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Tom Pirozzoli Returns to Andover Coffeehouse

February 17 at 7 PM

Press release

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The Bombadils were the featured performers at the ACA Coffeehouse in January.

Returning for a second engagement as featured performer, New London-based singer-songwriter Tom Pirozzoli will be in the spotlight at the Andover Community Coffeehouse at its monthly coffeehouse concert on the evening of Friday, February 17, beginning at 7 PM.

The concert will be offered in the Highland Lake Grange Hall on State Route 11 in East Andover, midway between Andover Village and Franklin. The event is open to the public at no charge; donations are accepted.

From Pirozzoli's Web site at pirozzoli.com/music, "The joy, discoveries and challenges of music, art, and travel have guided Tom's rich life to a quiet place beneath Mt. Sunapee in New Hampshire. His musical path has been long, a 40-year career filled with eight studio albums, numerous songwriting credits, and collaborations with other musicians such as Willy Porter and David Wilcox." His first appearance at the Highland Lake Grange Hall was in April 2015, shortly after the Community Coffeehouse began offering monthly concerts.

Also an accomplished visual artist, Pirozzoli's oil paintings can be viewed at pirozzoli.com, and can be seen regularly at area galleries and exhibitions. About his dual interests, he explains: "While my work as a professional musician has enriched my life, I have never stopped painting. My oils reflect the beauty and purity of all that surrounds me."

Also appearing onstage will be up to a dozen open-microphone performers, whose contributions in previous months have ranged from the spoken

word to show-business, jazz, folk, bluegrass, and country-and-western tunes.

Coming up: On Friday, March 17, Boston-area singer and songwriter Alex Navarro whose two albums in the last two years have drawn wide attention across New England and beyond.

Doors to the Grange Hall will open at 6 PM for food purchases offered by the Andover Congregational Church and for open-mic sign-ins on a first-come, first-serve basis. Concert sponsor is Tarte Cafe & Bakery, 46 Main Street, Andover, "which specializes in classic French pastries, cakes, desserts, coffee and espresso drinks, and now serving sandwiches, soups and salads.

Information about future dates and scheduled performers, and a photographic record of the performers, both headliners and open-mic participants, are shown on the Coffeehouse Web site at andovercoffeehouse.org, or on the Facebook page "Andover Community Coffeehouse."

Video recordings of past programs are shown on a number of community-access channels across the state and are available for viewing anytime on Andover's town Web site at andover.nh.us/ by clicking on "Town Information" and then "Video Archive."

The Coffeehouse venue, a former Grange Hall, is now the property of the Andover Congregational Church, which is located next door at the intersection of Route 11 and Chase Hill Road in East Andover. The Andover Community Coffeehouse operates under the umbrella of the Andover Community Association (ACA).

Directions: From Franklin, take State Route 11 West (Franklin Highway) toward Andover for about five miles. Turn left onto Chase Hill Road, immediately after the Andover Congregational Church, also on the left. The Grange Hall is across the parking lot from the church. From Andover village, take State Route 11 East (Franklin Highway) toward Franklin for about five miles. Turn right onto Chase Hill Road just before the church.

Intro to Digital Photography Class Planned

Jay Fitzpatrick to instruct class

Press release

Want to take better pictures? Understand your camera and its various settings? This class is for you.

"Introduction to Digital Photography," a 12-hour course and workshop, will be offered at the Lakes Region Art Association (LRAA) Gallery, located in the Tanger Outlet Mall in Tilton, on three consecutive Saturdays, February 18 & 25, and March 4, 2017. East Andover photographer Jay Fitzpatrick will be the instructor.

This program is designed to help participants get to know their digital camera and all of its settings better, and to give participants an understanding of how the selection of F-stops, shutter speeds, ISO settings and white balance affects their final images. Attendees will also learn about various shooting modes, depth-of-field, motion blur, photo composition and photo editing software programs.

Also to be discussed: lenses, camera care, natural and artificial light sources, flash units and studio lighting, light manipulation and the use of tripods.

A variety of free resources designed to help you take better pictures and become a more creative photographer will be shared.

Participants will also be given assignments to choose from and will be asked to shoot a series of photographs applying to the lessons learned in class. The following week, those images will be viewed and discussed.

The class will run from 8 AM to noon on February 18 and 25 and March 4. The cost is \$75 per person (\$60 for LRAA members), which includes instruction and course materials. Class size is limited to 12. Payment may be made at the door, but pre-registration by February 11 is required. Participants will be asked to bring their cameras, lenses, flash units and instruction manuals. To register or for more information, send an e-mail to jall@tds.net or call (603) 455-6595.

Neptune's Car to Perform at Franklin Opera House

Duo plays contemporary Folk Music

Press release

Neptune's Car (Holly Hanson and Steve Hayes) is an acoustic duo from Massachusetts and New Hampshire who play original, Contemporary Folk music. You will love their welcoming presence and song variety.

Holly's light soprano blends perfectly with Steve's warm tenor. Vibrant lyrics and compelling melodies nestle in inviting arrangements with a laid-back feel of guitars, bass, and harmonies; telling us stories rich in detail. Steve is an award-winning guitar player who can play just about anything with strings; from his first gig at age thirteen, to his ten-year association with Holly, he's played all kinds of music including rock, country, jazz, funk, blues, and, of

course, folk.

Neptune's Car shared the stage with Bill Staines, Anne Hills, Archie Fisher, and many others. Their songs have charted on the Folk-DJ list – in 2015, The 45th Parallel was number twenty on the CD chart; quite impressive when you realize DJs receive hundreds of CDs a year. Public radio's popular CarTalk has featured their songs three times.

If you're looking for tight harmonies, tasty guitar, and solid songs, look no further than Neptune's Car. Join us on February 11 at 7:30 PM.

For more information and a sampling of their music go to neptunescar.com

Tickets are \$12 – \$16, available online franklinoperahouse.org or call 934-1901

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