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## **Ooolation Singers Return to Perform Annual Eastern Sierra Concert**

Malcolm Dalglish and the Ooolation Singers will perform on the patio at the U.S. Forest Service Scenic Area Visitor Center in Lee Vining on Sunday, August 7th at 7:00 pm.

Ooolation! is a summer vocal experience that brings folk-inspired choir music from the great outdoors to the stage. The teenage and young adult members of Ooolation are a group of unique and energetic young singers from across the country who gather with professional composers and musicians to bring new compositions to life. They practice for 9 days in an aspen grove high above Mono Lake and assemble a show of nature-inspired music with high-spirited moves, body percussion, and spine-tingling harmonies.

The instructors bring a vast array of singing styles from other times and worlds, and their amazing song-writing craft is matched by their joy of teaching. Director and hammer dulcimer virtuoso, **Malcolm Dalglish** is a choral composer who also plays spoons, bones, and his face. A founding member of the popular folk trio Metamora, Malcolm has made over 12 recordings, including solo offerings on the Windham Hill Label. Choirs throughout the world have commissioned his music, and he performs with them everywhere from schools and festivals to Carnegie Hall. **Joshua Kartes**, New York City-based composer, arranger, performer and Naomi **Dalglish** remain a central part of the Ooolation staff this year as well.

People who attend Ooolation share a wide-open enthusiasm for diverse musical roots, a wide range of vocal colors, and performance ideas. Whether they are singers who like to move, dancers who like to sing, teachers, conductors, actors, instrumentalists, poets, artists, athletes, ear-learners, or sight-readers, they all share a passion for music making. Ooolation is where they can live, eat, and breathe song. They build a community united by collaborative music making and respect for the natural world. Their performance has become an annual tradition here in the Eastern Sierra.

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The Scenic Area Visitor Center is located off of Highway 395 just north of Lee Vining on the bluff overlooking Mono Lake. The outdoor concert is free and is being offered in partnership with the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association, U.S. Forest Service, and the Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve. Seating is limited so arrive early or bring your own chair. For more information call (760) 647-6331 or visit their website: <http://www.oolation.com>.

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