CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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SUNDAY

MONDAY

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**THURSDAY** 

FRIDAY

Flatt

& Scruggs

SATURDAY

Sourdough

Slim

w/ Robert

Armstrong

**Get musical** this year! Winter Classes begin January 9th

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Livingston Taylor

ineffably warm singer-songwriter

\$22.50 adv/ \$24.50 door January 4

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Denise Perrier,
Connie Champagne,
Faith Winthrop,
Branice McKenzie,
Kitt Weagant

\$22.50 adv/ \$24.50 door January 5 Tribute Band w/ special guests

Don Rigsby and Kathy Kallick

\$20.50 adv/ \$22.50 door

roots revivalist modern vaudevillians

\$20.50 adv/ \$22.50 door

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(AGES 65 & OVER)

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Freight Open Mic

an adventure every time

\$4.50/\$6.50

Frank Vignola w/ Vinny Raniolo

extraordinary performing guitarists

\$20.50/\$22.50

Joe Craven **Trio** 

the irrepressible Joe Craven, his jazz trio, and their new CD

\$20.50/\$22.50

Steve Seskin. John McCutcheon accoustic renaissance Carothers. man w/ new Woody Guthrie tribute CD

**Don Henry** singer-songwriters in the round \$22.50/\$24.50

Craig

\$28.50/\$30.50 January 14

The Tuttles with AJ Lee

West Coast **Songwriters** blazing bluegrass and soulful singing Competition

professionally judged original songs contest 7:30 showtime

Sorrow modern American pop-grass

Joy Kills

Rick Shea & Mary McCaslin

sing the sonas of Jim Ringer & Mary McCaslin

**Berkeley** High School Chamber

Music Concert showcasing tomorrow's

top classical talents January 19 California Zephyr folksy

americana

Berryman

Lou & Peter

folk music's funniest folks

\$20.50/\$22.50

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George Cole

Quintet.

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**Hot Club** 

of Cowtown

hot jazz

and western swing

Caffee Caldo opens

**Great Night** of Rumi & his Soul

Friends theatre, improvised music, and poetry

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Bay Area's premier open stage event

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Brodsky, Tim Flannery colorful songcrafter

Chuck

teams with Giants coach/musiciar

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Jim Malcolm

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one of Scotland's troubadours

January 26

Ensemble

gypsy-jazz double bill

\$20.50/\$22.50 January 27

Esprit de Django et Stephane Festival

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Cheap Suit

Serenaders

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Tony Marcus, Paul Anastasio & Paul Shelasky

swingin' fiddlers & guitar Panique opens

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San Francisco Chambe

Classical @ the Freight

**Mozart Birthday** 

Celebration

SFCO All-Stars, cake, & trivia quiz

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whirlwind improvisational cellist

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gritty, bluesy roots rock from former Blaster's guitarist

Victor Krummenacher

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vocal/guitar virtuoso performs Atahualpa Yupanqui's Argentine folk songs

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Gretchen **Peters** 

Nashville folk-country singer-songwriter

February 5 \$20.50/\$22.50 February 6



**Larry Hanks** & Deborah **Robins** 

close harmonies and American songs

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the **Bee Eaters** 

string band innovation featuring Tristan and Tashina Clarridge Cahalen & Eli open

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Stairwell **Sisters** 

all-gal old-time teardown

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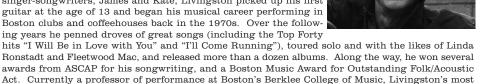
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# PERFORMER PROFILES: January 2011

# Livingston Taylor Wednesday January 4

Singer-songwriter Livingston Taylor returns to the Freight stage to lift our spirits and engage our minds with his well-crafted, melodic, intelligent folk with pop sensibilities. An unrepentant romantic armed with razor-sharp wit and a quirky view of the world, the Boston-based artist spices up his impeccable musical performances with wry humor and a warm stage presence.

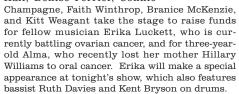
Born into the gifted group of siblings that includes two other singer-songwriters, James and Kate, Livingston picked up his first guitar at the age of 13 and began his musical career performing in Boston clubs and coffeehouses back in the 1970s. Over the following years he penned droves of great songs (including the Top Forty



#### **Diva Night** Lisa Ferraro, Tammy Hall, Denise Perrier, Connie Champagne, Faith Winthrop, Branice McKenzie, and Kitt Weagant Thursday January 5

Seven superbly talented women, with hearts as big as their voices, band together to raise money for a sister musician and a young girl, both impacted by cancer. Don't you dare miss this astounding evening of music when divas Lisa Ferraro, Tammy Hall, Denise Perrier, Connie

recent CD is Last Alaska Moon.















