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THE MOXIE STRINGS

Instrumental wizards

WHEN

January 19, 2018 7:30pm Discovery Theatre

PERFORMERS

Diana Ladio Fiddle

Alison Lynn *Electric cello*

Fritz McGirr

Bodhrán Cajon Modified drum kit

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ABOUT THE GROUP

The Moxie Strings is the electrifying combination of fiddler Diana Ladio, and cellist Alison Lynn. With their feel-good melodies and footstomping, rock-influenced rhythms, this duo has put a fresh, enticing spin on Celtic and Americana music. Diana and Alison often join forces with dynamic drummer and world percussionist Fritz McGirr, who lends his spirited, rhythmic expertise and an engaging energy to the show. Though rooted in tradition, The Moxie Strings offer listeners the unique opportunity to experience some of the world's best known instruments and oldest genres through a young, progressive lens.

Diana, Alison and Fritz hold Bachelor of Music degrees in music performance and music education, which have given each the technical foundation to explore the limits of his/her instrument, and helped the group build a reputation for musical excellence. Both Diana and Alison use a variety of audio effects pedals. Alison performs on a newly invented, electric instrument and Fritz on a variety of world percussion instruments in celebration of their generation's redefinition of folk music.

The Moxie Strings write the majority of their pieces, and also arrange traditional tunes from many countries. Soon after forming in 2007, The Moxie Strings were inspired to not only perform, but also to teach. Having made the exploratory journey from classical music to a world of eclecticism and musical creativity, the three have now dedicated their careers to helping young musicians make this life-changing and inspiring transition.

The Moxie Strings have taught enrichment clinics in over 40 schools throughout the US and have also presented on their research and methodologies to many teachers at music

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education professional development conferences. During most clinics, the group performs for students on electric instruments, teaches music by ear, and introduces nonclassical playing styles. The Moxie Strings have researched and created an innovative sequence of activities designed to teach improvisation to classically trained musicians, which they employ at every clinic. They have written several orchestral accompaniments for their pieces and often perform with students in community concerts.

The Moxie Strings deliver their message in a fun, accessible way, and stand before students as an illustration of the many opportunities that music holds. The band is now based in southern Michigan, and tours extensively throughout the United States both playing shows and teaching clinics. The Moxie Strings' ear-catching originals, dance-worthy, traditional tunes, and dedication to inspiring young musicians have quickly made the group one of the country's most promising instrumental acts.

Diana Ladio cofounded the instrumental fusion trio and educational ensemble, The Moxie Strings, and also tours as the fiddle player for Irish super-group, The Elders. Diana graduated with highest honors from the University of Michigan School of Music, earning a Bachelor of Music in Music Performance with Teaching Certification. While at U of M, she had the honor of studying with renowned violist Yizhak Schotten, as well as highly acclaimed string instrument pedagogue Robert Culver.

Diana is a studied Americana fiddler, songwriter and classical violist, and makes her living performing, recording, and teaching music. She is a graduate of the Mark O'Connor Strings Conference and Christian Howe's Creative Strings Workshop, where she later returned as an instructor. She has studied with well-known string players such as Jeremy Kittel (Turtle Island String Quartet), Casey Driessen (Fiddler for Bela Fleck's The Flecktones), Mike Block, Wendy MacIsaac, Christian Howes, and Alex Hargreaves.

You can find Diana as the face for Shar Music's non-classical music campaign, and for D'Addario Strings' line of orchestral strings. With The Moxie Strings, Diana has taught enrichment clinics in over 100 schools throughout the United States. She has presented at the 1st Annual Michigan Band and Orchestra Association's Alternative Styles Day, 2012-2014 Michigan Music Conference, 2012 Ohio Music Educators Conference, Chicago's 2012 Midwest Clinic, and 2013 and 2014 Texas Music Educators Conference, and the 2015 Massachusetts Music Ed Conference. Diana's teaching experience includes 7 years as a clinician, 13 years as a private instructor, teacher at Christian Howe's Creative Strings Workshop, Teacher at Michigan's

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Diana is sponsored by national strings provider, Shar Music, and endorsed by D'Addario Strings.

Alison Lynn is a studied contemporary cellist, specializing in rhythmic and percussive playing styles. She graduated with a Bachelor of Music in Cello Performance from Western Michigan University under the instruction of revered cellist and conductor Bruce Uchimura. She is a graduate of the Mark O'Connor Strings Conference, where she had the opportunity to study with renowned cellists Rushad Eggleston, Mike Block, and Tristan Clarridge. She has also studied with celebrated contemporary cellist Natalie Haas.

