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SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY **THURSDAY** FRIDAY SATURDAY TICKET DISCOUNTS: YOUTH-HALF PRICE Martyn Rushad **Dave** Cheap Suit (AGES 25 & UNDER) **Eggleston** SENIOR-\$2.00 OFF Alvin Serenaders Joseph (AGES 65 & OVER) challenging whirlwind gritty, bluesy vintage jazz MEMBERS-\$2.00 OFF improvisational cellist and compelling roots rock & inexpensive attire singer/songwriter Victor Krummenacher DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM, MUSIC AT 8 PM \$16.50 adv/ \$18.50 door \$20.50 adv/ \$22.50 door \$26.50 adv/ February 3 \$28.50 door \$26.50 adv/ \$28.50 door (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED) February 1 February 2 February 4 San Francisco Bluegrass & Oldtime Festival Larry Hanks & Deborah Freight Gerard Gretchen The Stairwell Open Mic **Bee Eaters Edery Peters** Sisters. vocal/guitar virtuoso Bay Area's premier string band innovation Grammy-nominated Robins True Blue 2 performs Atahualpa open stage event featuring Tristan and Tashina Clarridge americana all-gal old-time and traditional bluegrass singer-songwriter Yupanqui's Argentine close harmonies and brand spankin' OLD folk songs Cahalen & Eli open American songs double bill CD release show \$20.50/\$22.50 February 5 \$20.50/\$22.50 February 6 \$4.50/\$6.50 \$20.50/\$22.50 \$20.50/\$22.50 February 10 \$20.50/\$22.50 February 1 February 7 February 9 SF Bluegrass SF Bluegrass & Oldtime Festival **Black History Series Black History Series Black History Series** & Oldtime Festival 1st Annual **Kathy Kallick** Jennifer Talk of Davka Eric Kleptograss Band Quartet, Inspired fusion of artful borrowers **Eddie Marshall** Bibb Berezan da Town Susie Glaze & the Middle-Eastern music of eclectic musical award-winning klezmer, and jazz with singer-songwriter's CD release show with **Tribute** traditions new world blues Hilonesome Band guest percussionist
Pezhham Akhavass a cappella Freight & Jazzschool's homage to late powerful singing, distinctive & bluegrass many musical cohorts jazz drummer \$20.50/\$22.50 February 12 \$24.50/\$26.50 February 17 \$20.50/\$22.50 February 13 \$20.50/\$22.50 February 14 \$20.50/22.50 February 15 \$22.50/\$24.50 February 16 \$22.50/\$24.50 February 18 **NIGHT** West Coast Red **Roland White** David Patrick Landeza with Kenneth **Songwriters** Wine Thom Band & the All-Stars **Martin Hayes** Dennis Cahill Makuakane, plus Laurie Lewis hard-driving bluegrass CD release show legendary mandolinist & his hot Competition fiddle & guita exquisite, essential Iris & Tom Rozum LT Smooth professionally judged original songs contest bluegrass Italian-style bluegrass band & Bill Griffin Windy Hill Opens Hawaiian slack key Friday & Saturday, February 24 & 25 7:30 showtime sponsored by Pane guitar & vocals Italiano Qualita \$26.50/\$28.50 \$8.50/\$10.50 February 20 \$20.50/\$22.50 \$20.50/\$22.50 February 19 February 2 \$20.50/\$22.50 February 22 \$24.50/\$26.50 Jewish Music Festival Dala **Russell Moore** Leftover Don Michael young & spirited, Freight Classical @ the Freight Burnham Winograd & IIIrd **Dreams** harmony-rich Canadian folk-pop Rossini's Birthday Open Mic gems from the Great American Songbook & the Bolos & Judith Tyme Out soprano Marta pay your dues, play and shmooze Johansen and the western swing hall of famers rural rhythm Berkson SFCO All-Stars & bluegrass chamber music and operatic arias klezmer-cantorial music \$20.50/\$22.50 February 26 \$4.50/\$6.50 \$20.50/\$22.50 February 29 \$20.50/\$22.50 \$26.50/\$28.50 \$23.50/\$26.50 **Jewish Music Festival** Rhonda Freight John Melanie Ben Peter Goldberg's Vincent Open Mic Reischman O'Reilly Finger innovative Orphic Machine pay your dues, & the Rage outstanding & the Jaybirds celtic-jazz chanteuse acoustic guitar play and shmooze bluegrass mandolin master & his West Coast premiere of the Queen chamber-jazz suite of bluegrass top-notch band

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PERFORMER PROFILES: February 2011

Martyn Joseph Wednesday February 1

Welsh troubadour Martyn Joseph triggers powerful emotions when he takes the stage. This charismatic singer-songwriter's edgy, intense songs lead audiences across some of the darker terrains of life, documenting the sorrow and injustice in the world, yet all the while lighting the way with enduring hope and an irrepressibly droll sense of humor. One of the world's truly arresting performers, the Boston Globe applauded Martyn as "a profound experience" and MOJO Magazine called him "an artist of enduring worth."