Lisa, the evening's organizer and host, is a distinctive, soulful jazz vocalist hailing from Pittsburgh, PA. A truly versatile pianist, Tammy captivates lovers of jazz, Brazilian, or classical music with beautifully understated virtuosity. Blessed with a rich contralto voice, Denise has spent most of her thirtyyear career performing jazz and blues in the San Francisco Bay Area and touring Europe, Latin America, and Asia. A musical theater actress specializing in portrayals of Judy Garland, Connie brings powerful vocals and a larger-than-life stage presence. Since her days as the house singer at San Francisco's legendary hungry i, Faith has been an integral thread of the Bay Area's cultural fabric, founding the famed Glide Memorial choir and teaching at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, Mills College, and the Jazzschool, as well as touring the world performing in her trademark soulful, elegant style. Branice offers an incredible four-octave voice and magnificent song stylings, as heard on the theatrical stage and international tours with Harry Belafonte, Roberta Flack, and Dianne Reeves. A consummate performer, jazz vocalist Kitt uses her distinctive, sultry purr to embrace her audience in thrilling warmth and a deep range of emotion. Ruth, on standup bass, and Kent, on drums, round out this amazing musical lineup.

# Flatt & Scruggs Tribute Band with Don Rigsby and Kathy Kallick Friday January 6

We guarantee a room full of tapping toes and plucked heartstrings when the Flatt and Scruggs Tribute Band plays the music of one of the most popular and influential bluegrass bands of all time, Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs, and the Foggy Mountain Boys. For tonight's special concert, the tribute band plus special guests Don Rigsby and Kathy Kallick celebrate Scruggs' 88th birthday.

A multiple International Bluegrass Music Association awardwinning artist and producer, Kentucky native Don is one of the best tenor and lead singers in bluegrass today as well as a superlative mandolinist.

Kathy is a Grammy-winning artist who has been leading traditional bluegrass bands on the West Coast since 1975, including her own Kathy Kallick Band and the Good Ol' Persons.

In addition to Don and Kathy's unforgettable vocals, we'll experience powerful Scruggs-style banjo playing from host Bill Evans (Bill Evans' String Summit, The NashVillians) and Larry Cohea (High Country, Blue & Lonesome), soulful singing from David Thom (The David Thom Band), Uncle Josh Graves-style dobro fireworks from Jim Mintun (High Country), Paul Warren-esque fiddling from master Paul Shelasky (Blue & Lonesome), and solid bass from Markie Sanders in an all-Flatt and Scruggs program that will run the gamut from







the band's early 1950s classics to the gospel quartets and folk-influenced sounds of the band's later years.

# Sourdough Slim with Robert Armstrong saturday January 7

Join roots music revivalists Sourdough Slim and Robert Armstrong in celebrating the release of their new CD, Oh, Sweet Mama! These showmen extraordinaire joyously rekindle the country blues, western classics, vintage jazz, and string band repertoire of rural America in the 1920s, '30s and '40s. Whether they're capturing the haunting refrain of a Jimmie Rodgers blue yodel or swinging out a hot novelty number, the fun these two cut-ups have on stage leads to a contagious good time for everyone in the house.

Long-time fans will remember the two as founding members of a pair of California's favorite acoustic combos-Sourdough started the 8th Avenue String Band and Robert helped form the Cheap Suit Serenaders. These modern day vaudevillians and their provocative array of period instruments capture a sound and moment in time that consistently delights fun-loving music fans wherever they per-

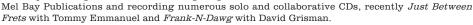


form, whether it's onstage at venues like Carnegie Hall and Strawberry Music Festival, or over the airwaves on Garrison Keillor's Prairie Home Companion.

# Frank Vignola w/ Vinny Raniolo Wednesday January 11

One of the world's truly extraordinary guitarists, Frank Vignola brings his jaw-dropping technique for a not-to-be-missed concert. Joined tonight by youthful guitar ace Vinny Raniolo, Frank demonstrates the stunning virtuosity that has made him the guitarist of choice for many of the world's top musicians, including Ringo Starr, Donald Fagen, Wynton Marsalis, and the late guitar legend Les Paul, who included Frank in his "Five Most Admired Guitar List.

Raised in the New York area, Frank enjoyed numerous sideman gigs in the 1980s with folks like Madonna and Leon Redbone, as well as coming into his own as a bandleader with his famed Hot Club of France tribute, which the New York Times hailed as one of New York City's top ten acts of 1988. Frank's subsequent projects include leading jazz projects like Appel Direct, performing with Les Paul, writing 18 guitar instruction books for



At the tender age of 26, guitar whiz Vinny has already performed alongside many of the finest musicians in the world, including Tommy Emmanuel, Tony Trishka, and Matt Flinner-not to mention Frank Vignola!