With various projects, Alison has performed with hip-hop icon Kanye West, The Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Gaelic Storm, Alasdair Fraser & Natalie Haas, The Ragbirds, and as a soloist with the Battle Creek Symphony. She has performed at The Palace at Auburn Hills, The Breslin Center, The Ark, VanAndel Arena, Fifth Third Ballpark, Ann Arbor's Top of the Park, The Intersection, Michigan Irish Music Festival, among many others, and for crowds of up to 25,000 people.

Alison's teaching experience includes 10 years of private instruction, and over 14 years as counselor, teacher and recreation director of the American String Teachers' Association Summer Camp. Alison is a co-founder of the instrumental fusion trio The Moxie Strings, which now tours the country both performing and teaching clinics in nonclassical music. With The Moxie Strings, Alison has taught in over 40 schools throughout the United States, and presented at the 1st Annual Michigan Band and Orchestra Association's Alternative Styles Day, 2012 and 2013 Michigan Music Conference, 2012 Ohio Music Educators Conference, Chicago's 2012 Midwest Clinic, and 2013 Texas Music Educators Conference.

Fritz McGirr is an alumnus of the University of Michigan classical percussion program with a Bachelor of Music in Percussion Performance. Fritz had the pleasure of studying with world renowned Michigan faculty including multipercussionist Joseph Gramley, vibraphonist Cary Kocher, and pedagogy legend Michael Udow.

Fritz is passionate about traditional percussion of many cultures, and has studied Brazilian and Afro-Cuban drumming with Michael Spiro (Indiana University) and Mark Lamson (Sol e Mar Music Collective), attending master classes and workshops taught by both. Fritz was selected to research and perform for Neil Sisauyhoat's (University of Wisconsin, Madison) Doctor of Arts dissertation recital on the sacred Bata drumming of Cuba. This effort included the memorization of over 100 separate rhythms associated with the 23 Santeria Orishas. Fritz also studied at the University of Limerick, Irish World Academy of Music and Dance to broaden his knowledge of the traditional music of Ireland and obtained a bodhrán performance certificate. His experience there included studying with bodhrán greats Tommy Hayes (Riverdance), Mel Mercier (University College Cork) and Jim Higgins (Riverdance, Altan, Lunasa). While in Limerick, Fritz also studied ethnomusicology, focusing on the globalization of traditional Irish music. Drawing from his work in Ireland, Fritz was able to combine a very traditional style of bodhrán performance with an adapted technique to create a modern rhythmic style applicable to folk, rock, and pop drum set rhythms and idioms.

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In addition to this performance, The Moxie Strings connected with our local community through a secret show at Anchorage Community Works. They also led workshops at Service High School for over 100 orchestra students which included the opportunity for the advanced orchestra class to perform onstage for tonight's show.

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LADYSMITH BLACK MAMBAZO

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WHEN

January 20, 2018 7:30pm Atwood Concert Hall

PERFORMERS

Albert Mazibuko Abednego Mazibuko Msizi Shabalala Thulani Shabalala Sibongiseni Shabalala Thamsanqa Shabalala Mfanafuthi Dlamini Pius Shezi Sabelo Mthembu

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ABOUT THE GROUP

South Africa's Ladysmith Black Mambazo was founded in the early 1960s by Joseph Shabalala, then a teenage farm boy living on the lands just outside the small town of Ladysmith, in the province of kwaZulu Natal, half way between Johannesburg and Durban. Joseph used his hometown's name to honor his family's history. Joseph added to his group's name the word Black in reference to the black oxen, the strongest of all farm animals. Mambazo is the Zulu word for chopping axe, a symbol of the group's vocal ability to clear the path to success.

It took several years for Joseph to find the best singers to join his group. At one point he had a dream in which he heard the sound he wanted his group to emulate. Finally, in early 1969, with four brothers and three cousins, Joseph had the voices he long dreamed of his group having. At that point Ladysmith Black Mambazo began their true musical journey. Their early ability won so many awards at the local South African competitions, that by the end of 1969 the group was banned from competing. However, they were always invited to attend as entertainers.

A radio broadcast in 1970 opened the door to their first record contract, the beginning of an ambitious recording career that currently includes more than seventy albums, earning nineteen GRAMMY Award nominations and four GRAMMY Award wins: Shaka Zulu (1988), Raise Your Spirit Higher (2004), Ilembe (2009), and Singing For Peace Around the World (2013).

