## Hibbing Dylan Project Presents: Hobo Revival

### **HIBBING, MN**

On April 1, 2017, Hibbing's Bob Dylan will take the stage in Stockholm, Sweden, and, presumably fulfill his speech obligation for his Nobel Prize in Literature that was awarded to him on December 10, 2016. To celebrate, the Hibbing Dylan Project will be hosting a live music event on that same evening in Hibbing. Locally-grown Hobo Revival will take the stage at the Crown Ballroom at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, April 1, 2017. Doors will open at 6:00. Tickets are on sale at Security State Bank and will be available for purchase at the door for \$10. "We had such success with our Nobel Prize Reception, that we want to keep the spirit of live music strong in Hibbing—the spirit of Bob Dylan's poetry," said Hibbing Dylan Project co-chair Molly Johnsrud. "We feel that it's important to build an atmosphere in town where art in all forms is cultured and grown—be that visual art, the written or spoken word, and the music, definitely the music," she continued. "The Crown Ballroom is planning a special appetizer menu to order from that night, so all-in-all, it should be a pretty fun evening," said Crown Ballroom owners George and Georgia Andria.

The Hibbing Dylan Project was formed under the wing of the fiscal agent Hibbing Arts Council last fall when community members wanted to create a way to honor Bob Dylan as a Nobel Laureate. The group's first event was a Nobel Prize Reception held December 10, 2016, at the Androy. The evening was a smashing success—The Hibbing Dylan Project netted nearly \$8,000 toward their efforts in creating a public work of art to honor the work of Bob Dylan. It inspired many community members from Hibbing and Duluth and as far away as California and Florida to gather and celebrate this career achievement of Bob Dylan's.

Since then, the members of the Hibbing Dylan project have been busy focusing efforts on  
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defining the shape of the public work of art and saying thank you to the community for their help. “We know that it’s important to help our neighbors and to give back, and I want to look for opportunities where we can serve the community now and in the future,” said co-chair Craig Hattam. To that end, Hibbing Dylan Project members recently spent an afternoon helping the United Way of Northeastern Minnesota fill Buddy Backpacks. These bags of healthy food help school-aged children who are food insecure make it through the weekends with a good balance of healthy snacks and meals so that they are better able to focus on their school work when Monday mornings roll around. “The amount of bags filled is humbling, and it’s nice to know that in a small way we helped the kids out. When kids don’t have to be distracted by grumbling tummies, they can focus on what’s important—learning, playing, and being creative,” said Hibbing Dylan Project member Marcia Grahek.

February was a busy month for the Hibbing Dylan Project Committee. They successfully hosted Wednesday Night Bingos at the Elks Lodge. “The Nobel Prize Reception was such fun, that we wanted to continue to grow that sense of community. Bingo was never intended to be a major fundraiser, just an opportunity to bring members of the community together—much like music—by bridging the gap and connecting people in unimaginable ways,” said Johnsrud. The group paid out over \$2,000 over the four bingo nights and made just shy of \$800.

What’s on the horizon for the Hibbing Dylan Project? Plans are underway for the first installation of public art in downtown Hibbing and to celebrate with visitors coming to Hibbing from the Duluth Dylan Festival in May. Watch the group’s facebook page “Hibbing Dylan Project” for more details on that soon. “Basically, we’re building bridges right now,” said Craig Hattam. “Building Bridges to good things.”

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