

Sunspot Concerts at The Lyceum

Lissa Schneckenburger

Saturday, October 8. 8 PM at The Lyceum



Lissa Schneckenburger, a fantastic young fiddler and singer from New England, now residing in New York, will be performing at the Lyceum with her trio (double bass and guitar). Lissa also plays with Hanneke Cassel and Laura Cortese in the three-fiddle band Halali. A favorite at contra dances in the DC area and all along the east and west coasts, Lissa's virtuoso fiddling is truly able to take flight in a concert setting.

Lissa describes herself as a New England fiddler and singer, and her playing is certainly rooted in the music of her home state of Maine, but she's equally at home in the Irish and Scottish traditions, and can compose new tunes and songs that sound like they have been in the songbooks for years. People familiar with her playing who haven't heard her sing will discover that she's as talented and inventive as a vocalist as she is with her fiddle.

"The Irish Girl," a song from Lissa's newest CD, was chosen for inclusion in the Summer 2005 edition of Sing Out! magazine. Dirty Linen's Tom Nelligan says the the CD is her best work ever, combining "her always exhilarating, chord-rich fiddling with a sweet vocal style."

Tickets \$16 in advance, \$18 at the door, children under 14 half price with adult.

Four Fabulous Fiddlers

Friday, November 18. 8 PM at The Lyceum

Join us for an evening of fiddle music from the highlands of Scotland, Ireland, New England, Appalachia, and American jazz.

Jake Armerding – Jake is a folk and bluegrass fiddler who won Boston radio station WUMB's Best New Artist award and was signed to Compass records by Alison Brown for his second CD.

Hanneke Cassel - Hanneke was the 1997 U.S. National Scottish Fiddle Champion and is a member of the Cathie Ryan Band and a member of the fiddle band Halali.

Laura Cortese – Laura was the 1998 New England regional Scottish Fiddle Champion. She is a dancer with Maryland's Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble and a member of the fiddle band Halali. She has also toured with Alasdair Fraser.

Jeremy Kittel – Jeremy was the 2000 U.S. National Scottish Fiddle champion. He is equally fluent in the Irish, bluegrass and jazz traditions.

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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's primary venue is the 140-seat Lecture Hall at The Lyceum, Alexandria's city museum. With no seat more than five rows from the stage, The Lyceum provides an ideal meeting place for artists and audiences to share a unique musical experience.

Tickets on sale at www.sunspotpro.com. Shows at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St, Alexandria, Virginia