#### Joe Craven Trio Thursday January 12

The inimitable Joe Craven returns to our stage with a power trio of northern California musical veterans (Kendrick Freeman on drumset, percussion, and vocals, John R. Burr on keyboards, and Joe himself on mandolin, fiddle, vocals) to celebrate the release of the group's new CD, All Four One. While planting its feet in jazz, the album features a hefty dose of bluegrass, blues, funk, and swing, as well as influences from Brazil, Haiti, Ireland, and Puerto Rico.

Joe is an innovative multi-instrumentalist, creativity educator, actor/ storyteller, and recipient of the 2009 Far West Folk Alliance Performer of the Year. A supremely versatile musician, he has worked with folks ranging from jazz violinist Stephane Grappelli and classical cellist

Yo-Yo Ma to Grateful Dead guitarist Jerry Garcia and a cappella all-stars, the Persuasions. From tin cans to knitting needles to ukuleles, Joe can play anything, whether it's got strings attached or not. "Everything Joe touches turns to music," says mandolinist David Grisman, in whose Quintet Joe played for almost 17 years.

In addition to his drumset work with folks like Alison Brown and Rob Ickes, Kendrick has studied and performed with artists from Congo, Ghana, and Haiti. An engaging pianist who combines jazz technique with a genuine love for folk music, John's breezy style has graced tours with major musicians from a variety of genres including Maria Muldaur, Alison Brown, and Paul McCandless.

# Steve Seskin, Craig Carothers, Don Henry Friday January 13

Three friends—top songwriters all-bring their impressive repertoires to the Freight for an "in-the-round" evening of hilarious stories and superlative music.

An inspiring performer and one of today's most successful songwriters, Richmond, CA resident Steve Seskin, has







been a Freight favorite since the 1970s. Steve's songs—an eclectic blend of humor and pathos, love songs and looney tunes—have been covered by scores of famed artists (John Michael Montgomery, Waylon Jennings, and Tim McGraw, to name but a few). In addition, Steve has also seen his song "Don't Laugh at Me" (co-written with Allen Shamblin) inspire the development of a character and anti-bullying education curriculum in thousands of elementary schools across the country.

Craig Carothers' intelligent love songs, with their memorable blend of weary cynicism and hearton-sleeve romanticism, have been recorded by folks like Trisha Yearwood and Kathy Mattea. For the past two decades singer-songwriter Craig has played nightclubs and concerts from Los Angeles

Don, who co-wrote Kathy Mattea's Grammy-winning hit, "Where've You Been," writes wry, engaging song-stories, and he sings them with extraordinary tenderness, humor, and sincerity. His tunes and their richly etched characters tell an engrossing story full of revelation and unexpected twists.



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January 21 Lou & Peter Berryman

# Patchwork Series: Rude Dog Duo plus Crosspulse Duo

Saturday January 14, 11 am





Sarita Pockell and Melita Doostan, of Octopretzel fame, host this morning's edition of the Patchwork Series of kids' shows, featuring the theatrical singing and tomfoolery of Rude Dog Duo and the captivating cadences of Crosspulse Rhythm Duo.

As members of the Sippy Cups, Rudy Trubitt and Doug Nolan traveled the country entertaining young and old alike with a unique blend of psychedelic kid-rock, crazy juggling, and a cast of colorful characters. Now, unplugged and off-leash under the name Rude Dog Duo, Rudy and Doug delight us with one part music (Rudy sings and plays acoustic guitar) and one part tomfoolery (Doug juggles, unicycles, and clowns around). Together, they create a unique family music and theatrical experience.

From bells and banjos to body music, boxes, and balls, the Crosspulse Rhythm Duo can make music out of anything and everything! Bending and blending traditional and contemporary music and dance while they explore the rhythmic possibilities in the world around us, Keith Terry and Evie Ladin bring together diverse influences—jazz and world music, Appalachian banjo and step dancing traditions, and "found sound"—with delightful humor and skill. The Crosspulse Rhythm Duo offers captivating, seamless performances that both entertain and educate young audiences.

#### John McCutcheon Saturday January 14



Brilliant lyricist and storyteller, virtuoso singer, fiddler, and guitarist, and undisputed master of the hammered dulcimer, John McCutcheon runs the gamut from kid's songs to protest anthems to updates of his Appalachian and Midwestern roots mixed with stunning originals.