Singing For Peace Around The World – not just an album title but a statement of the group's career mission. It was Nelson Mandela who designated Ladysmith Black Mambazo "South Africa's cultural ambassadors to the world." It is a moniker

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the group members hold close to their hearts. Nelson Mandela passed away in 2013, but the group has been celebrating Mandela's message of peace at every concert they perform.

In 2017 the group released two albums that were both nominated for GRAMMY Awards, a first for a World Music group. Songs of Peace & Love for Kids & Parents Around The World was nominated for best children's album. It is very important to the group that their message of peace and love be passed from generation to generation. By recording songs of peace that parents can teach their children, the group hopes to continue this message for decades to come. Their second album of 2017, Shaka Zulu Revisited, was nominated for best world music album.

Apartheid, the South African social system forced upon the country's black majority to keep the white minority government in power, was a dividing force in many ways. The musicians and artists of South Africa took two paths of resistance. Some sang songs with powerful messages of revolution against the horrors of apartheid. Others, like Ladysmith Black Mambazo, followed a path of peaceful protest. Joseph, following the ways of Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi, wrote songs of hope and peace. When Nelson Mandela was released from prison in 1990, he stated that Ladysmith Black Mambazo's music was a powerful message of peace that he listened to while in jail. When Mandela was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, in 1993, he called on Ladysmith Black Mambazo to join him in Norway and perform at the ceremony. Mandela eventually called the group South Africa's Cultural Ambassadors to the World.

The group sings from a traditional music called isicathamiya (is-cot-a-ME-Ya), which developed in the mines of South Africa. It was there that black workers were taken by rail to work far away from their homes and families. Poorly housed and poorly paid, the mine workers would entertain themselves after a six-day week by singing songs into the wee hours on Sunday morning. When the miners returned to the homelands, this musical tradition returned with them.

During the 1970s Ladysmith Black Mambazo established themselves as the most successful singing group in South Africa. In the mid-1980s, American singer/songwriter Paul Simon visited South Africa and incorporated the group's rich harmonies into the famous Graceland album (1986) – a landmark recording that was considered seminal in introducing world music to mainstream audiences. In addition to their work with Paul Simon, Ladysmith Black Mambazo has recorded with Stevie Wonder, Dolly Parton, Sarah McLachlan, Josh Groban, Emmylou Harris, Melissa Etheridge, and many others. They have provided music for many movies, have appeared on Broadway where they were nominated for a Tony Award and even had a documentary film, titled On Tip Toe: Gentle Steps to Freedom, the Story of Ladysmith Black Mambazo, nominated for an Academy Award.

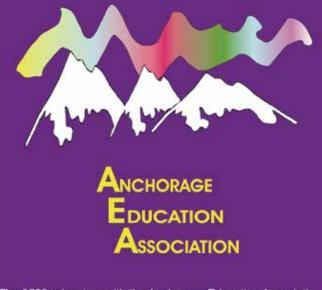
Ladysmith Black Mambazo carries a message of peace, love, and harmony as they travel the world year after year. They bring this message, in song and dance, to every theater they perform in. We hope you will join them as they sing their message.

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WHEN

January 26, 2018 7:30pm & 10:00pm Discovery Theatre

PERFORMERS

Andreas Kern Pianist Paul Cibis Pianist

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

The brainchild of internationally accomplished pianists Andreas Kern and Paul Cibis, the PIANO BATTLE sees the duo go head-to-head on stage, charming and enchanting the audience with a variety of classical pieces. The two artists, with distinctly different performance styles, take turns performing pieces by composers such as Chopin, Liszt and Debussy. They will even improvise based on the tunes you request.

Paul Cibis

Educated in Hanover, Berlin and London, Paul Cibis has performed on five continents and established an international presence. He has been invited to international festivals in the UK, Germany, USA, South Africa, Hong Kong, China, Taiwan, Australia and New Zealand. In addition to his many concert appearances, he has been featured in radio and television programs around the world, including the BBC, WDR, 3Sat, ORB, HR, RTHK, and CCTV.

Paul has released several albums, including a collection of French mélodies and piano works by Berlioz, Fauré and Debussy, in collaboration with German mezzo-soprano Barbara Senator. His latest album features a collection of solo pieces by Taiwanese composer Kai-nan Huang.

A committed pedagogue, Paul has taught at Trinity College of Music in London and frequently gives master classes in Germany, China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and South Korea.