During his performing career of nearly three decades, Martyn has enjoyed impressive critical acclaim and recorded a number of hit singles, including "Dolphins Make Me Cry" in the early 1990s, but his passionate performance style and the depth and resonance of his songs earned him his enormous, staunch grassroots following. He recently released a new studio album, *Under Lemonade Skies*.



Rushad Eggleston Thursday February 2

Rushad Eggleston stands in the vanguard of the younger generation of virtuosic cellists who are bringing this relatively unwieldy instrument into the spotlight. It's anyone's guess what may happen when Rushad takes the stage, but we do guarantee one thing: a night of fabulously inventive, supremely virtuosic, endlessly surprising music. Rushad never fails to knock his listeners' socks off as he ushers them in a joyful, eccentric alternate reality. He challenges the fundamental ideas about musical genres, rules, and boundaries—not to mention appropriate footwear.

Raised in Carmel, Rushad was the first string student admitted to Boston's prestigious Berklee College of Music on a full scholarship, and before graduating made his large-scale recording debut, joining fiddle masters Darol Anger, Michael Doucet, and Bruce Molsky in the



group Fiddlers 4. Since then, Rushad has toured extensively with Darol Anger's Republic of Strings, Fiddlers 4, the beloved folk/bluegrass group Crooked Still, and his current group, the rocking ensemble Tornado Rider. Rushad continues his quest to leap exuberantly across boundaries and baffle expectations at home in Oakland and at festivals such as Burning Man, the Suwannee Springfest, and Florida's Magnolia Festival.

Dave Alvin Friday February 3

Roots rocker Dave Alvin brings us the burning, guitarcentered blues from his new CD, *Eleven Eleven* (Yep Roc). Returning to the style of music that defined his early career, Dave performs rockin' tunes with vivid stories that extend from R&B royalty to labor history to Harlan County, Kentucky.

Dave and his brother Phil burst onto the California music scene in 1979 when they formed the Blasters, earning an enthusiastic cult following across the United States and Europe with their pioneering confluence of punk, blues, California country, and rockabilly. After leaving the Blasters, Dave had a stint as lead guitarist for the punk band X and played with the alt-country band the Knitters before embarking on a solo career. Driven by the constant impulse to explore distant musical horizons, Dave earned a Grammy Award for Best



Contemporary Folk Album for his 2000 collection of traditional folk and blues classics, $Public\ Domain:\ Songs\ From\ the\ Wild\ Land.$

Cheap Suit Serenaders Saturday February 4

Wearing period threads and playing vintage instruments, the Cheap Suit Serenaders serve up a giddy blend of uptempo Hawaiian stomps, ragtime, Italian polkas, and more, as they recreate the music of the golden age of jazz. With ukuleles, Hawaiian steel guitars, fiddles, cellos, banjos, mandolins, accordions, and musical saws in hand, Tony Marcus, Terry Zwigoff, Robert Armstrong, Allan Dodge, and Rick Elmore bring alive great music and great times!



Underground comic artist and distinctive illustrator R. Crumb founded the somewhat loosely organized outfit along with Robert and Allan. Over the years, the band has played venues as diverse as nudist colonies, *Prairie Home Companion* radio shows, festivals in the Hague, and tiny gin joints. In keeping with their unapologetically outmoded tastes, the Suits issued a string of 78 rpm 12-inch singles on the Blue Goose label, including R. Crumb and his Cheap Suit Serenaders' Party Record (1980). The group also recorded three albums in the 1970s, two of which are now available as CDs on Shanachie Records, *Chasin' Rainbows* and *Singing in the Bathtub*.

Gerard Edery Sunday February 5

Classical guitarist extraordinaire and magnetic baritone singer, Gerard Edery presents the beautiful, deeply moving songs of Atahualpa Yupanqui, one of the most influential Argentine folk musicians and poets of the past century.

A musical folklorist with a remarkable range of styles at his command, Gerard sings in 15 languages and speaks fluently in four. Born in Casablanca of Sephardic Moroccan and Argentine descent, he grew up in Paris and New York City. Gerard has dedicated himself to re-energizing songs, stories, and melodies from Europe, the Middle East, and South America, and re-interpreting them for contemporary audiences. In tonight's program, he presents the sublime poetry of Yupanqui, reveal-



ing its beauty and cultural depth with reverent sensitivity. Says Gerard: "Yupanqui had been my musical hero and greatest inspiration since my teenage years. He would play songs of such beauty and deep emotion that it left you speechless. I feel blessed to have had this remarkable artist in my life to inspire and comfort me."

Composer, folklorist, and musician Atahualpa Yupanqui (1908-1992) created works of great cultural richness and emotional intensity, rooted in the classical, flamenco, and folkloric rhythms of his Argentina homeland. He toured extensively throughout Europe in the early 1950s, performing in Paris with Edith Piaf and other luminaries and influencing successive generations of musicians, including Mercedes Sosa and other nueva canción artists.

