

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of feature stories on the events to be held during Imperial's 125th birthday celebration this summer, July 2-4, 2010.

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An original song-writing, fiddle and harmonica playing couple will be in Imperial this summer as one of the entertaining events at the city's 125th birthday celebration.

Deborah Greenblatt and David Seay, who hail from Avoca, Neb. (pop. 270), love to perform and are looking forward to a return trip to Imperial.

The duo has been here before, playing their music at the Chautaugua Imperial hosted in 2001.

The two met in 1978 at Omaha's Creighton University. Greenblatt, a classically-trained fiddler from Boston, met the poetic harmonica player from Birmingham, Ala., and they've been performing together ever since.

David Seay, in an interview Tuesday, said, in 1978, he and his fellow band members were looking for a fiddle player, she auditioned and just "blew the others away."

It also helped, he surmised, that the song she auditioned with was "Alabama Jubilee."

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