Learn more at www.paulcibis.com

Andreas Kern

Born in South Africa, Andreas Kern studied piano in Cologne and Berlin with Günter Ludwig and Pascal Devoyon. As a soloist and chamber musician, he has extensive

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experience in Europe, Canada, Hong Kong, China, Japan, India, and South Africa.

Keen to present classical music in unconventional ways, Andreas has developed concert projects and formats that often feature unorthodox venues, or whereby musicians collaborate with artists in other fields, such as theatre and dance. Such performances have successfully drawn a much wider and younger audience than traditional classical concerts.

Andreas Kern has also created the critically acclaimed "arte lounge" for the French-German TV channel Arte. As the show's co-host, he has performed with musicians including Mischa Maisky, Renaud Capucon, Sol Gabetta, Sarah Chang, Vadim Repin, Nils Mönkemeyer, Elina Garanca, and Jörg Widmann. He was also the architect of the Piano City Berlin Festival 2010, which featured more than 100 piano performances held in Berlin within one weekend. Since then, Piano City has branched out to other cities such as Milan, Naples, and Barcelona.

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February 2, 2018 7:30pm Discovery Theatre

PERFORMERS

Davina Sowers Lozier *Piano & vocals*

Zack Lozier Trumpet & vocals

Steve Rogness Trombone & vocals

George Marich Drums

Liz Draper Upright bass

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Davina and the Vagabonds have created a stir on the national music scene with their high-energy live shows, level A musicianship, sharp-dressed professionalism, and Davina's commanding stage presence. With influences ranging from Fats Domino and the Preservation Hall Jazz Band to Aretha Franklin and Tom Waits, the band is converting audiences one show at a time, from Vancouver to Miami and across Europe. In 2011 Davina released her first full length, all original album Black Cloud. It was named one of the 10 best releases of the year by the Minneapolis Star & Tribune and awarded 4½ stars from Downbeat Magazine. Their next release in 2014, Sunshine, hit number 13 in the Billboard Blues Chart and led them to be a musicial feature on the hit BBC show, Later with Jools Holland.

The group's shows are filled with New Orleans charm, Memphis soul swagger, dark theatrical moments that evoke Kurt Weill, and tender gospel passages. Davina's voice and stage presence defy category in a different way. Davina has been compared to Etta James, Amy Winehouse, Janis Joplin, Billie Holiday and Betty Boop, but comparisons don't suffice: Sowers is a true original.

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Bringing you 100 years of American music and Davina's originals, which lend themselves to the American Songbook, the band brings edgy nostalgia to older generations and fresh new music to younger ears. This rollicking quintet is held together by Sowers' keyboard playing, with acoustic bass, drums, and a spicy trumpet and trombone horn section. The group's focused, clean sound and emphasis on acoustic instruments is novel to both blues and jazz worlds, and sets the show closer to New Orleans than to Chicago. This has set the Vagabonds apart at festivals in Thunder Bay, Ontario; Sighisoara, Romania; Sierre, Switzerland; Kemi, Finland; the 2012 New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival, and 2013 Monterey Jazz Festival (the group was asked back to play their main stage in 2014), Vache de Blues in France, and North Sea Jazz Festival.

For several years the band has been on the road more than they are home in the Twin Cities, but when they are home, they can be found at the Dakota. One of the keys to Davina's success is the band's irresistible live show; when the idea for a live record was presented, the Dakota became the obvious venue choice. Davina and the Vagabonds' latest record, Nicollet and 10th, was recorded over two nights in early 2015 at the Dakota. Like its predecessors, 2014's Sunshine and 2011's Black Cloud, Nicollet and 10th is the latest chapter in Davina and the Vagabonds' new spin on an old sound mission!

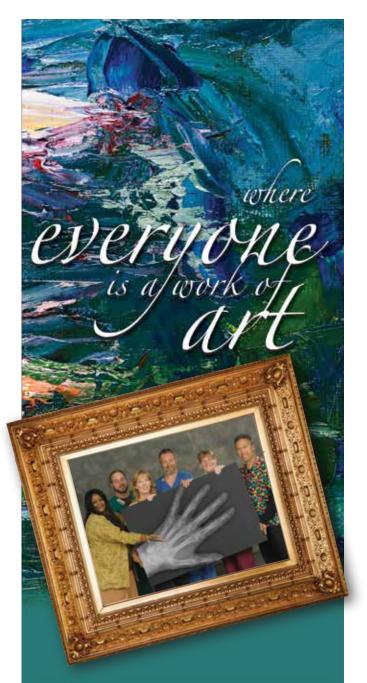
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WHEN