In the 1960s John traded the university classroom for the front porches, union halls, and churches of the Appalachians. Under the tutelage of the greats of traditional Southern music, he mastered seven different instruments, became an insightful and powerful singer of traditional songs, and honed an ear for a good story.

John recently released a new CD, *This Land:* Woody Guthrie's America, a comprehensive tribute to the American icon including beautiful versions of Guthrie songs.

#### The Tuttles with AJ Lee Sunday January 15

Thrill to the impressive chops and powerhouse vocals of the next generation in bluegrass when The Tuttles with AJ Lee take the stage! They may look young, but don't let it fool you; with several years of performing and a new, self-titled CD under their belts, this group is ready and willing to knock your socks off with an evening of high-powered, fresh-faced bluegrass.

Molly, Sullivan, and Michael Tuttle learned the ropes from their father Jack, who has taught bluegrass music for the past 30 years at Gryphon Stringed Instruments, and plays string bass tonight.

AJ grew up listening to a wide range of musical styles,

from rock and jazz to country and bluegrass. Her original instrument was ukulele, but now she plays mandolin and fiddle, and sings, continually surprising audiences with a beautiful voice that's mature beyond the owner's years.

The Tuttles and AJ first met at the 2004 California Bluegrass Association's famed Father's Day Festival in Grass Valley, and the excitement of those jams sparked friendships among the young musicians . . . the rest is history in the making!

Molly heads for Boston's Berklee College of Music later this month, having won the first Hazel Dickens Memorial Scholarship from the Foundation For Bluegrass Music.

# West Coast Songwriters Competition Monday January 16

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 State, WCS is dedicated to providing the environment, opportunities, and tools to nurture and promote songwriters.

# Joy Kills Sorrow Tuesday January 17

Boston-based string band Joy Kills Sorrow brings a decidedly modern sensibility to an old-world sound, channeling the prodigious talents of its individual members into elegant arrangements and well-crafted songs. While the group pays due homage to its bluegrass roots—its name is taken from WJKS, a radio station that hosted the Monroe brothers' show in the 1930s—the band truly excels in its rich and textured treatment of more contemporary material. With an impressive array of original songs, Joy Kills Sorrow



gracefully merges influences as diverse as folk, rock, pop, and jazz. The music that emerges is dark and often funny: a new strain of folk music that ruminates on modern life and love with eloquence and wit while saluting the past.

Joy Kills Sorrow first emerged out of Boston's thriving folk music scene in 2005. The group currently features founding member and award-winning flatpicking guitarist Matthew Arcara, mandolin virtuoso Jacob Jolliff, uncommon banjo ace Wesley Corbett, distinctive songwriter and bassist Bridget Kearney, and earthy, powerful vocalist Emma Beaton, the 2008 Canadian Folk Music Awards' Young Performer of the Year. In 2007, the group won first prize in the Podunk Bluegrass Festival Band Contest; their new CD is *This Unknown Science* (Signature Sounds).

# Rick Shea & Mary McCaslin Wednesday January 18

Two captivating folksingers, Rick Shea and Mary McCaslin, bring to the stage their solo talents, then join forces for a set of music from Mary's famed duo with the late Jim Ringer, featuring songs from their landmark 1978 album, *The Bramble & the Rose.* 

A deeply evocative singer and a formidable guitarist, Rick writes songs that embrace genres from norteño to traditional folk to the California country music that he grew up with. As a sideman, Rick has worked with everyone from roots rock kingpin Dave Alvin to Katy Moffatt to R.E.M.





He has also enjoyed a successful career as a solo artist, with five CDs and appearances at festivals and venues throughout the western United States.

A major link between traditional American folksingers and today's "new folk" singer-songwriters, Mary is a warm, expressive vocalist and a pioneer of open guitar tunings. In addition to her exquisite fingerpicked guitar style, Mary uses clawhammer banjo to great effect on such unlikely songs as "Blackbird" and "Pinball Wizard." She has written numerous songs about the landscape and the denizens of the west, which have been recorded by folks like Tom Russell and David Bromberg.

Born in the Arkansas Ozarks, Jim migrated to California's Central Valley with his family during the Dust Bowl years of the 1930s. It was a rough life, and by the age of 20 Jim has spent years hopping freight trains from job to job as well as doing time in prison. In 1969 he became a professional musician and moved to Berkeley where he plied his gritty country folk stylings as part of the Portable Folk Festival and as a member of Kenny Hall & the Sweet's Mill String Band. Jim released a number of solo albums, in addition to his work with Mary. He passed away on St. Patrick's Day in 1992.

Mary and Jim met in the summer of 1972. They soon began performing together, and recorded a popular and influential album of folk duets, *The Bramble & the Rose* (released on CD in 2000 by Philo). For tonight's second set, Mary and Rick perform selections from this gem of an album.

