



# Sunspot Concerts at the Lyceum

## The Cathie Ryan Band

Sunday, March 9, 2008, 8 PM

\$25 advance/\$28 at the door.

Irish-American Cathie Ryan, with her crystalline vocals and insightful songwriting, is an original and distinctive voice in Celtic music. Cathie was the acclaimed lead singer of the all-woman band Cherish the Ladies for seven years, and she helped establish CTL at the forefront of the world-wide resurgence of Celtic music. In her solo career, the Detroit-born Ryan has become one of Celtic music's most popular and enduring singer-songwriters.



## Emily Smith

Friday, April 4, 2008, 8 PM

\$18 advance/\$20 door



Award-winning Scottish singer and songwriter Emily Smith is coming to the Lyceum for her first performance in the Washington area. Emily was named "BBC Young Traditional Musician of the Year" in 2002 and was nominated in the Scots Trad Music Awards for "Up and Coming Artist of the Year" in 2003 and for "Scots Singer of the Year" in 2005. She was the first-ever winner from Scotland in the USA Songwriting Competition in 2005. Her new CD, *Too Long Away*, will be released in Europe in April and in the U.S. in May, and she will have advance copies with her at the Lyceum. You can hear Emily sing on her MySpace page at [www.myspace.com/emilysmithband](http://www.myspace.com/emilysmithband).

**Tickets available at [www.sunspotpro.com](http://www.sunspotpro.com)  
The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St, Alexandria, VA**

## About the Sunspot Concert Series

The Sunspot concert series showcases musicians from the United States and around the globe, representing all styles of traditional and contemporary folk music. Sunspot shows feature musicians who often perform as part of larger groups in larger venues, who are working on developing an independent career after leaving another group or who are just beginning their careers. Each show is presented in an intimate setting that allows the performers and audiences to enjoy a close connection not possible in larger venues.

The concerts take place in Old Town Alexandria. Sunspot's primary venue is the 130-seat Lecture Hall at The Lyceum, Alexandria's city museum, which lends its historic atmosphere to the presentation of traditional music. With no seat more than six rows from the stage, The Lyceum provides an ideal meeting place for artists and audiences to share a unique musical experience.

For additional information, including driving, parking and Metro directions, visit the Sunspot website at [www.sunspotpro.com](http://www.sunspotpro.com).

## Ordering Tickets

Tickets can be ordered through the Sunspot web site: [www.sunspotpro.com](http://www.sunspotpro.com). We are an all-volunteer organization, so we do not have a box-office staff to take ticket orders. If you cannot order through the web site, you can purchase advance tickets at any Sunspot show, or call 800 404-9049 to request that we contact you by phone.

To maintain the security of your personal information, we use a ticketing agency for on-line ticket orders. The ticketing agency adds a service charge to each ticket purchase. The service charge is paid to the ticketing agency and is not part of our ticket price

## Past Sunspot Shows

Irish singer **Karan Casey** • Irish-American singer **Cathie Ryan** • American banjo master **Tony Trischka** • Connemara fiddlers **The Kane Sisters** • Irish singer and guitarist **John Doyle** • New England fiddler **Lissa Schneckenburger** • **Four Fabulous Fiddlers** (Jake Armerding, Hanneke Cassel, Laura Cortese & Jeremy Kittel • Vocal trio **Sometymes Why** (Kristin Andreassen, Aoife O'Donovan & Ruth Ungar) • Modern string band **Old School Freight Train** • Anglo-Irish band **Flook** • Irish singer **Aoife Clancy** • Irish fiddler and National Heritage Fellow **Kevin Burke with Ged Foley** • **Boulder Acoustic Society** • Scottish singer **Jim Malcolm** • Americana musicians **Kristin Andreassen & Mark Schatz** • Scottish fiddler **Alasdiar Fraser with Natalie Haas** • Irish fiddler and National Heritage Fellow **Liz Carroll and John Doyle** • Wammie-winners **Jennifer Cutting's Ocean Orchestra** • Irish masters **The Hedge Band** • **The Wiyos** • **Sarah Lee Guthrie & Johnny Irion** • **Mick Moloney** • **Athena Tergis**

### The Sunspot Newsletter

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Winter/Spring 2008

## Cathie Ryan

Irish Female Vocalist of the Decade  
Sunday, March 9

## Emily Smith

Scottish Song from BBC Young  
Traditional Musician of the Year  
Friday, April 4

## Robin Spielberg

Piano Stories  
Friday, April 18