February 9, 2018 7:30pm Atwood Concert Hall

PERFORMERS

Jimbo Mathus (Lead vocals) Cella Blue (Lead vocals) Dr. Sick (Fiddle) Leslie Martin (Piano) Tamara Griggs (Bass) Neilson Bernard III (Drums) Henry Westmoreland (Saxophone) Steve Suter (Trombone) Dave Boswell (Trumpet)

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ABOUT THE BAND

It's not a reunion — it's a revival! The quirky, nine-piece band Squirrel Nut Zippers reignited last year in celebration of the 20th anniversary of their album "Hot" which launched the hit songs "Hell" and "Put a Lid on it." A vintage mashup of Delta blues, pop/ rock, and jazz, they're often grouped with swing revival bands like Big Bad Voodoo Daddy and Cherry Poppin' Daddies, but the Zippers are far more unpredictable. As NPR put it, "It's not easy to categorize the music of the Squirrel Nut Zippers, except that it's hot." The Zippers' core is rock instrumentation plus horns and piano, with violin, banjo, saw, and more.

2016 marked the 20th anniversary of the Squirrel Nut Zippers most celebrated and commercially successful album "Hot." Originally released in the summer of 1996, Hot was the follow up to the band's critically acclaimed debut "The Inevitable." By this time the group had already established a substantial live following across the country thanks to early support from NPR, college radio and non-commercial stations. "Hot" wound up selling over 1.3 million copies.

A newly re-mastered version of the album along with a bonus track, "The Puffer," returned to stores in July on Hollywood Records. Long out of print on vinyl, "Hot" has now made its glorious return to wax on 180-gram vinyl.

In honor of the 20th anniversary of "Hot," the group's visionary creator Jimbo Mathus and other band members have crafted a brand new stage show including several leading musicians from New Orleans to serve up the band's unique musical flavor which owes its roots to that city.

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Since July, the Squirrel Nut Zippers have been on tour for the first time in almost seven years. The band has performed at many major festivals recently including: Montreal International Jazz Festival, Strawberry Music Festival, LEAF Festival, and the Exit Zero Jazz Fest. On top of that, they have had sold out shows in Los Angeles, San Diego, Chicago, Dallas, Atlanta, Little Rock, Minneapolis and more. Fans are clearly excited the band is touring again.

"We are humbled and incredibly excited by the initial Zippers shows since the re-launch," band leader Jimbo Mathus commented. "It's not a reunion, it's a revival! The band includes cutting edge talent from New Orleans and the songs have been brought to life in an exciting new way. But most things remain unchanged... an amazing experience for young and old."

Plans are underway for the band to record a brand new album, which would be their first new studio album in seventeen years.

With band leader Jimbo Mathus and original SNZ-ers joining leading musicians from New Orleans, the Zippers are sure to bring The Big Easy to life in the Last Frontier.

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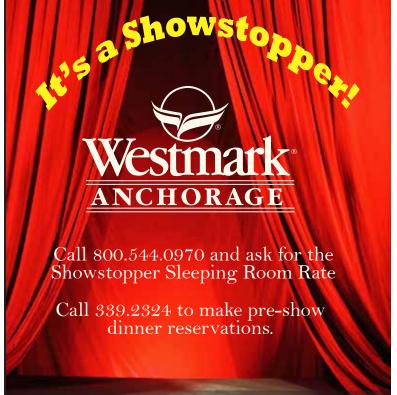


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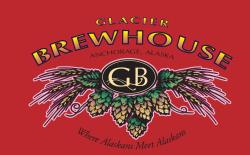




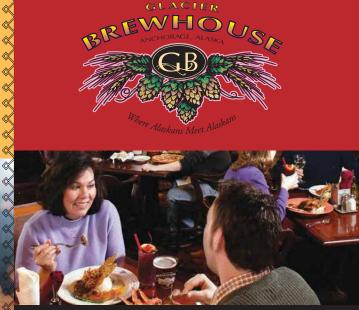


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The Moth is true stories, told live and without notes. The Moth celebrates the ability of stories to honor both the diversity and commonality of human experience, and to satisfy a vital human need for connection. It seeks to present recognized storytellers among established and emerging writers, performers and artists, and to encourage storytelling among communities whose stories often go unheard.

