

The Vermont  
Legislature  
presents

# FARMERS NIGHT

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Wednesdays throughout the 2024 Legislative Session  
7:30 pm in the House Chamber / Vermont State House

2024

## January 17: "Turn the World Around" – Counterpoint Vocal Ensemble

Praised for its clarity, skill and sophisticated musical expressiveness, Counterpoint returns with "Turn the World Around," a celebration of *a cappella* folksongs and the Great American Songbook. The evening will feature new works, classic arrangements by founder Robert De Cormier, and a new work by Vermont composer Erik Nielsen responding to the devastating floods of July.

## January 24: All the Way Home

An evening of hilarious true tales from some of Vermont's most talented storytellers. Join comedic storyteller Susanne Schmidt as she hosts an evening of award-winning Moth-style stories about the trials and tribulations of life in Vermont. The storytellers will be joined by master musical storytellers and folk duo Cricket Blue.

## January 31: An Evening of Tibetan Music and Dance

The Tibetan Association of Vermont performs classical dance and classical dranyen, a Tibetan string instrument. Join us for what is sure to be a memorable evening highlighting the culture and traditions of Tibetans living in Vermont.

## February 7: Kekla Magoon (Sponsored by Vermont Humanities)

National Book Award finalist Kekla Magoon discusses her award-winning nonfiction book, *Revolution in Our Time: The Black Panther Party's Promise to the People*. The Vermont author considers the importance of reading as a tool for social change, and our power to transform communities.

## February 14: Valentine's Day with the Vermont Symphony Orchestra and Chorus

(Sponsored by the Vermont Symphony Orchestra) This Valentine's Day concert features a chamber orchestra and the VSO Chorus for an evening of enchanting music by Mozart, Bach, Haydn, Faure and more. The concert will be conducted by José-Daniel Flores Caraballo, and includes the world premiere of a work composed by Montpelier High School student Callum Robeck.

## February 21: 60 Years of Bread & Puppet

Peter Schumann's celebrated Bread and Puppet Theater is known for drawing attention to the urgent issues of the day with their iconic puppets and paper maché beasts of all sizes. This year Bread and Puppet celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and will perform *Paper Mache Mas*, and fill the House Chamber with colorful protest and celebration.

## February 28: A2VT

Members of A2VT synthesize their native African musical and dance roots with Western pop and hip-hop sensibilities. Their songs are performed in eight unique languages, reflecting the journey from Africa to America, and celebrate the music of two continents.

## March 6: Town Meeting break – no performance

## March 13: Vermont Youth Orchestra

The VYO String Squad and the newly-formed VYO Winds, Brass, and Percussion Ensemble will perform pieces by Debussy, Sousa, and William Grant Still. Mark Alpizar will conduct. Mariachi music, themes from popular movie franchises, and iconic music from video games round out the event.

**March 20: "Applied Cartooning" – The Center for Cartoon Studies** (Sponsored by Friends of the Vermont State House) Learn how Vermont's renowned Center for Cartoon Studies' Applied Cartooning Lab works to create unique and effective educational resources for clients throughout the nation—including Vermont's new *Freedom and Unity: A Graphic Guide to Civics and Democracy in Vermont*. Come dressed as your favorite cartoon character for this family-friendly event!

## March 27: An Evening of Traditional Music with Becky Tracy and Keith Murphy

Keith and Becky are leading lights in the new traditional music scene in both Vermont as well as the nation. Becky is a renowned fiddler with roots in the music of Quebec and Ireland as well as the dance tradition of New England. Keith is a multi-instrumentalist and singer with a repertoire based in his native Newfoundland as well as French Canada. Together they create a unique blend of traditions in exquisitely tasteful arrangements.

## April 3: Concert honoring the late Pete Sutherland

A leader of traditional and Americana music, Pete Sutherland touched and inspired many in Vermont and internationally through his composing, playing, mentoring and teaching. We will be joined by musicians who were friends, fans, students, collaborators, admirers and more to celebrate and pay tribute to this beloved Vermont artist.

## April 10: "Springtime Serenade" with Solaris

The Solaris Vocal Ensemble is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary season. Join us for a *Springtime Serenade* concert which will feature a delightful array of choral favorites including selections by Mozart and Bruckner along with stirring spirituals and dynamic folk songs.