Gretchen Peters Monday February 6

Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Gretchen Peters' new CD, Hello Cruel World, spotlights a series of spare, evocative tunes filled with poetic imagery, and warmed by the earthy maturity of her honey-sweet voice. Gretchen calls the album her "most close-to-the-bone work, written at a time when I felt absolutely fearless about telling the truth." The songs revolve around themes of personal struggle and victory, and the ability to find strength, joy, and growth in everyday life.

After performing in the Boulder, Colorado folk circuit as a teenager, Gretchen relocated to Nashville where she broke out as a hit songwriter with "Independence Day," Martina McBride's 1995 country music mega-hit. This gritty story of an abused woman's revenge won a Grammy nomination for Best Country Song, and the Country Music Association's Song of the Year award. Since then, a string of great vocalists, including Trisha



Yearwood, Patty Loveless, Neil Diamond, Etta James, and Faith Hill, have recorded Gretchen's songs. You owe it to yourself to hear them performed by the woman who created them! Gretchen is joined for the show by pianist Barry Walsh.

Larry Hanks & Deborah Robins Thursday February 9

American songster Larry Hanks presents an evening of his favorite songs plus duets with his music partner and wife, Deborah Robins.

A Freight mainstay ever since the early days, Larry has been delighting audiences for decades with his earthy and deeply resonant bass vocals, his tastefully spare 6- and 12-string guitar accompaniment, and his virtuosic Jews harp playing. Listeners respond warmly to his easy, unpretentious stage manner and his loving approach to the repertoire. With a commitment to "plain old songs sung plainly," Larry brings a melancholic and rough-hewn quality to the fore which makes each song sound like a personal confession. Following in the footsteps of Sam Hinton, Leadbelly, and Woody Guthrie, Larry's repertoire includes



songs of the American West, topical and political songs, and traditional American ballads. Larry has performed with hundreds of musicians throughout his long career, including Mike

Seeger, Utah Phillips, Michael Cooney, Geoff Muldaur, Malvina Reynolds, Roger Perkins, and Janis Joplin. On the heels of their warmly-received album, No Hiding Place, tonight he and Deborah present their second duo CD, Old Days, chock full of "brand spankin' OLD" songs, including grand old favorites, eccentric harmonies, and many surprises in store.

San Francisco Bluegrass & Old-Time Festival

the Bee Eaters, Cahalen & Eli open Friday February 10

Tonight's San Francisco Bluegrass & Old-Time Festival show spotlights the gloriously engaging, strikingly fresh music of the Bee Eaters.

Boasting a brand new CD, Oddfellows Road, and three of the most accomplished, creative young talents of the latterday new acoustic music scene, the Bee Eaters' mix of bluegrass, old-time, Celtic, jazz, and pop melds into an elegant fusion of tradition and innovation. The trio that fiddle legend Darol Anger calls "the instrumental cream of the brand new string nation" features hammered dulcimer virtuoso Simon Chrisman plus the inimitable brother-sister cello and fiddle duo of Tristan and Tashina Clarridge. Tristan is a five-time Grand National Fiddle Champion and an ace cellist who tours with Crooked Still and Darol Anger's Republic of Strings. He has performed with Mike Marshall, Bruce Molsky, and Natalie MacMaster. Tashina, the 2005



Grand National Fiddle Champion, toured with Mark O'Connor and Tony Trischka. Hammered dulcimer wizard Simon Chrisman has performance credits with Darol Anger and Mike Marshall. They're all amazing!

San Francisco Bluegrass & Old-Time Festival Seattle-based old-time duo Cahalen & Eli, lauded by Tim O'Brien as "making music that the world needs," open tonight's show.



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San Francisco Bluegrass & Old-Time Festival

the Stairwell Sisters, True Blue 2 Saturday February 11

Prepare yourself for a night of roofraising music when all-gal old-time teardown the Stairwell Sisters and traditional bluegrass outfit True Blue 2 take the stage as part of the San Francisco Bluegrass & Old-Time Festival!

With their driving stringband music, sweet country harmonies, and red-hot buckdancing: the Stairwell Sisters apply their passion for old-time country songs and rowdy fiddle tunes to a wild, good-time show. Energetic musicianship and





tight vocal arrangements are the order of the day when Lisa Berman (dobro), Stephanie Prausnitz (fiddle), Evie Ladin (clawhammer banjo and clogging), Martha Hawthorne (bass), and Sue Sandlin (guitar and tiple) take the stage with their fiddle tunes from Alabama to Scotland, old songs of trains, boats and possums, and new songs of loss, love, and all-night parties.

Recent winner of the *East Bay Express'* Best Stringband award, the rowdy San Francisco quintet has appeared on *A Prairie Home Companion*, at New York's Lincoln Center, San Francisco's Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, and the "V for Violins" spot on *Elmo's World*.

