

Sunspot Concerts at the Lyceum

Karan Casey & John Doyle

Thursday, February 11, 2010, 8 PM \$25 advance/\$29 door

John Doyle and Karan Casey were both founding members of the Irish supergroup Solas, and they both left the group to move on to successful solo careers. In 2008, they got together to produce a duo CD, but before they could release it and tour together, John was offered a position as musical director and guitarist for Joan Baez. Now that he has some free time, John and Karan are heading out on tour to sing the songs from the new CD, *Exile's Return*. Both John and Karan have visited the Lyceum before, but this will be their first time here together.



Furnace Mountain

Saturday, March 20, 2010, 8 PM \$18 advance/\$21 door



Furnace Mountain, named after the tallest peak of the Catoctin Mountains, is a quartet of traditional musicians who play the music of the Virginia countryside and mountains. Dave Van Deventer (fiddle) and Danny Knicely (mandolin & guitar) front the instrumental side of things, while vocalists Morgan Morrison (bouzouki) and Aimee Curl (bass) layer in a stunning mix of the earthy and ethereal. They've just released a new CD, *Fields of Fescue*. www.furnacemountain.com.

Martin Hayes & Dennis Cahill

Saturday, April 10, 2010, 8 PM \$26 advance/\$30 door

Martin Hayes has drawn musical inspiration from sources as diverse as the Estonian composer Arvo Pärt, the Spanish viola da gamba master Jordi Savall and the jazz genius John Coltrane to create his own signature style of Irish fiddle music. Still, he remains grounded in the music he grew up with in his own locality, Maghera, Feakle, East County Clare.



Tickets available at www.sunspotpro.com
The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St, Alexandria, VA

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About the Concerts

Sunspot 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 have 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

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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) ● Old School Freight Train ● Anglo-Irish 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 ● National Heritage Fellow Liz Carroll and John Doyle ● Wammie-winners Jennifer Cutting's Ocean Orchestra ● ● The Hedge Band ● The Wiyos ● American folksingers Sarah Lee Guthrie & Johnny Irion ● Irish masters Mick Moloney & Athena Tergis ● Scottish singers Emily Smith & Susan McKeown ● Kevin Crawford & Cillian Vallely

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