

Country documentary raises funds for KDRT

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Davis residents Glenda and Jesse Drew recently completed a documentary film on the history and politics of country music, an effort that's been a labor of love for the couple for many years.

That film, "Open Country" makes its Davis debut on Sunday, March 10, at the Davis Odd Fellows Hall. The Odd Fellows are generously co-presenting the event with local community media nonprofit Davis Media Access (DMA) as a benefit for KDRT 95.7 FM, the low-power FM community radio station DMA launched 20 years ago.

Jesse, professor of technocultural studies (TCS) at UC Davis; and Glenda, a UCD professor of design, have both been involved with DMA and KDRT. Jesse was a member of the original KDRT Working Group, which worked from 2001-04 to launch the radio station, and regularly brings his TCS students to create radio theater at DMA's studios. Glenda is a former member of DMA's board of Directors, and has partnered with DMA on many student-business collaborations over the years.

"Through archival clips,

contemporary interviews, performances, and animated graphics, Open Country repositions country music into its rightful place as a people's music," Jesse Drew said. The film features interviews with Billy Bragg, Mat Calahan, Keith Cary, Davey D, Ryan Davidson, Hazel Dickens, Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, Alkali Flats, Bairbre Flood, Archie Green, Gerald Haslam, Toshio Hirano, Roger Knox, Jon Langford, Hannah Mayree, Morgan McDow, George Metesky, Yvonne Moore, Pete Seeger, Utah Phillips, and Hilary Woodruff.

Doors for the event open at 6 p.m., with the screening beginning at 6:30. Tickets: \$10 donation in advance, with an option to purchase tickets at the door with a sliding scale; live music by local musician Casey Thompson. The filmmakers will be there to introduce their documentary and hold a Q&A afterwards. The Odd Fellows bar will be open as well. More information is available at their website <https://opencountryfilm.com>. Tickets are available online at <http://tinyurl.com/53zp9tw8> The venue is located at 415 Second Street in Downtown Davis.