The Moth began on a back porch in smalltown Georgia, where the founder – poet and best-selling novelist George Dawes Green – would spend sultry summer evenings swapping spellbinding tales with a small circle of friends. There was a hole in the screen, which let in moths that were attracted to the light, and the group started calling themselves "The Moths." When he moved to New York City, George wanted to recreate the feeling of those nights in his adopted city.

The first New York Moth event was held in 1997 in George's living room. But word spread fast, and the events soon moved to cafes and clubs throughout the city – and soon to popular venues throughout the country and beyond.

2017 marks The Moth's 20th anniversary year! Through ongoing programs in more than 25 cities, The Moth has presented over 20,000 stories to standing-room-only crowds worldwide and it currently produces more than 500 live shows each year. Additionally, The Moth runs storytelling workshops for high school students and adults in underserved communities through their Education and Community Programs and develops innovative applications for Moth

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storytelling through their Corporate Program. The Moth podcast is downloaded over 45 million times a year, and each week, the Peabody Award-winning The Moth Radio Hour, produced by Jay Allison and presented by PRX, The Public Radio Exchange, is heard on over 450 radio stations worldwide. The Moth's first book, *The Moth: 50 True Stories* (Hachette) was an international bestseller and their new book *All These Wonders: True Stories about Facing the Unknown* from The Moth (Crown) is available now.

Catherine Burns, Artistic Director

Catherine Burns is The Moth's long-time Artistic Director. As one of the lead directors on the Moth's Mainstage since 2003, she has helped hundreds of people craft their stories, including a retired New York City cop, a jaguar tracker and an exonerated prisoner. Along with Jay Allison she is the producer of The Moth Radio Hour, and the editor of the International Best Seller The Moth: 50 True Stories and All These Wonders: True Stories about Facing the Unknown. She is the director of the solo show *Helen & Edgar*, which was called, "utterly absorbing and unexpectedly moving" by Ben Brantley of *The New York Times*. Prior to The Moth, she directed and produced television and independent films, interviewing such diverse talent as Ozzy Osbourne, Martha Stewart and Howard Stern. She attended her first Moth back in 2000, fell in love with the show and was in turn a GrandSLAM contestant and volunteer in the Moth Community Program before joining the staff full time. Born and raised in Alabama, she now lives in Brooklyn with her husband and six year old son. Find her on Twitter: @burnzieny

Sarah Haberman, Executive Director

Sarah Haberman is Executive Director of The Moth. Prior to this position, she served in development roles for Jazz at Lincoln Center, Columbia Business School, the Whitney Museum and The New York Public Library. Before embarking on a career in the nonprofit sector, she was an acquiring editor in Paris for Robert Laffont-Fixot, a major French publishing house. She is also a member of the board of directors for the Herzfeld Foundation in Milwaukee.

Sarah Austin Jenness, Executive Producer

Sarah Austin Jenness joined the staff at The Moth in 2005. As Executive Producer, she works with hundreds of people to craft and hone their personal stories, oversees national and international program expansion, and is a co-host of the Peabody Award-winning The Moth Radio Hour. Most recently, she has begun to guide The Moth's Global Community Program, teaching storytelling workshops in the US and Africa to highlight world issues including family homelessness and public health. She has discussed contemporary storytelling at international radio conferences in Dublin and Oslo, The Melbourne Writers Festival, and at The Sundance Film Festival. The Moth story she directed for comedian Tig Notaro was included on Tig's album, *LIVE*, which was nominated for a 2014 Grammy.

Meg Bowles, Senior Producer

Meg Bowles is a Senior Producer and Host of the Peabody Award winning Moth Radio Hour. Like most of the Moth staff, Meg started as a volunteer in 1997 helping to curate early Mainstage events and teaching storytelling workshops. In 2002 she was pulled away by Discovery Communications, mainly because she needed the paycheck, but when Moth Founder, George Dawes Green asked her to return to help curate the Mainstage in 2005, she found it impossible to say no. While directing stories for the Mainstage, Meg has had the privilege of working with a NASA astronaut who commanded the first shuttle mission after the loss of Challenger, a doctor who saved Mother Theresa's life. a member of Churchill's Secret Army who trained spies during WWII, an innocent man who spent 18 years on death row, a Nobel Laureate, a NYC police detective, a lobster fisherman, neuroscientists, veterans, musicians, chefs, fugitives, mothers, fathers and countless people who have found themselves in sometimes ordinary, but often unique situations and have generously shared their experiences and emotions, exposing their imperfections the very thing that makes us human and ultimately connects us to each other.