# Berkeley High School Chamber Music Concert

#### **Thursday January 19**

Come hear an inspiring performance by the classical component of the world-renowned Berkeley High music program, a stunning showcase for its talented young players. The evening features an array of small groupings-brass choir and string quartet to solos and duets-by musicians from Berkeley High School's orchestra and band programs, under the direction of Karen Wells.

These are Berkeley High students, so expect the unexpected! The repertoire is sure to include classical favorites, such as Beethoven and Shostakovich string quartets but you will also hear some surprising,



less familiar gems. An exciting feature of tonight's show are performances by small student groups who have studied traditional fiddling styles with Annie Staninec (Kathy Kallick Band, George Cole Quintet) in a special seminar set up by the Freight & Salvage and funded by a grant from the Berkeley Public Education Foundation.

# California Zephyr Friday January 20

California Zephyr brings to the Freight a fresh mixture of folk, rock, jazz, swing, country, bluegrass, and more, with a little extra dollop of twang thrown in for good measure. Zephyr's repertoire includes originals and unique takes on classic favorites, with the spotlight on tunes from their recent CD, Above the Timberline.

For over three decades, the members of California Zephyr have been honing their craft as performers and songwriters. Including multi-instrumentalist/vocalists Alan Arnopole, Steve Ewert, Russ Gauthier, Steve Della Maggiora, Seth Arnopole, Sam Page, Geoffrey Palmer, and Jon Otis, the group effortlessly blends and bends the boundaries of a wide range of American roots styles



into a tasty melange of sweet harmony, fiery pickin', soulful ballads, funky yodeling, and yes, even geological rap.

# Lou & Peter Berryman Saturday January 21

With Lou squeezing accordion and Peter on guitar, this Madison, Wisconsin-based duo brings down the house in a unique tour de farce blending midwestern culture with street-smart savvy, demonstrating why they are possibly the funniest songwriters extant.

Lou and Peter have spent over 30 years of writing and singing together, and they've got 13 albums and a long line of classic knee-slappers to their credit, from "Double Yodel" and "Cow Imagination" down through the irresistible gems on their most recent album, Rocky Frontier, like the tragic "Pluto Goodbye," dedicated to the "hole in our planetary gestalt," and "Quarter After Blues," which Lou describes as "an insomniac's garden of invasive words.'



Join Lou and Peter for the cheesiest funfest this side of the Dairy State!

# Great Night of Rumi & his Soul Friends Sunday January 22

The Great Night of Rumi celebrates the 13th Century Persian poet Jelaluddin Rumi along with fellow mystic poets Kabir, Hafez, and Rabindranath Tagore, bringing their moving works vividly to life through a richly woven tapestry of spoken word, music, and dance.

Dan and Dale Zola lead a multi-faceted exploration of these great mystics, expressing the passion and humor of their poems. Joining a diverse group of poetry presenters, musicians including Claude Palmer on oud (lute), Sheldon Brown on woodwinds, Arshad Sayeed on tabla, Gary Haggerty on saz (longnecked lute) and other Middle Eastern instruments, Bobby Eddins on bass, and



Eric Oberthaler on keyboards improvise a musical setting for each poem. Rounding out the evening, Aziz, a Dervish, performs the ecstatic whirling dances that Rumi practiced.

# Chuck Brodsky, Tim Flannery Wednesday January 25

Join us for the musical double-header of the year as singer-songwriter Chuck Brodsky and Giants' third base coach/songcrafter Tim Flannery join forces.

Now based in Asheville, North Carolina, Chuck perfected his compassionate songwriting, groove-filled guitar playing, soulful vocals, and dry social commentary while living in Berkeley and performing on the Freight stage in the 1980s. While Chuck has a reputation for writing songs about baseball (he has nine songs in the Sound Recording Library of the Baseball Hall of Fame, where he's also performed numerous concerts), he turns his storyteller's mind, comic's eye, and empathetic heart to a wide variety of remarkable true tales, on stage and on CDs like his recent Subtotal Eclipse.





While you may recognize his face best peering out from under a baseball hat, Tim is equally comfortable standing in front of a mic with a guitar in his hands. He has spent over three decades of his life in professional baseball, and has been the third base coach for the San Francisco Giants since 2008, but Tim is also a prolific songwriter, releasing ten albums in 15 years, most recently, The Restless Kind. A talented fingerstyle guitarist with a voice as smooth as bourbon, Tim has a knack for crafting potent songs full of memorable characters and insight into the themes of love, travel, and-of course-baseball.