True Blue 2 is a traditional bluegrass band with a compellingly fresh sound and an organic rhythmic feel reminiscent of the legendary Flatt & Scruggs. Del Williams (Vern Williams Band, Rose Maddox) leads the group on vocals and guitar. The son of Ray Williams of the great Bay Area bluegrass duo Vern & Ray, Del grew up in a rich musical environment and brings his deep love of bluegrass to every performance. Joining Del in the group, Avram Siegel (Kathy Kallick Band) provides fresh, original banjo stylings and baritone vocals, Ed Neff (Vern Williams Band, High Country) serves up stellar mandolin work and tenor vocals, and primo bassist Jeff King lays down the beat.

Black History Series

1st Annual Eddie Marshall Tribute a Jazzschool/Freight co-production Sunday February 12

In collaboration with the Jazzschool, we present a tribute to the late legendary Bay Area drummer Eddie Marshall featuring many of the original players from his hard-swinging band of the early '90s—Peck Allmond (trumpet and saxes), Kenny Brooks (tenor sax), Mark Levine (piano), and Jeff Chambers (bass) as featured on the Bay Area Jazz Archives double CD, Eddie Marshall: Jazz at Filoli 1992—plus Akira Tana on drums.



Coming from a family of musicians in Springfield Massachusetts, including his grandfather Joseph "Kaiser" Marshall who played drums with Louis Armstrong and Fletcher Henderson, Eddie was a leading figure in the evolution of San Francisco's contemporary jazz sound. For more than 50 years he played with nearly every major name in jazz, from Freddie Hubbard, Jon Hendricks, and Dexter Gordon to Rahsaan Roland Kirk and Eddie Harris. His most long-standing musical associations were with Toshiko Akiyoshi, the late Stan Getz, Bobby Hutcherson, and Bobby McFerrin. Eddie also distinguished himself as a composer, creating music of driving intensity and joyous, melodic lyricism, such as his signature composition "Dreams That Dance: A Suite."

Proceeds from tonight's concert benefit the Jazzschool's Eddie Marshall Scholarship Fund. The fund, created when Eddie passed away last fall, will support drum students of all ages and levels based on a combination of merit and need.

San Francisco Bluegrass & Old-Time Festival

Kathy Kallick Band Quartet, Susie Glaze & the Hilonesome Band Monday February 13

The San Francisco Bluegrass & Old-Time Festival brings us two great singers and their bands.

The Kathy Kallick Band Quartet promises a set of hot bluegrass and cool originals replete with distinctive, compelling songs, powerful vocals, and stellar, inventive playing. Along with Kathy's luminous vocals and guitar, the quartet includes Tom Bekeney on mandolin, Annie Staninec on fiddle, and Paul Knight on bass presenting selections from Kathy's band's hit album Between the Hollow & the High-Rise and bluegrass gospel songs from Kathy's new CD, Count Your Blessings. This group of stellar musicians has inspired Kathy to make some of the most powerful music in her distinguished 35-year career, which includes a Grammy and two International Bluegrass Music Association Awards, chart-topping songs and collections, 15 albums, and hundreds of great original songs.

Susie Glaze & The Hilonesome Band blend "newgrass" and americana originals. Powered by Tennessee native Susie's strong, heartfelt vocals, the band features Steve Rankin on mandolin, Rob Carlson on guitar and dobro, Fred Sanders on bass, and Mark Indictor on fiddle. Susie and her band offer a gorgeous, eclectic set with mountain classics from Jean





Ritchie, songs from the likes of Gillian Welch and Steve Earle, and originals from the band's most recent release, Live from the Freight & Salvage.

Davka Tuesday February 14



Davka, the vanguard ensemble of new Jewish music, offers up an evening of unbridled innovation, amazing virtuosity, and irresistible soul.

Writers have called Davka's music "neo-Jewish-roots-fusion," "the acoustic equivalent of a Chagall painting," and "fiddler-on-too-much-Turkish-coffee," but perhaps the best insight into their music is the meaning of the group's name, a Hebrew slang term for "contrary to expectation." Redefining world music with seamless compositions inspired by klezmer, classical, Middle Eastern and Asian rhythms, and jazz, the group's performers brim with passion. lyricism, and virtuosic interplay. Davka features Paul Hanson on bassoon, Daniel Hoffman on violin, Kevin Mummey on percussion, and Moses Sedler on cello. For this evening's show, the group is joined by special guest percussionist, Persian percussionist Pezhham Akhavass.

In the words of the San Francisco Chronicle's Jerry Karp, "Davka's four musicians whirl their spells with a supple interplay of violin, cello, bassoon and percussion.



Their compositions and improvisations, swirling around a center of enlivened klezmer melodies and pulsing Middle Eastern rhythms, weave a dancing, winding path through the diversity of Jewish cultural and historic experience."

