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The Eclectica String Quartet



Friday July 26, 2024 at 7:00 PM
Island Arts Center, North Hero, Vermont





Island Arts

Upcoming Events

Jeh Kulu Dance & Drum Theater **Sunday July 28, 6 PM**

High energy performances featuring traditional West African pieces with djembe, doun doun, krin instruments, and dancers. Outside.

A Cappella Lollapalooza **Saturday Aug 3, 7 PM**

Three ensembles of different styles perform 4-part Barbershop harmony.

The Dixie Six **Sunday Aug 11, 6 PM**

The swinging sound of Louis Armstrong's All Stars. Outside.

Haiduck & Heckendom The American Song Book+ **Sat. Aug 17, 7 PM**

A Cabaret-style evening with a jazz quartet of clarinet, piano, double bass, drums!

Vermont Jazz Ensemble **Sunday Aug 18, 4 PM**

A swingin' big band for 40 years. Outside—weather permitting.

Sohyun Ahn, piano solo & 4-hands **Friday Aug 23, 7 PM**

Chopin, Haydn, and Chaminade's *Romantiques* piano 4-hands with Eun Hee Park. Raves about Ahn's past concerts: "Absolutely superb", "a uniquely wonderful experience to be so close to the performers".

About Island Arts

Our mission is to foster and provide creative artistic opportunities in Vermont's Grand Isle County. We bring the arts and cultural diversity to residents and visitors in our rural county and the surrounding areas. All events are free for ages 22 and under.

Established in 1988, Island Arts is an all-volunteer non-profit organization. Please consider donating online at islandart.org, or by check or bequest to P.O. Box 108, North Hero, VT 05474.



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Program

Fantasia in G Major (Z 742) Henry Purcell (1680)

Allegro Vivace from "Calvary" Coleridge-Taylor Perkinson (1956)

Aloe Vera from "Sundried" Alice Chance (2015)

Testimony Charlton Singleton (2019)

Steel City Strut Danny Seidenberg (1997)

Nordic Folk Tunes arranged by the Danish String Quartet:

Sonderho Bridal Trilogy Danish traditional (2015)

Ack Varmeland du Skona Swedish traditional (2015)

Regin Smidur Faroese traditional (2020)

Staedelil Danish traditional (2018)

Kisti du Kom Swedish traditional (2020)

Halling Fredrik Sjolín (2019)

Lyrics to Aloe

Vera:

All I want to say is "get better soon"
I can't understand that you're not going to
All I want to be is your medicine
and since I can't be that, what can I be for you?

This is just a song, not some magic spell
I don't know if it will help
but maybe it might become like
Aloe Vera after sun

I know it's not a miracle but would you like some?
It's cool and clear
you can smooth the music on your skin and press it sheer
then let it sink in

You are not your sickness, just its sufferer
and when I think of you, it's of the other stuff
like cleverness and courage and care and how laughter round you flows
or like your son the angel I'm blessed to know

Please take these colours, let them run
let them marble into none
let them become your Aloe Vera
Aloe Vera after sun

Artist Biographies

Sofia Hirsch began violin studies at age four with her mother. Returning to professional music after college, she joined the Vermont Symphony in 2001. She helped create the Music in the Barn series in Richmond, playing in all six concerts in last year's culminating season. She plays in a string trio backing the folk duo Cricket Blue. Most recent projects include playing a solo (and acting!) in *Orpheus in the Underworld* with the Opera Company of Middlebury, and playing viola and singing in Hannah Dennison's Quarry Project in 15 live performances in the Barre Quarry. Sofia resides in South Burlington.

Laura Markowitz, violinist, hails from Pittsburgh, PA and played in the Santiago Philharmonic, the Ohio Chamber Orchestra, and the Florida Orchestra before joining the Vermont Symphony in the early 90's. Besides playing with various local ensembles, Laura loves Irish and Swedish music and leads summer fiddle classes with students in the area. She also plays for English Country Dances and plays viola with the band Cricket Blue. She maintains a private teaching studio in Richmond and lives in Jericho.

Ana Ruesink, violist, enjoys exploring musical styles and traditions. An active freelance musician, she performs with the Vermont Symphony, Dartmouth Symphony, Opera Company of Middlebury, and other regional ensembles. Some of her chamber groups include Improprity (English country dance music) and Skylark (contemporary Nordic folk tunes). Ana teaches viola at UVM and from her home studio in Burlington's south end.

John Dunlop, cellist, has been performing in the Northeast for over twenty-five years and is principal cellist with the Vermont Symphony and the Opera Company of Middlebury. He has performed as soloist with the VSO, premiering a commissioned concerto in October of 2021. He is cellist with the new music ensemble TURN and the VSO-sponsored Jukebox Quartet. John has composed and recorded soundtracks for short films, including a documentary on childhood hunger in Vermont, where he doubled on guitar and bouzouki. Most recently, he recorded on Cricket Blue's latest album. John teaches privately in Richmond and lives in Jericho.