

The Vermont Legislature presents

FARMERS NIGHT

2016

FREE CONCERT SERIES

All performances are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm
in the House Chamber, Vermont State House, Montpelier

JANUARY 20TH

NISHT GEFERLACH KLEZMER BAND

The soulful and stirring music of the Jews of Eastern Europe and New York's Lower East Side echoes through the Green Mountains, with songs from the golden age of New York's Yiddish Theater, lively instrumentals and dance tunes that display the Dixieland influence on Jewish immigrant musicians.

JANUARY 27TH

VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

David M. Wilson Memorial Farmers' Night Concert
Jaime Laredo, conductor

All four instrumental families will be represented in this concert: Winds are featured in Handel's Entrance of the Queen of Sheba, and Mozart's Serenata Notturmo adds timpani to a string orchestra. Bass trombonist Gabe Langfur solos in Chris Brubeck's Trombone Concerto, a composition by Montpelier 9th grader Colin Desch will be premiered, and Haydn's "Morning" Symphony rounds out the program.

FEBRUARY 3RD JOHN QUINCY ADAMS: A SPIRIT UNCONQUERABLE!

Presented by the Vermont Humanities Council

Actor Jim Cooke portrays our sixth president and arguably greatest Secretary of State, including his battle against Congress's "Gag Rule" and his Supreme Court argument on behalf of Africans from the Amistad.

FEBRUARY 10TH DOUG PERKINS AND THE BESSETTE QUARTET

From Bach to bluegrass, multi-talented Vermont guitarist Doug Perkins will perform solo, as well as in jazz settings with Bessette Quartet colleagues Andy Smith, Matt Davis and Eric Bessette.

FEBRUARY 17TH INTIMATE GRANDEUR: VERMONT'S STATE HOUSE

Presented by the Friends of the Vermont State House

The State House is one of Vermont's architectural gems, and this evening celebrates the building along with the new book of the same title. Musical performances by a variety of artists, pageantry and words by author Nancy Price Graff and State Curator David Schutz, accompanied by the gorgeous visuals of Jeb Wallace-Brodeur.

FEBRUARY 24TH

JOHN AND IDA MAE SPECKER

Legendary Vermont fiddlers play traditional American fiddle music like you've never heard it before. This father-daughter duo play fiddle music with crazy heart! John and Ida Mae's red hot twin fiddles, clawhammer banjo, washboard and soulful harmonies will have the audience tapping double time.

MARCH 9TH COUNTERPOINT

Vermont's twelve-member professional vocal ensemble presents an evening of choral arrangements of songs written and sung by the great American singer and activist Pete Seeger.

MARCH 16TH 40TH ARMY BAND

Vermont's "Own" 40th Army Band presents a diverse performance of concert band music from patriotic, popular and standard genres. This performance celebrates the 35th year of service of Commander/Bandmaster Chief Warrant Officer David A. Myers.

MARCH 23RD

MONTPELIER COMMUNITY GOSPEL CHOIR

The Small Choir, a subset of the Gospel Choir, sings a cappella gospel music to lift the spirit and stir the soul.

MARCH 30TH BELLA VOCE

Vermont's premier women's ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Dawn Willis, presents "Music of the World", exhilarating and evocative works by composers from Romania, New Zealand, Israel and Canada.

APRIL 6TH

EAST BAY JAZZ ENSEMBLE

This 10-piece jazz ensemble entertains with classic arrangements of the Swing era, re-living the ballroom dances and sophisticated concerts of the great Big Bands.

APRIL 13TH

TURNMUSIC

TURNmusic of Waterbury performs chamber music in a contemporary and very unique fashion. Enjoy an exciting musical evening with some Vermont compositions.

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