



Singing despite the rain

Porcupine Mountain Music Festival continues indoors.

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SILVER CITY -- The crashing surf of Lake Superior in Silver City couldn't drown out the music at the Porcupine Mountain Music Festival on Saturday.

The weekend's events went on as scheduled, despite the weather. It was a toe-tapping, keep your hands clapping, move to music kind of time.

And even though some might have been singing, "rain, rain go away," most of the people said the weather didn't bother them. It just meant that they enjoyed the music inside the ski chalet.

"I enjoyed it," said Negaunee resident, Karen Wertanen. "I saw the Caravan of Thieves yesterday and I had to buy the CD, of course. They did a very good job."

Twelve of the 26 groups at the festival played on Saturday; groups like Cadillac Sky, a hillbilly rock band from Texas, Doris and the Day Dreams, a folk trio from Chicago, and Eddie Danger and Dangergrass, a group that twists folk and jazz with a little silliness.

Attendance didn't seem to be affected by inclement weather, according to organizers who estimate they sold over 800 tickets. In fact, several people camped out last night.

"Nope, I don't think we had any problems," said Michigan Tech student, Scott Larson. "Our tarp started to rip a little bit, but aside from that, it was fine."

And one returning musician said he was glad the events were moved inside, because he could be closer to the audience.

"I liked it here today because we had the nice group of people and we could kind of hang out," said Drew Nelson, a folk musician based in Grand Rapids. "I could kind of tell my stories, where sometimes outside, it gets lost with all the space."

The festival runs through Sunday night at 6 p.m. Tickets can still be purchased at the gate for \$35 a piece.

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