SF Bluegrass & Old-Time Festival Kleptograss

Wednesday February 15



Our run of shows with this year's San Francisco Bluegrass & Old-Time Festival ends on a memorable note with the Freight's favorite musical pickpockets, Kleptograss.

Pioneer Bay Area flatpicker Eric Thompson is the ringleader of this band of musical gypsies, known for painting a passionate pastiche of tune and timbre viewed through bluegrass-tinted glasses. Borrowing freely from any musical style that grabs his ear, Eric plunders the mountain music mosaics of Appalachia and Puerto Rico, loots the lyrical treasures of Ireland and Greece, and purloins funky jug-band blues gems. The all-star lineup features the scintillating Tom Rozum on guitar, mandolin, and mandola, bashful wit Paul Shelasky on fiddle, string wizard Jody Stecher on mandolin and banjo, and powerhouse Paul Knight on bass. Kleptograss recently released an eponymous CD.

Black History Series Eric Bibb Thursday February 16

The soulful folk-blues of Eric Bibb fuses a traditional, rootsy style with contemporary sensibilities, his mellow, husky voice and lyrics in perfect balance with his sweet fingerpicking. One of the finest balladeers around, Eric's deeply satisfying blend of blues, folk, country, gospel, and soul beautifully augment his personal warmth and irrepressible optimism to create a truly enriching experienceboth musically and spiritually.

Eric grew up in New York City, surrounded by major musical figures of the day; he is the son of 1960s folk and musical theatre singer Leon Bibb, nephew of pianist/composer John Lewis, of the Modern Jazz Quartet, and godson of singer/actor Paul Robeson. Eric has released numerous acclaimed albums, most recently The



Haven, has toured with Robert Cray and Ray Charles, and has one Grammy nomination and five W.C. Handy Blues Music Awards nominations. "I love him," says Taj Mahal-need we say more?

Jennifer Berezan Friday February 17

Singer-songwriter, teacher, and activist Jennifer Berezan celebrates the release of her new album, Home, with an evening of exhilarating, thought-provoking music. She brings a moving musical tapestry of folk, rock, and world music with her superb voice and accomplished guitar stylings, supported by an array of musicians from the CD, including keyboard ace Julie Wolf, bassist Jon Evans, guitarist Geoff Pearlman, percussionist Scott Amendola, and soulful vocalists Chris Webster and Anthony Costello. Special guests—pianist/vocalist Barbara Higbie, violinist Kaila Flexer, and vocalists Melanie Demore and David Worm—join in, adding an extra sparkle to the evening.



Over the course of decades of performing and recording, Jennifer has developed and explored recurring themes with broad insight. Her lifelong involvement in environmental causes and women's rights, as well as her interest in Buddhism and earth-based spirituality are at the heart of her writing, which weaves elements of folk, chant, and pop into emotionally rich, poetic songs. Jennifer's most recent songs revolve around the theme of "home as everywhere," whether it be California, Beijing, the Yukon or the internal realms of the heart

Talk of da Town Saturday February 18

Among the Bay Area's most vibrant and accomplished proponents of a cappella singing styles rooted in African-American culture, Talk of da Town brings down the house with their sizzling renditions of the greatest hits of R&B, Motown, and doo-wop, plus a few gospel tunes for good measure. We dare you to try and sit still for this show!

Originally formed at San Francisco's Galileo High School, the group has spent the past three decades performing in Europe and across the United States. Members Paul Carrington, Carl Douglas, Doug Stepney, Stan Lockwood, and Chase Ruffin present their unaccompanied harmonies at churches, fairs, and festivals, and have appeared with an amazing list of artists, from Rav



Charles and James Brown to Saran Vaughan and Dizzy Gillespie. Most recently, the group spent four weeks with Jerry Lawson on the NBC a cappella show, The Sing-Off.

The group's CD, People Get Ready, captures the pure heart and soul of an enduring American art form. With finely crafted arrangements and an abundance of warmth and charm, these five men find the common ground of joy and celebration in which all music is rooted.

David Thom Band, Windy Hill opens Sunday February 19

The David Thom Band serves up its bluegrass with a tight, classic sound that never fails to tingle the spine and set the toes a-tappin. Fresh, invigorating, and breezy, the band's sound is true to the genre's soulful traditions while staying current with side trips into folk- and country-flavored americana. Tonight the band celebrates the release of their new CD, That Old Familiar, with an eclectic program of tender country ballads, invigorating originals, and songs from the likes of Dave Alvin and Kenny Rogers.

Led by guitarist and soulful singer, David Thom, the hard-driving quintet also features Andy Shaw's driving 5-string banjo, Jeff King's rock-solid upright bass, mandolin stalwart Brian Judd, and hot fiddler Paul Shelasky.



Well-known to bluegrass fans in the Bay Area, the band has appeared at the Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival and the Strawberry Music Festival, and they got a rousing welcome at the Freight's recent Holiday Revue show.

