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COME TOGETHER FOR A NIGHT OF “LOVE + HARMONY” BENEFITTING COMMON FENCE MUSIC

COMMON FENCE MUSIC PRESENTS
LOVE + HARMONY: a benefit concert for Common Fence Music
SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 7:30pm at CASINO THEATRE, NEWPORT

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NEWPORT RI - Join us for a special night of music, stories and celebration to benefit Common Fence Music and their acclaimed local concert series. The festivities will kickoff on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 7:30pm at the Casino Theatre @ The International Tennis Hall of Fame, 10 Freebody Street, Newport, RI. Tickets for this performance are \$30 advance, \$32 at the door, \$28 for CFM members, \$15 for students (w/ ID). Doors open at 6:45pm for members, 7pm for general public. For memberships, tickets and information, please visit www.CommonFenceMusic.org.

The **Love + Harmony** benefit concert will raise money to help Common Fence Music continue to bring great folk and world music performances and educational programs to Aquidneck Island and the East Bay. Don't miss your chance to show your support while taking in the sounds of the best of the local folk music scene: **Allysen Callery, Atwater-Donnelly, Cardboard Ox, Chris Capaldi, Flowers & Rain, John Faraone, Seamus Galligan, Slackwater String Band, Steve Delmonico, The Vox Hunters** and more. Singer-songwriter **John Fuzek** will emcee the evening. As much a commemoration of folk music and the artists who create it as of Common Fence Music itself, this benefit concert promises to be full of memorable performances and good cheer while also reinforcing the importance of Common Fence Music's mission to celebrate and preserve diverse folk music traditions by creating community-based opportunities for cultural exchange.

Since its founding in 1993, Common Fence Music has become famous for its intimate folk and world music concerts, great sound quality, and artist-audience interactions. Drawing crowds from across New England, this local gem has presented everyone from local folkies to internationally-recognized GRAMMY-winning songwriters and performers throughout their 26 years. Though they initiated in 2017 a stellar new series of concerts at Hope & Main in Warren, RI - the Warren Sessions - CFM is most synonymous with the venue that remains this non-profit organization's namesake and birthplace, the Common Fence Point Hall in Portsmouth, RI. Now suffering an incredibly difficult 2018-19 concert season due to renovations at the CFP Hall that have forced them on the road, Common Fence Music is in

jeopardy of shutting down for good. The financial toll this year has had on the organization may prove fatal should additional support not be administered - and soon.

“In order to keep this going we need support from not only our Common Fence Point family, but the larger Rhode Island music community” says artistic director Erin Young. “These sensational artists are so generously donating their talents to this event because they believe in Common Fence Music and its place in the Rhode Island music community.”

While ticket sales do make up a portion of their revenue, Common Fence Music relies on memberships, grants and donations to support the yearly budget for their concert series and education programs. All proceeds from the Love + Harmony benefit concert will go to securing a future for the organization, starting with a 2019-20 concert season (kicking off September 28, 2019) and a return to their beloved CFP Hall. Additionally, there will be opportunities to support the organization through donations, a raffle and prize drawings throughout the evening.

This show will take place at the historic **Casino Theatre** at the International Tennis Hall of Fame. The venue is fully accessible. Wheelchair orchestra seating is available. Please contact CFM at (401)683-5085 to request. Limited handicapped parking spots are available directly in front of the theater entrance and will be monitored.

No outside food or drink is permitted. Beer, wine and other refreshments will be made available for purchase. Street parking is available on Freebody Street and other side streets. PLEASE NOTE: the International Tennis Hall of Fame will not be accessible through the Bellevue entrance at the time of the performance.

Performers:

Allysen Callery

Allysen’s delicate, austere sound has been compared to classic British folk artists like Sandy Denny and Nick Drake. Past Winner of Best Acoustic Singer/Songwriter (*The Providence Phoenix Best Music Poll*)

Atwater-Donnelly

Award-winning, internationally acclaimed duo, Aubrey Atwater and Elwood Donnelly present delightful programs of traditional American and Celtic folk songs and percussive dance.

Cardboard Ox

Well-established as RI solo performers, Tracie Potochnik and Steve Allain joined forces in 2014 to form Cardboard Ox. The duo is known for sweet and soulful harmonies, thoughtful musicianship, and delicately crafted lyrical storytelling.

Chris Capaldi

Rhode Island based songwriter, guitarist and composer. He dedicated himself to making music from an early age. A music educator by trade, Chris studied Jazz Composition at Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA and currently serves on the performing arts faculty at The Wheeler School.

Flowers & Rain

In the throes of winter, through potluck feasting, fires, and dancing, local friends, Cassie and Greg, formed Flowers and Rain. Celebrating the joys and sorrows of life through their music, Flowers and Rain balance the pretty and the gritty with their upbeat Americana sound.

John Faraone

An active performer and supporter of music in New England. 2018 saw the release of John's debut LP, *Light Upon*. In support of its release, John has established himself as a musical force through the quality of the recordings and the honesty of their delivery.

Patina

Laura Stetler & Tim Lambert bring tunes of Celtic and North American traditions. Expect to hear airs, rags, jigs, hornpipes, marches, reels, and waltzes...some set to animated bluegrass tempos and always sweetly voiced with some classical shimmer.

Seamus Galligan

Seamus Galligan is an award-winning writer and performer. Based in New England, he has graced many stages throughout the Northeast and beyond, including Club Passim in Cambridge and the Ruby Sessions in Dublin IE.

Slackwater String Band

Slackwater String Band is a folk music trio featuring Mike Fischman, Ed McGuirl and Tom Perrotti. The band plays an eclectic acoustic mix including originals, Old Time and Celtic tunes, Country Blues, and a unique take on Jamaican music called AmeriMento.

Steve Delmonico

Singer-songwriter Steve Delmonico of Providence folk-rock band The Quahogs is known for lyrics which are both witty and wise, delivered with a mentholated authority and Dylan-esque drawl.

The Vox Hunters

Armand Aromin and Benedict Gagliardi are seekers and singers of old songs, cultivators of local music, and chronic multi-instrumentalists. They are touted as strong tradition-bearers through their genuine affinity for the music is evident in the emotion they draw from it.

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