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Alison Scott on Spectrum West

Alison Scott, a singer who has been called one of the strongest new voices to come along, will stop by *Spectrum West* this Friday, November 13 at 5 p.m. on 88.3 WHWC/Menomonie-Eau Claire. Also on the program, part two of an interview with Dr. Ethan Wickman of UW-Eau Claire, a talk with a Theatre in the Woods director about a grant they recently received, a visit with the Director of the Indianhead Honors Band and a look at a new holiday book written for young people.

Alison Scott, who has been plugged somewhere between Carole King and Alicia Keys, will play at the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts in Menomonie on Saturday, November 21st. *Spectrum West* host Al Ross will talk with Scott during his program about her music, the talented band behind her success, and what drives her career. Ross will also play a cut from her newest album *Hiding Under the Covers*.

Last week on *Spectrum West* listeners heard from Dr. Ethan Wickman of UW-Eau Claire about his original composition premiered by the Eau Claire Chamber Orchestra. This week Ross will investigate the art of mentoring future composers. Wickman educates young people in music composition and theory.

Theatre in the Woods recently received a grant from the Wisconsin Arts Board. Ross will talk with director Carolyn Burnett about the importance of such support for small-town organizations like this one in Shell Lake and how they plan to utilize the financial encouragement.

Membership in the Indianhead Honors Band is a distinction earned by nearly eighty high school students from western Wisconsin and eastern Minnesota. This Friday evening the band will team up with the UW-Eau Claire Wind Symphony for a show on the UWEC campus. Ross will sit down with Dr. Peter Haberman, director of the Honors Band, to learn more about the group's history, membership, and repertoire.

There is a new holiday book written for young people by an author with a bit of western Wisconsin heritage. *The Night I Met Santa* features our favorite jolly old elf and then turns to the spiritual side of the holiday in a story written by Lora Johnson. Johnson now resides in Oak Grove, Minnesota. Ross will preview the book and learn about its inspiration from this busy mother of five.

Spectrum West is a weekly program exploring the music, arts, and humanities in Western Wisconsin. It includes in-depth behind-the-scenes interviews and stories about area writers, musicians, theater, visual arts, and much more. It is heard weekly on Friday nights from 5 to 6 p.m. on Ideas 88.3 WHWC/Menomonie-Eau Claire.

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