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THE PROGRAM

August 21, 2016

Wyoming Valley School Cultural Arts Center, 7:30 pm

THE STELLANOVAS

They call it "café jazz," but that seems too calm. Their music is equal parts Hawaiian luau and Parisian wedding party. The love they bring to their music is as apparent as the precision with which they make it"
(Andy Moore, producer, Wisconsin Public Television's "30-Minute Music Hour")

**Mary Gaines
Chris Wagoner
Ed Fila
Erick Radloff**

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Dick Powell and Rite-Way Plaza, Spring Green*

Pre-Show wine tasting: Courtesy of The Shed, Spring Green

ABOUT THE PERFORMERS

Chris Wagoner (violin, ukulele, hawaiian guitar, accordion, vocals):

A founding member of Madison's Harmonious Wail, The Common Faces, The Bob Westfall Quartet, and The Moon Gypsies (the latter three co-founded with Mary Gaines), Chris has had his foot in just about every musical circle in Madison. Classically trained as a violinist, he met Mary while attending the UW-Madison. Switching to an alternating diet of jazz and classical violin studies, while playing in bands ranging from rock, blues, bluegrass, and country, to folk and jazz, Chris has been an in-demand performer and session musician in the region for almost two decades.

ABOUT THE PERFORMERS (cont.)

Mary Gaines (cello, vocals, guitar):

Originally a jazz-guitar major at the University of WI-Stevens Point, Mary truly found her musical voice studying jazz cello under the tutelage of the great Richard Davis (bass player with artists ranging from Sarah Vaughn to Van Morrison) at the UW-Madison. Mary is also known for her amazing voice--often compared to Bonnie Raitt but definitely her own. She (along with her husband, Chris) has done extensive work as a session musician, appearing on albums such as Smashing Pumpkin's Gish, several Freedy Johnston, Willy Porter, and Carrie Newcomer albums, and scores of others.

Ed Fila (occasionally on guitar):

After graduating from North Texas State's highly lauded jazz department, Ed migrated back up north to Wisconsin (after a stint in Chicago) to show us how it's done. Due to his versatility and good-humored nature, he has long been a first-call sideman in groups and sessions. Chris and Mary first teamed up with Ed over ten years ago while playing for a house party and have been looking for an excuse to play together ever since! In addition to The Stellanovas, Ed performs regularly with his group Next Exit and co-leads The Ed Anders Quartet with saxophonist Anders Svanoë, and is also a member of Caravan.

Erik Radloff (often on drums, percussion):

Erik Radloff has been performing professionally since the age of 15 in a variety of bands, milieu of styles, and has toured the States and the world playing music. He studied orchestral percussion with internationally-acclaimed Pavel Burda, African drumming with members of Ko- Thi Dance Company, and drumset technique with the master of groove and swing, Harold Jones (Count Basie, Sarah Vaughn, Natalie Cole, etc.) as well as other professional musicians and instructors. While studying at UW-Milwaukee, Erik performed in various university groups including the Jazz, Wind, and Percussion ensembles as well as the Symphony Orchestra. Erik has appeared on over 40 recordings of various musical styles and has established himself as a multi-faceted musician able to authentically play in any style while contributing his own creative ideas and most recently touring with The Ultra Infidels (featuring Chris Dowd of Fishbone) and many more. Erik has appeared on over 40 recordings of various musical styles and has established himself as a multi-faceted musician able to authentically play in any style while contributing his own creative ideas. He grew up and currently lives in Milwaukee, WI and enjoys garden fresh tomatoes grown in season and reading without being interrupted.

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