Jenifer Hixson, Senior Producer

Jenifer Hixson is a Senior Producer, director and one of the hosts of the Peabody Award-winning Moth Radio Hour. Each year she asks hundreds of people to identify the significant turning points of their lives – fumbles and triumphs, leaps of faith, darkest hours – and then helps them shape those experiences into story form for the stage. She falls a little bit in love with each storyteller, and hopes you will too. In 2000, she launched The Moth StorySLAM, which now has a fulltime presence in 25 cities in the US, UK and Australia and provides more than 4,000 individual storytelling opportunities for storytelling daredevils and loquacious wall flowers alike. Jenifer's story, "Where There's Smoke" has been featured on The Moth Radio Hour, This American Life and was a part of The Moth's first book: *The Moth: 50 True Stories*.

Jay Allison, Producer

Jay Allison is an independent journalist and leader in public broadcasting. He is the producer of The Moth Radio Hour and has created hundreds of documentary programs and series. Over the past 35 years, he has been a frequent contributor to NPR news programs and This American Life, and is a six-time Peabody Award winner. He hosted and produced This I Believe on NPR and co-edited the bestselling companion books. He is the founder of Atlantic Public Media which launched the public media websites, Transom.org and the Public Radio Exchange (PRX.org), and WCAI, the public radio station in Woods Hole, Massachusetts, serving Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, and Cape Cod where Jay lives with his family.

George Dawes Green, Founder

George Dawes Green, founder of The Moth and Unchained, is an internationally celebrated author. His first novel, *The Caveman's Valentine*, won the Edgar Award and became a motion picture starring Samuel L. Jackson. *The Juror* was an international bestseller in more than twenty languages and was the basis for the movie starring Demi Moore and Alex Baldwin. *Ravens* was chosen as one of the best books of 2009 by the *Los Angeles Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Daily Mail of London,* and many other publications. He lives in Savannah, Georgia.

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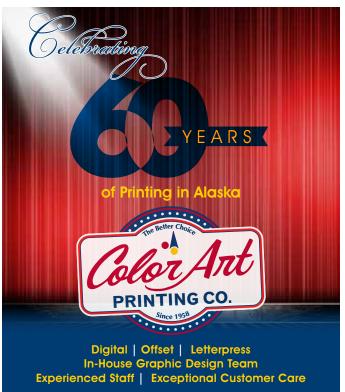
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International Guitar Night (IGN) brings together the world's foremost acoustic guitarists to perform their latest original compositions and exchange musical ideas in a public concert setting. Each tour, IGN founder Brian Gore invites a new cast of guitar luminaries to join him for special evenings of solos, duets and quartets that highlight the virtuosity and diversity within the world of acoustic guitar.

International Guitar Night is North America's premier mobile guitar festival. Sponsored by Acoustic Guitar Magazine, it is the only production of its kind to have grassroots origins. Ever since its beginning in 1995 in a converted laundromat in the California Bay Area, IGN has featured the best performing guitar composers from around the world. Since the beginning, audiences have cherished the friendly informal ambiance of the performances. Participants have relished the chance IGN affords to express reverence for one another, and to collaborate rather than compete. The unique brand of "guitar positivity" this forum provides has helped make IGN the most successful guitar showcase of its kind.

For IGN's 18th year of touring, in January/ February/March 2018, Germany's Gypsy Jazz legend Lulo Reinhardt will return as the show's host and will be joined by Calum Graham, the young Canadian contemporary sensation; Marek Pasieczny, Poland's innovative classical composer/performer, and award-winning American guitarist Michael Chapdelaine. Lulo has built on grand-uncle Django Reinhardt's repertoire by introducing Latin rhythms. Calum has a twohanded style that has attracted millions of YouTube viewers. Marek has performed and written for a variety of orchestras around the world, and Michael has won both the Guitar

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Foundation of America Classical Guitar Competition and the National Fingerstyle Championship for steel string guitar.

Lulo Reinhardt

Django Reinhardt left behind an indelible musical legacy, introducing and defining a passionate style of Gypsy Jazz guitar that was astonishing in the 1930s and is still revered and emulated today. Born to a Gypsy family in Belgium, Django's playing inspired his extended family in Germany and France, and successive generations of Reinhardts have reinforced his powerful musical vision and added their own ideas. LULO REINHARDT, Django's grand nephew, is a third generation master from Germany. He has retained the incredible Reinhardt soul, speed and dexterity and updated the repertoire.