#### Jim Malcolm

#### Thursday January 26

Jim Malcolm is unquestionably one of the finest Scots traditional singers of his generation. He has a beautiful, rich voice and the powerful ability to deliver vibrant yet purely authenticsounding music, whether he's singing an ancient Scots song in the original vernacu-



lar, a familiar tune with his own lyrical update, or one of his original compositions

Tonight the Perthshire native takes a solo turn on our stage with his guitar and harmonica, presenting selections from his latest CD, Sparkling Flash, a collection of beautiful Scottish songs, both old and new. A noted songwriter in his own right ever since gaining acclaim with his first solo album, Sconeward, Jim went on to win the Songwriter of the Year award from the Scots Trad Music Society in 2004. He will surely include plenty of his own original classics like "Lochanside" and "Battle of Waterloo" tonight, as well as favorites from his days with the Old Blind Dogs, the influential Scottish group he co-founded.

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# **Judy Collins**

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# Esprit de Django et Stephane Festival

The Freight swings like it's never swung before when the Esprit de Django et Stephane Festival sets the stage sizzling with three nights of music and three days of workshops (see page 8) inspired and influenced by the legendary European jazz band, Quintette du Hot Club de France. Fronted by gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt and virtuoso violinist Stephane Grappelli, the Parisbased combo revolutionized jazz in the 1930s and '40s by applying an irresistible, string-fueled propulsion to the more sedate big-band sound of the time. This weekend's festival showcases some modern heirs of Django's and Stephane's hot jazz sound.

#### George Cole Quintet, Fishtank Ensemble Friday January 27

Two great bands, the George Cole Quintet and Fishtank Ensemble, kick off the Esprit de Django et Stephane Festival with a night of hot, hot jazz and high-energy originals, spiced with plenty of genrebending cross-pollination.

With George's fiery guitar as its centerpiece, the virtuoso George Cole Quintet immerses the house in their infectious, original "Eurocana" jazz groove. Drawing inspiration from the dynamic string-driven





swing created by Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli, the group also hearkens back to some of the finest composers of the "great American songbook," with melodic, appealing tunes that sound like they could well have been penned by the likes of George Gershwin or Irving Berlin. In addition to George's superb compositions, guitar, and vocals, the band features show-stopping vocals by Hale Baskin, virtuoso violinist Annie Staninec, the driving rhythm guitar of Jimmy Grant, and swinging upright bass from Chris Bastian.

Formed in 2005 in the Bay Area, the intoxicatingly eclectic Fishtank Ensemble is willing and able to tackle everything from French hot jazz to wild Serbian and Transylvanian Gypsy anthems, flamenco, and oddball originals. It's all held together by the stunning virtuosity and breakneck tempos of French violinist Fabrice Martinez, operatic vocalist, violinist, and musical saw wizard Ursula Knudson, guitarist Doug Smolens, and one of the world's great slap bass players, Djordje Stijepovic.

#### Hot Club of Cowtown, Caffee Caldo opens saturday January 28

The Esprit de Django et Stephane Festival continues with the globe-trotting, fiery-fingered Western swing trio, Hot Club of Cowtown.

Guitarist Whit Smith, fiddler Elana James, and bassist Jake Erwin play Western swing with their own unique brand of high-tempo energy and jazzy improvisations. The recordings of Western swing legend Bob Wills are a major inspiration for their repertoire and style-witness their new CD, What Makes Bob Holler-but the trio combines Will's western swing with the legendary string jazz sounds of Quintette du Hot Club de France, along with a generous helping of foot-stompin' fiddle jigs and reels.



Hot Club has amassed a large cult following with their sonic personification of joy. Years spent crisscrossing the U.S. in a silver Ford van through a landscape where local traditions are becoming more and more diluted has only increased the band's devotion to keeping their music sincere, free of irony, and focused on a simpler time. So come on and join the fun tonight, and don't even try to keep your feet still!

#### Tony Marcus, Paul Shelasky & Paul Anastasio, Panique opens **Sunday January 29**

Master swing fiddlers Paul Anastasio and Paul Shelasky, with the irrepressible Tony Marcus on guitar and vocals, round out the Esprit de Django et Stephane Festival with a tasty evening of hot swing, torchy ballads, and blues.

Hailing from Seattle, Paul Anastasio was the last student of the immensely influential originator of jazz violin, Joe Venuti, and has played with Asleep at the Wheel and many other swing outfits, in addition to country



greats Merle Haggard and Loretta Lynn. While Paul Shelasky may be best known for his bluegrass fiddle talents, he can really tear up a swing number! Both Pauls are also heavily influenced by the playing of jazz violinists Svend Asmussen and Stuff Smith, as well as by the legendary Stephane Grappelli. With Tony (longtime member of the Cheap Suit Serenaders, Cats and Jammers, Leftover Dreams) joining them on guitar and vocals, this is a trio that can't be beat, as evidenced by their 2006 CD, Two Pauls, No Waiting.