West Coast Songwriters Competition Monday February 20

Check out the future when the West Coast Songwriters presents its monthly Songwriter Competition, where members take the stage and perform their material. Performers sign up from 7:00 to 7:20, and at 7:30 the show's on! Guest judges award a "Best Song" and "Best Performance." The most active songwriting organization in the United States, WCS is dedicated to providing the environment, opportunities, and tools to nurture and promote songwriters.

Sponsored by Pane Italiano Qualità **Red Wine**

plus Laurie Lewis & Tom Rozum

Tuesday February 21



Following triumphant appearances at the Hardly Strictly Bluegrass Festival, Italy's premier bluegrass band makes its Freight debut! Berkeley's own Laurie Lewis and Tom Rozum are on hand to round out what promises to be a memorable evening of bluegrass and beyond.

Representing the "high lonesome" in Italy since 1978, Red Wine is one of the oldest (not to mention most charming) bluegrass bands in Europe. With an eclectic, contemporary flavor, their infectious sound embraces traditional and contemporary bluegrass, country, and gospel, with a little swing thrown in for good measure. The foursome-Martino Coppo (mandolin, guitar), Silvio Ferretti (vocals, banjo, dobro, guitar), Stefano Cavallo (vocals, bass), and Marco Ferretti (vocals, guitar)-arrives with a new CD under its belt, Winter's Come and Gone.

Through her many band and solo outings, Laurie has become a key figure in bluegrass, traditional, and folk music circles. Tom, a native New Englander, regularly collaborates with Laurie, blending his mandolin, mandola, guitar, vocal talent, and wry humor with her violin, guitar, and crystal-clear vocals. Laurie and Tom open tonight's show, and join Red Wine for part of their set.

Roland White & the Bluegrass All-Stars

Wednesday February 22

Roland White's unmistakable sound combines the vitality, soul, and infectious rhythm of his mandolin style with harmonic sophistication and warm vocals A fantastic assemblage of Bay Area bluegrass stars enhance the evening, including fiddle



ace Laurie Lewis, banjo whiz Keith Little, banjo picker extraordinaire Patrick Sauber, and primo bassist Bill Amatneek.

Roland's distinguished career includes stints with the Kentucky Colonels, Bill Monroe's Bluegrass Boys, Lester Flatt's Nashville Grass, and the Nashville Bluegrass Band. In the process, he has left an indelible mark on bluegrass tradition and garnered a host of Grammy nods in the bargain, notably a nomination in the bluegrass category for his newest CD, Jelly on My Tofu.



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Ritmüller is the Freight's official piano and R.KASSMAN in Berkeley is our piano purveyor.

Patrick Landeza with Kenneth Makuakane, LT Smooth & Bill Griffin Thursday February 23

Come join us for an evening of melodious island sounds as Patrick Landeza celebrates the release of his new CD, Ku'u Honua Mele, with musical guests guitarists Kenneth Makuakane and L.T. Smooth, "mandolele" maestro Bill Griffin, and bassist Chris Lau. Patrick spotlights tunes from the CD, a mellifluous melding of Hawaiian roots and originals influenced by Patrick's California upbringing. "It's traditional Hawaiian music with a Berkeley twist," he says.

A musician, composer, and producer, Patrick is a leading exponent of ki ho'alu, the Hawaiian slack key guitar style that Hawaiian cowboys developed in the 19th century when they loosened their guitar strings (or "slacked" them) for a lower, more resonant sound. Born and raised in Berkeley to Hawai'i-born parents, Patrick studied slack key from masters like George Kuo and the late Ray Kane and Sonny Chillingworth. Today, Patrick is regarded as one of the top slack key performers, as well as someone with the unique ability to build a melodic bridge between California and Hawai'i.

Kenneth and L.T. each perform a short set to open the show. One of Hawaiian music's most prolific composers and producers, Kenneth

is the recipient of no fewer than twelve Na Hoku Hanohano Awards, the Hawaii equivalent of the Grammy, and he performs regularly with the multi-award winning group, The Pandanus Club. L.T. spotlights his velvety vocals and lightning-fast guitar licks, as the Kailua resident demonstrates a versatility that incorporates elements of jazz, R&B, and gospel.



Irish fiddle virtuoso Martin Hayes and Chicago-born guitarist Dennis Cahill possess a rare musical kinship, ranking them among the most memorable duos of our era. The twosome holds listeners spellbound with their slow-building, fiery performances, releasing the pure, distilled beauty and vast emotional depths of traditional Irish music. The New York Times calls them, "a Celtic complement" to Steve Reich's quartets and Miles Davis and Gil Evans' collaborations. Their latest CD, Welcome Here Again (Compass), captures the amazing fire and chemistry of their duo playing.

Martin plays in the unhurried, lyrical style of his native Ireland's East County Clare. His father, P. J. Hayes, was the leader of the famed Tulla Ceili Band, and Martin developed a great reverence for the older generation of players, whose music, as Martin puts it, "contains the longing and essence

that moves you at the level of your soul." Now residing in Connecticut, Martin has been an All-Ireland fiddle champion six times over, and has taken home a National Entertainment Award, the Irish equivalent of the Grammy, for Traditional Musician of the Year.

