

Fall Concert Features Alex Ager, Musical Director at A.E.M.S.

Sunday, November 18 at Colby-Sawyer College

Linda Barnes

Alex Ager, Music Director of Andover Elementary/Middle School, will conduct his own arrangement of The Long Day Closes by Sir Arthur Sullivan at the Kearsarge Chorale fall concert to be held on Sunday, November 18th at 3 PM at the Sawyer Center Theater at Colby-Sawyer College. The program, titled All of Us, will include the lovely and melodic Sunrise Mass with string orchestra by contemporary composer Ola Gjeilo as well as the final movement of Craig Hella Johnson's epic work Consider-

ing Matthew Shepard, a tribute to the young gay man who has become an American icon and a symbol for hope and redemption.

The concert will conclude with Seasons of Love from the musical Rent.

A number of singers with residences or occupations in Andover will be participating, including Molly Kidane, a teacher at AE/MS, Linda Barnes, Jesse Schust and Nancy Tripp.

Tickets (\$15 each and \$5 for students) will be available at Tatewell Gallery and Morgan Hill Bookstore in New London, at MainStreet BookEnds in Warner, at www.kearsargechorale.org and at the door.



Dan Frechette and Laurel Thompsen were the headliners at the October Coffee house performance. Photo: Steve Colardeau

November Andover Coffehouse to Feature 'Soulfully Gritty Singing'

Press release

Stopping by the Andover Community Coffeehouse as part of a nationwide tour promoting his new album, and offering "a cocktail of rock, country and blues influences," singer-songwriter Toney Rocks will headline the November 16 "third Friday" concert starting at 7 PM in the Highland Lake Grange Hall at 7 Chase Hill Road in East Andover. The concert is open to the public at no charge, though donations are gratefully accepted.

According to his website, "Drifting," Rocks' new album, "is a solo work that features the artist's soulfully gritty singing over either acoustic guitar, piano, or ukulele. No one sounds quite like Toney Rocks." For more information, go to www.toneyrocks.com.

Rocks will share the spotlight with up to a dozen open-microphone performers, whose past contributions have ranged from the spoken word to show-business, jazz, folk, bluegrass, and country-and-western tunes, often to standing ovations.

While many of the open-mic participants are repeat performers who bring their fans with them, the Coffeehouse also warmly welcomes newcomers. Doors to the Grange Hall 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.

Sponsor for the November event is the Andover Community Association (ACA), parent organization of the Coffeehouse. Sponsor donations defray room-rental costs and, along with pass-the-hat audience donations, enable the Coffeehouse to offer performances at no charge.

Coming up: On Friday, December 21, the Coffeehouse Christmas Concert will feature Hiroya Tsukamoto, "a one-of-a-kind composer, guitarist and singer-songwriter from Kyoto, Japan." Tsukamoto came to the U.S. in 2000 upon receiving a scholarship from the Berklee College of Music in Boston. The December event will mark the completion

of four years of Coffeehouse concerts.

Sponsor for the December concert is NineJuly, a website-development and video-production company devoted exclusively to supporting artists in the folk-music community. Learn more at NineJuly.com.

Information about future dates and scheduled performers, and a photograph-



Andover's Gary Cassidy performs during open mic at the October Coffehouse.

ic record of performers, both headliners and open-mic participants, are shown on the Coffeehouse website 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 the Andover town website at www.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 N.H. Route 11 and Chase Hill Road in East Andover.

Directions: From Franklin, take 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 Route 11 East (Franklin Highway) toward Franklin for about five miles. Turn right onto Chase Hill Road just before the church.

2018 Wilmot Ladies Aid's Famous Cookie Walk Planned

Press release

The Wilmot Ladies Aid Society (WLAS) will be hosting its famous annual Cookie Walk starting at 9 AM on Saturday, December 1st as part of the Wilmot Community Association Holiday Craft Fair at New London Outing Club gym, Cougar Court next to the elementary school in New London.

As always, people flock to the WLAS Cookie Walk to stock up on fancy cook-

ies for the holidays. Buy the tin and fill it yourself by selecting from a huge four table long assortment of yummy home-baked fancy holiday cookies.

Proceeds from this project fund the Society's charitable giving and the WLAS Merit Award Scholarship Program.

Come early as the Cookie Walk booth tends to sell out fast! For more information, contact Lindy at Lindy@heimfamily.org.



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