Panique opens.



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

#### Classical @ the Freight **Mozart's Birthday Celebration** Monday January 30

Join the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra All-Stars tonight for their annual Mozart Birthday Celebration! Robin Sharp and Debra Fong (violin), Sharon Wei and Ben Simon (viola), and Robert Howard (cello) perform a glo-



rious program of two of Wolfie's most beautiful chamber works, Viola Quintet in B-flat Major, K. 174, and Viola Quintet in D Major, K. 593. Join us for this gala event, have a try at our Mozart Trivia Quiz, compete for the best period costume award, and enjoy a slice of free birthday cake!

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.



#### COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE Saturday, January 21 Noon- 4 PM

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unique melange of theatre, improvised music, and poetry

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January 27—George Cole Quintet, Fishtank Ensemble innovative gypsy-jazz double bill

January 28 — Hot Club of Cowtown
hot jazz & western swing
January 29 — Tony Marcus, Paul Anastasio
& Paul Shelasky
two fiddles & a guitar swing it Joe Venuti-style

**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

February 21-Red Wine bluegrass Italian-style

February 23—Patrick Landeza Hawaiian slack key guitar & vocals

February 24 & 25 — Martin Hayes & Dennis Cahill

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Internet: (service charges apply) www.freightandsalvage.org

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Priority seating with advance tickets when the doors open.

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The Freight is accessible to people with disabilities. We provide free assisted-listening devices upon request. Please contact us with any questions about accessibility or requests for assistance

#### 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.

# February 12 & beyond (see front cover for February 1 to 11)

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH 1st Annual **Eddie Marshall**

SUNDAY

**Tribute** nomage to jazz drummer

\$20.50/\$22.50 February 12

SF Bluegrass & Oldtime Festival

MONDAY

Kathy Kallick Band Quartet, Susie Glaze & the Hilonesome Band

\$20.50/\$22.50 February 13

Davka inspired melding of Jewish roots and Arabic motifs

TUESDAY

\$20.50/\$22.50 February 14

WEDNESDAY

#### San Francisco Bluegrass & Oldtime Festival Kleptograss

artful borrowers of eclectic musical traditions

\$20.50/\$22.50 February 15

Eric Bibb

new world blues

\$22.50/\$24.50 February 16

THURSDAY

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Jennifer Berezan

singer-songwriter's CD release show with many musical cohorts

FRIDAY

\$24.50/\$26.50 February 17

SATURDAY BLACK HISTORY MONTH

#### Talk of da Town

award-winning a cappella

\$22.50/\$24.50 February 18

#### David Thom Band

hard-driving bluegrass CD release show

\$20.50/\$22.50 February 19

West Coast **Songwriters** Competition

original songs contest 7:30 showtime \$8.50/\$10.50 February 20

Red Wine plus Laurie Lewis

& Tom Rozum bluegrass Italian-style

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legendary mandolinist's hot bluegrass band

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Hawaiian slack key guitar & vocals

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Friday & Saturday, February 24 & 25 \$26.50/\$28.50

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harmony-rich Canadian folk-pop

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rural rhythm

& bluegrass

Russell Moore Russell Moore A & IIIrd Tyme Out R

\$22.50/\$24.50 February 29

Leftover **Dreams** gems from the

Great American Songbook

\$20.50/\$22.50 March 1 Peter

#### Don Burnham & the Bolos

classic western swing

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Michael Winograd & Judith Berkson

contemporary klezmer, & cantorial music March 3 \$23.50/\$26.50

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#### Ben Goldberg's Orphic Machine

West Coast premiere of chamber-jazz suite

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master & his top-notch band \$20.50/\$22.50

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innovative celtic-jazz chanteuse

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- 11 Munnelly Brothers-\$20.50
- 15 Girlyman—\$26.50
- 16 Solas—\$26.50 17 Black Brothers-\$22.50
- 18 Bruce Molsky & Ale Moller—\$24.50
- 22 John Gorka, Rose Cousins opens—\$24.50
- 24 Cheryl Wheeler-\$26.50

- 25 Susan Werner, David Wilcox-\$26.50
- 26 Classical @ the Freight-\$8.50
- 29 Tom Paxton—\$26.50