Dennis studied at Chicago's prestigious Music College before working with Martin. The musical rapport he has with the fiddler is so strong that listeners often say they appear to be playing one instrument, working on a seemingly telepathic level. In live performance, the two weave tunes in what Martin describes as "a three-way conversation between the two of us and the music."

Dala Sunday February 26

Winners of the 2010 Canadian Folk Music Award for Vocal Group of the Year, Amanda Walther and Sheila Carabine of Dala create angelic harmonies. Performing a mix of beguiling, pop-inflected originals and intriguing interpretations of others' tunes, the two charm listeners with their trademarked lush harmonies.

Amanda and Sheila met in their high school music class in Ontario in 2002; they have since released five albums and toured extensively across North America. They've had notable performances at The New Orleans Jazz Festival, The Edmonton Folk Festival, and the Strawberry Music Festival, and, in 2010, as the subjects of the PBS television special, Girls From The North Country. The live CD of the concert portion of the special earned Dala their Canadian Folk Music Award, as well as a Juno Award nomination for Roots and Traditional Album of



Classical @ the Freight Rossini's Birthday Celebration Monday February 27

As he was born on February 29, 1792, we can only wish Giachino happy birthday on leap years! Join the musical merriment with noted soprano Marta Johansen and the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra All-Stars: Eugene Chuklov and Elizabeth Choi (violins), Ben Simon (viola), Eugene Sor (cello), and Michel Taddei (double bass). For tonight's program of chamber music and operatic arias, the audience is sure to be on its feet, cheering "Hi Ho Silver!" especially when they hear the familiar passages of the William Tell

Classical at the Freight brings the Bay Area's best classical musicians to the Freight for an hour of top-flight chamber music in an informal, friendly atmosphere. San Francisco Chamber Orchestra Music Director Benjamin

Simon is your host; his goal is to un-stuffify and de-mystify classical music for the general music lover, sharing the joys and rewards of this timeless art with new audiences young and old.



Russell Moore & IIIrd Tyme Out Wednesday February 29



Russell Moore & IIIrd Tyme Out presents an unbeatable combination of superb vocals, great songs, and masterful playing by some of the best musicians in the business

Russell Moore, the International Bluegrass Music Association's (IBMA) three-time Male Vocalist of the Year, leads the Georgia-based group that features Steve Dilling (banjo), Justen Haynes (fiddle), Wayne Benson (mandolin), and Edgar Loudermilk (bass). The band has racked up an astounding number of awards since forming in 1991, including earning IBMA's Vocal Group of the Year honors for seven years running.

While recordings like their recent Prime Tyme reveal their top-notch musicianship, it's the live shows that really do justice to the band's amazing a cappella renditions, featuring rich three- and four-part harmonies. Come hear for yourself!

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World Music Treasures

A series of musical riches representing regional & ethnic traditions from all over the world, made possible with the generous support of the Walter & Elise Haas Fund, the Kanbar Charitable Trust, and The Bernard Osher Foundation.

February 5—Gerard Edery Atahualpa Yupanqui's Argentine folk songs

February 14—**Davka** inspired melding of Jewish roots and Arabic motifs

February 16 – Eric Bibb new world blues

February 21—Red Wine bluegrass Italian-style

February 23—Patrick Landeza Hawaiian slack key guitar & vocals

February 24 & 25 — Martin Hayes & Dennis Cahill essential Irish fiddle & guitar duo

March 3-Michael Winograd & Judith Berkson contemporary klezmer & cantorial music

March 10 - Melanie O'Reilly innovative Celtic-jazz fusion

March 11-Munnelly Brothers virtuoso irish merrymaking at its best

March 16 - Solas leading contemporary Irish music ensemble

March 18-Bruce Molsky & Ale Möller musical explorers from Appalachia to Sweden

April 8—**Parisa Vaaleh** contemporary Persian fusion songstress

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During all performances & daily 12:30-7 pm

Mail order: Send check and SASE at least 10 days before show date.

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Priority seating with advance tickets when the doors open.

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VISIT THE FREIGHT

BART: The Downtown Berkeley station on Shattuck Avenue is around the corner.

AC Transit routes F, 7, 9, 15, 19, 40, 43, 51, 65, 67, 604, 605 stop nearby.

Parking in Downtown Berkeley

Allston Way Garage: 2061 Allston Way, between Shattuck & Milvia (Enter on Center Street) is one block south. Park for \$5 on weekdays if you enter after 6 pm or all day Saturday or Sunday.

Center Street Garage: 2025 Center Street, between Shattuck and Milvia is next door to the Freight. (Enter on Addison Street.) Park for \$5 if you enter the garage after 5 pm.

