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The University of Saint Joseph presents the 2012 – 2013 Bruyette Athenaeum Performing Arts Series at The Carol Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities

HartFolk Festival Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6



WEST HARTFORD, CONN. (March 15, 2013)– The Carol Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities at the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) will host the HartFolk Festival on Friday, April 5 and Saturday, April 6. Tickets are \$20/night or \$30 for both nights. Inquire about package rates for daytime workshop registration via www.tickets.usj.edu or The Francis Driscoll Box Office at 860-231-5555. The Carol Autorino Center for the Arts is located on the University of Saint Joseph campus at 1678 Asylum Avenue in West Hartford, CT 06117.

HartFolk Festival brings regional folk artists, singer-songwriters, and music industry presenters to the intimate Hoffman Auditorium at The Carol Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities. Evening performances begin at 7:30 p.m. each night with workshops on music craft and promotion from 10:00 a.m. –3:15 p.m. and an open mic from 3:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m. on April 6. HartFolk’s evening line-up reflects the depth and talent of Connecticut’s acoustic music scene. Headlining artists The Sea, The Sea and Kate Callahan are two of the state’s most decorated folk acts. The Sea, The Sea is duo Mira Stanley and Chuck E. Costa, Connecticut’s State Troubadour. The duo plays a raw and graceful mix of acoustic and electric songs, suspended by sublime vocal harmonies.

HartFolk’s opening-night headliner is Callahan, whose soulful, penetrating songs won her a nomination for a Connecticut Music Award this fall. She previously won the Advocate’s “Best Solo Performer Award” three years in a row. Callahan stayed in Connecticut to record her latest album *Two Doors*. Widely known for her compassionate stance on issues like capital punishment, Callahan’s career includes a *Woman of Character Award* distinction from *The Hartford Courant*.

Audiences can also anticipate the originality and musicianship of singer-songwriter André Balazs and instrumental trio String Theorie. String Theorie is guitarist Joel Weik, percussionist Jordan Critchley, and bassist Karl Messerschmidt. Named Connecticut’s “Best Traditional/Folk” group, String Theorie recently took to New York City for America’s Got Talent auditions.

HartFolk Festival brings variety each night with an *in-the-round* set featuring three touring artists from the region. Brooklyn’s Zoë Sundra, East Village songwriter Chris Riffle, and USJ graduate Elizabeth Digman kick off opening night. The variety continues on April 6 with singer-songwriter Brian Dolzani, New York based Maggie Kraus, and Connecticut Music Award nominee Hannah Fair.

Colin McEnroe and John Dankosky, WNPR hosts and widely known music lovers, emcee each night, respectively.

Complete Festival Line-up:

Friday April 5, 2013

7:30 p.m. - Zoe Sundra, Chris Riffle, Elizabeth Trojanowski

8:35 p.m. - String Theorie

9:30 p.m. - Kate Callahan

Saturday April 6, 2013

10:00 a.m. – All Levels Yoga with live folk music by Chris Riffle led by Sarajejan Shakti Rudman

11:00 a.m. – Social Media for Indie Musicians with Caitlin Thayer

1:15 p.m. – Ready to Tour: Professional Do’s and Don’ts with Dr. Robert Smith, director of The Carol Autorino Center for the Arts

2:15 p.m. – Intro to Fingerstyle Folk Guitar with Jamie Sherwood

2:15 p.m. – Alexander Technique for Musicians with Eric Miller

3:30 p.m. – Open Mic

Saturday April 6, 2013

7:30 p.m. - Hannah Fair, Brian Dolzani, Maggie Kraus

8:35 p.m. - André Balazs

9:30 p.m. - The Sea, The Sea

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