Sunspot Concerts at the Lyceum

Sarah Lee Guthrie & Johnny Irion

Saturday, January 19, 2008, 8 PM \$20 advance/\$23 at the door.

Sarah Lee Guthrie, the disarming granddaughter of Woody Guthrie and the daughter of Arlo, and Johnny Irion, the prodigious South Carolinian rocker, quite naturally bring out the best in each other. Variety says they "make music that bristles with unresolved contradiction."



Danny Knicely's Groundhog Day Celebration

Saturday, February 2, 2008, 8 PM \$15 advance/\$18 at the door.

Bluegrass and beyond with Nate Leath, Ralph Gordon, Zan McLeod and Matthew Olwell. At the Carver Center in Purcellville.



Kristin Andreassen and Friends

Saturday, February 16, 2008, 8 PM \$20 advance/\$23 at the door.

Kristin Andreassen, one quarter of the old-time group Uncle Earl, sold out her CD release show for Sunspot last year when she filled the stage with a five-member, all-star band. This year, she'll be joined by just two musicians, mandolin virtuosso Danny Knicely and percussionist Matthew Olwell, and they'll turn the rest of the stage over to a select group of percussive dancers from around the area.

Athena Tergis, Mick Moloney and John Doyle

Friday, February 29, 2008, 8 PM \$25 advance/\$28 at the door.

Athena, who played fiddle with Riverdance, Mick, a National Heritage Fellow, and John Doyle, a founding member of Solas, give us an early start on St. Patrick's Day with an evening of traditional Irish music.

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. Since her acclaimed seven year tenure as lead singer of Cherish the Ladies, the Detroit born Ryan has established herself as one of Celtic music's most popular and enduring singer-songwriters.





Emily Smith

Friday, April 4, 2008, 8 PM \$18 advance/\$20 door

Though only in her mid twenties, award-winning Scottish singer and songwriter Emily Smith has firmly established herself as one of Scotland's leading lights in folk music.

Robin Spielberg

Mesmerizing audiences with inspired tales, extraordinary piano technique and heartfelt Friday, April 18, 2008, 8 PM performances, Ms. Spielberg is in the top echelon of contemporary composer/pianists.

Tickets available at 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.

Ordering Tickets

Tickets can be ordered through the Sunspot web site: www.sunspotpro.com. We are an allvolunteer organization, so we do not have a boxoffice 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 • Wammiewinners Jennifer Cutting's Ocean Orchestra • Irish masters The Hedge **Band** • The Wiyos

The Sunspot Newsletter

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From Old-Time Band Uncle Earl Saturday, Feb. 16

Athena Tergis, Mick Moloney & John Doyle

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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