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2 Jimmie Dale Gilmore May 9.

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5 Roots musicians Dave Alvin and Jimmie Dale Gilmore
6 are bringing their blend of country, blues, folk and “guitar-
7 bashing rock and roll” to the Bellows Falls Opera House
8 Saturday, May 9.

9 A few years back, Grammy-winner Alvin and multiple-
10 Grammy-nominee Gilmore decided to join forces and play music
11 together. Although Texas-born Gilmore was thrice named Country

12 Artist of the Year by *Rolling Stone*, and California native Alvin first
13 came to fame in the hard-rocking rhythm and blues band The
14 Blasters, they discovered that their musical roots in old blues and
15 folk music were exactly the same.

16 Naturally enough, that led to collaboration, and the duo
17 have recorded two albums, *TexiCali* and *Downey to Lubbock*,
18 and have toured behind both with a full band.

19 As they've hit the road in 2026, they are billing
20 themselves as the Almost Acoustic Duo.

21 Friends for over 30 years, they have performed shows
22 featuring songs from their collaborative albums, as well as
23 original compositions from their individual albums, while
24 swapping songs, telling stories, and sharing their life experiences
25 on stage.

26 "Jimmie and I have been extremely blessed," said Alvin
27 in a news release. "People will go with us through a lot of our
28 musical moods because a good song can be done a million
29 different ways."

30 Joining the duo will be, as Alvin recently put it, "rock 'n'
31 roll legend, guitarist, writer, songwriter, garage DJ, Patti Smith
32 bandleader, and all round solid cat," Lenny Kaye.

33 Kaye, at age 78, has just released his debut album, and
34 was recently the subject of a long feature in *Rolling Stone*.

35 So what should audiences expect? Alvin reports from the
36 road that "Mr. Kaye joined us on guitar for more than a few songs
37 and we had a good ol' rocking and rolling blast. Afterward he
38 happily exclaimed, 'I guess we're a band now!' You never know,
39 Mr Kaye. Stranger things have happened."

40 Both Gilmore and Alvin have played Bellows Falls
41 before: Gilmore as part of the Green Mountain Express music
42 train and Alvin as headliner at the late, great Roots on the River
43 music festival. This show is being presented by Ray's the Roof
44 Productions.

45 The Bellows Falls Opera House is at 7 Village Square.
46 Doors open at 6:30 p.m, showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets and
47 information at BellowsFallsOperaHouse.com.

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