Tim Eriksen will perform with Red Tail Ring in a concert of American Roots music on Sunday, May 6, at the Crystal Falls Township Hall. (Premo photo)

CRYSTAL FALLS—On Sunday, May 6 at 6 p.m., Tim Eriksen and Red Tail Ring will present a concert of American Roots music at the Crystal Falls Township Hall here, located at the corner of U.S. 2 and U.S. 141.

Eriksen's music is self-described as "hardcore Americana" – a raw and pure blend of his skilled interpretation of old ballads, love songs, shape-note gospel and dance tunes from New England and southern Appalachian as well as original compositions based on his many musical roots.

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The duo Red Tail Ring (Laurel Premo and Michael Beauchamp) will perform an opening set inspired by a love of traditional music.

Tim Eriksen combines hair-raising vocals with inventive accompaniment on banjo, fiddle, guitar, and bajo sexto (a 12-string Mexican acoustic bass), and is acclaimed for transforming American tradition with his startling interpretations of New England and Appalachian music.

Eriksen's past work includes extensive contributions to the soundtrack of the Oscar-winning film, "Cold Mountain," as well as collaboration with Afro-Cuban world jazz pianist Omar Sosa, for the 2010 Grammy nominated album, "Across the Divide."

Red Tail Ring has made haunting, close harmonies a centerpiece that is supported by a foundation of intricate instrumentation from fiddle, clawhammer banjo, mandolin, and guitar.

Working as stewards of the traditional music that they love, Premo and Beauchamp have presented workshops and performances to audiences ranging from Michigan elementary schools to university students in Denmark.

Concert seating is limited and tickets ($10) are available at Northern Michigan Bank (Kingsford), Ben Franklin (Crystal Falls), Central Arts & Gifts (Iron River), or by calling 906-822-7889.