BikeStation: 2208 Shattuck Street. Secure free bike parking 7 am - 9 pm, cheap bike parking through BikeLink 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week.

March 11

& beyond

(see front cover for March 1 to 10)

March 16

SUNDAY

Munnelly

Brothers

virtuoso Irish

merrymaking at its best

Bruce Molsky

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traditional music

explorers from

Appalachia to Sweden

\$20.50/\$22.50

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

Girlyman

leading edge three-part harmony folk-pop

March 15

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Solas mind-blowing Irish folk music

FRIDAY

Brothers Ireland's foremost family of song

Black

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dynamic chamber

nic cha... music March 20

Students Rock Foundation Benefit

diverse music & comedy

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energetic acoustic folk

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Rose Cousins opens



Cheryl Wheeler

brilliant wit & beautifully crafted songs

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Susan Werner, **David Wilcox**

innovative singersongwriters

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Quintet

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- 13 Soul Power—\$20.50
- 14 House Jacks-\$26.50 19 Dar Williams-\$28 50
- 22 A Benefit Fundraiser for Friends International-\$20.50
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- 26 Carlos Reyes-\$20.50
- 27 & 28 S F Scottish Fiddlers w/ Alasdair Fraiser—\$22.50
- 29 Teresa Trull—\$20.50
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MAY

- 3 A.J. Croce-\$20.50
- 4 Kathy & Carol—\$20.50
- 5 Rahim Alhaj w/ Issa Malluff—\$24.50
- 8 Four Bitchin' Babes—\$24.50

- 12 Andre Thierry—\$20.50
- 19 Evie Ladin—\$20.50
- 21 Classical@the Freight—\$8.50
- Pierre Bensusan—\$24.50 Abraham Lincoln Brigade Celebration @ 2 pm-\$22.50

JUNE

- 1 Austin Lounge Lizards—\$24.50
- 2 Robin Flower & Libby McLaren—\$22.50

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Learn to Play-Winter II Classes run March 5 - April 14

Unless otherwise noted the fee for six 75-minute classes is \$130. \$10 early-bird discount applies to class registrations received before midnight Monday February 27.

MONDAYS

Beginning Fiddle w/ Erik Hoffman (7:00 pm)

Intro to Swing Guitar w/ **Sylvia Herold** (7:00 pm)

Fiddling Repertoire w/ Erik Hoffman (8:30 pm)

Folk Song Repertoire w/ Shay Black (8:30 pm)

Guitar Artistry for Folksingers w/ Sylvia Herold (8:30 pm)

TUESDAYS

Bluegrass Rhythm Guitar w/ Avram Siegel (5:30 pm)

Clawhammer Banjo for the Rank Beginner w/ *Evie Ladin* (6:30 pm)

Bluegrass Harmony Singing w/ Avram Siegel (7:00 pm)

Beginning Swing Rhythm Guitar II w/ *Tony Marcus* (7:00 pm)

Songwriting w/ Jim Bruno (7:00 pm)

Clawhammer Banjo Repertoire w/ **Evie Ladin** (7:45 p.m)

Bluegrass Band Lab w/ Avram Siegel (8:30 pm; \$250) Class runs 8 weeks, each session 90 minutes, and includes a live sound workshop and a performance on the Freight stage

Intermediate & Advanced Swing Rhythm Guitar w/ *Tony Marcus* (8:30 pm)

WEDNESDAYS

Guitar I w/ Gabriel Olin (5:30 pm)

Beginning 'Ukulele w/ Hiram Bell (7:00 pm) Bluegrass Ensemble w/ Bill Evans (7:00 pm)

Guitar II w/ Gabriel Olin (7:00 pm)

Intermediate 'Ukulele w/ Hiram Bell (8:30 pm) Mountain Dulcimer w/ DJ Hamouris (8:30 pm) Vocal Flight w/ *Michael Smolens* (8:30 pm)

THURSDAYS

Acoustic Rock Guitar w/ Gabriel Olin (5:30 pm) Beginning 'Ukulele w/ Hiram Bell (5:30 pm) Advanced Ukulele w/ Hiram Bell (7:00 pm) Guitar III w/ Gabriel Olin (7:00 pm) Jammin' the Blues w/ Pete Madsen (7:00 pm) Fingerstyle Blues w/ Pete Madsen (8:30 pm) Women's Singing Circle w/ Tamsen Fynn (8:30 pm)

WORKSHOPS

Old Time Harmony Singing w/ Evie Ladin Sunday February 19, 1:00-2:30 pm (\$20) Old Time Harmony Singing w/ Evie Ladin Sunday March 25, noon-1:30 pm (\$20)

JAMS

(drop-in prices per session)

Beyond Bluegrass Slow Jam w/ Ran Bush Sunday February 5 & 19, 2:00-5:00 pm (\$14)

Bluegrass Slow Jam w/ Ran Bush Sunday, February 12 & 26, 2:00-5:00 pm (\$14)





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