APRIL

- 30 Junius Courtney Big Band-\$20.50 31 The Waybacks—\$24.50
- 4 Anais Mitchell—\$20.50 6 Hayes Carll—\$20.50
- 7 Judy Collins—\$48.50
- 12 Peggy Seeger—\$24.50
- 13 Soul Power—\$20.50
- Dar Williams—\$28.50 A Benefit Fundraiser for Friends
- International—\$20.50 26 Carlos Reyes—\$20.50
- San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers w/ Alasdair Fraiser—\$22.50
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- 29 Teresa Trull-\$20.50
- 30 Classical@the Freight-\$8.50

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- 3 A.J. Croce-\$20.50
- 4 Kathy & Carol—\$20.50
- 5 Rahim Alhaj w/ Issa Malluff—\$24.50 11 Berkeley Ukelele Festival—\$24.50
- 12 Andre Thierry—\$20.50
- 21 Classical@the Freight—\$8.50

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# Learn to Play: Winter Series I Classes January 9 - February 16 Unless otherwise noted the fee for six 75-minute classes is \$130. \$10 early-bird discount applies to class registrations

#### Winter Classes- see Freight website for details:

#### **MONDAYS**

Fiddling Repertoire w/ Erik Hoffman (7:00 pm)

**Mountain Dulcimer** w/ **DJ Hamouris** (7:00 pm)

Pop Song Repertoire w/ *Sylvia Herold* (7:00 pm)

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

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

More Challenging Fiddling Repertoire w/ Erik Hoffman (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)

Intro to Swing Rhythm Guitar 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

Folk Orchestra & Choral Society w/ **DJ Hamouris** (8:30 pm)

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

#### WEDNESDAYS

Acoustic Rock Guitar w/ Gabriel Olin (5:30 pm)

Hawaiian Slack Key Guitar II w/ Patrick Landeza (5:30 pm, 5 week class starting January 18, \$110)

Beginning 'Ukulele w/ Hiram Bell (7:00 pm)

Bluegrass Ensemble Class w/ *Bill Evans* (7:00 pm)

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

Intermediate 'Ukulele w/ Hiram Bell (8:30 pm)

#### **THURSDAYS**

Beginning 'Ukulele w/ Hiram Bell (5:30 pm)

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

Advanced Ukulele w/ Hiram Bell (7:00 pm)

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

Jammin' the Blues

w/ **Pete Madsen** (7:00 pm) Guitar of Robert Johnson

w/ **Pete Madsen** (8:30 pm)

Women's Singing Circle w/ *Tamsen Fynn* (8:30 pm)

#### JAMS

(drop-in prices per session)

**Beyond Bluegrass Slow Jam** w/ Ran Bush Sunday January 1 & 15, 2:00-5:00 pm (\$14)

**Bluegrass Slow Jam** w/ Ran Bush Sunday, January 8 & 22, 2:00-5:00 pm (\$14)

#### WORKSHOPS

Old Time Harmony Singing w/ Evie Ladin Sunday January 22, 1:00-2:30 pm (\$15)

**Guitar & Repertoire for Elementary and Pre-School Teachers and Parents** w/ *Gerry Tenney* Sunday, January 22, 1:00-2:30 pm (\$20)

#### Esprit de Django et Stephane Festival

Western Swing Guitar w/ Whit Smith Friday, January 27, 4:00-5:15 pm (\$20)

Romanian Violin w/ Fabrice Martinez Saturday, January 28, 10:00-11:15 am (\$20)

An Introduction to Violin Improvisation w/ Elana James

Saturday, January 28, 10:00-11:15 am (\$20)

Swing Guitar EXTRA I w/ Whit Smith Saturday, January 28, 2:00-3:15 pm (\$20)

Violin Improvisation for Intermediate & Advanced Players w/ *Elana James* Saturday, January 28, 3:30-4:45 pm (\$20)

Swing Guitar EXTRA II w/ Whit Smith Saturday, January 28, 3:30-4:45 pm (\$20)

Introduction to Gypsy Jazz Guitar For Beginners Only w/ *George Cole* Saturday, January 28, 4:00-5:15 pm (\$20)

Improvisation 101 for Violin w/ Paul Anastasio Sunday, January 29, 4:00-5:15 pm (\$20) I

STUCK- Simple Music Theory Unveiled w/ Gerry Tenney

Sunday, January 29, 1:00-2:30 pm (\$20)

Old Time Harmony Singing w/ Evie Ladin Sunday February 19, 1:00-2:30 pm (\$15)

**Old Time Harmony Singing** w/ *Evie Ladin* Sunday March 25, 1:00-2:30 pm (\$15)

Old Time Harmony Singing w/ Evie Ladin Sunday April 29, 1:00-2:30 pm (\$15)