Lulo Reinhardt was first taught by his father at the age of five. At twelve, he played in the Mike Reinhardt Sextett and later co-founded the group, "Django Reinhardt and the Heartbreakers." In 1991, he founded "I Gitanos" with his father Bawo and cousin Dege, touring throughout Europe and first establishing his national reputation.

Lulo is a spontaneous and spirited musician. His curiosity took him to southern Spain in search of flamenco roots, and to South America, exploring various musical styles of Latin Jazz. By 2002, he was ready to take his place as a bandleader, founding the Lulo Reinhardt Project. They recorded the highly-acclaimed Project No. 1 in 2002, and Project No. 2 in 2005, reflecting his passion for Latin music.

In 2007, Saga Instruments of San Francisco, CA made the first Lulo Reinhardt Model Gitane 310, modeled on the classic Gypsy guitars. This inspired Lulo to compose more Swing material, which he combined with Latin music, and in 2007 changed the name of his group to the Lulo Reinhardt Latin Swing Project. They recorded their first CD in 2008.

In the beginning, he played in Europe with an all-German band but later spent considerable time in Australia, forming a new band of German and Australian musicians. They have recorded several CDs, and toured extensively internationally. In additional to annual Australian tours beginning in 2008, they have played in the United States, China, France, Switzerland, Belgium, England, the Czech Republic, Scotland, and Germany.

Lulo has performed on multiple tours as a soloist with International Guitar Night between 2009 and 2016, in the U.S., Canada, the U.K., and Germany. He will return as the artistic director, host, and performing guitarist for the 2017 and 2018 IGN tours.

Calum Graham

At just 24, Calum Graham has already enjoyed a career that would be the envy of most artists double his age. The Albertabased guitarist and singer/songwriter has released five acclaimed albums, won major national music competitions, performed at the Olympic Games in both Vancouver and London, racked up some phenomenal views on YouTube, and was most recently named one of the top 30 guitarists in the world under 30 by Acoustic Guitar Magazine. Andy McKee, one of today's most popular acoustic guitarists, calls Calum "the most promising young guitarist I've seen. His command of the guitar is already really impressive!"

Born in British Columbia and raised in High River, Alberta, Graham's musical journey first took flight when he began playing the guitar at the age of 13. Five years later in the summer of 2010, Graham attended the Canadian Guitar Festival and entered the prestigious Canadian Fingerstyle Guitar Competition. Impressed with his original compositions, the judges awarded Graham with a first place finish; a feat no other teenager has accomplished in the history of the festival. The clip of his winning performance now has just under a million views on YouTube.

As Calum Graham's name continued to grow in Alberta and across Canada for his guitar work and musicianship, Graham proved that his talent was not limited to his extraordinary ability to play the guitar. In 2011, Graham won the Canada's Walk of Fame nationwide "A Song For Canada" contest based on his poetic acuteness. His winning poem was used in the song "I'm Here (A Song For Canada)." The song was performed by Chantal Kreviazuk and co-written by Graham, Raine Maida (Our Lady Peace) and Stephen Moccio ("I Believe," 2010 Vancouver Olympics theme song/"Wrecking Ball," Miley Cyrus).

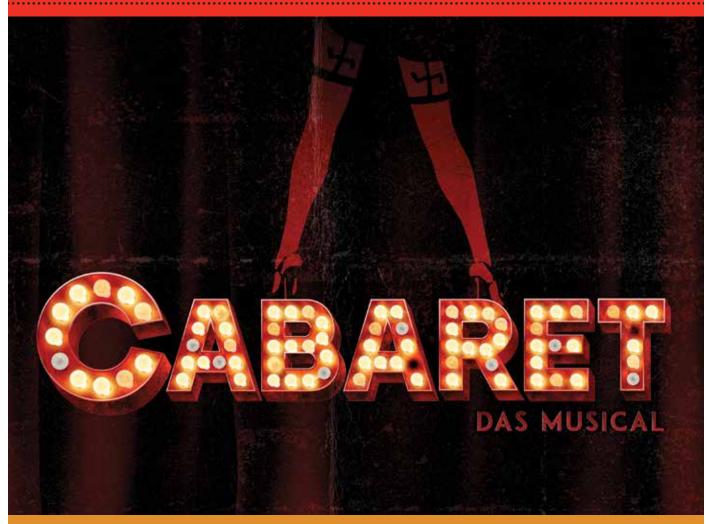
"Calum's entry resonated strongly among the judges. His poem celebrates the cultural mosaic that is Canada. He has captured the diversity of this country – something that we as a nation are renowned for and proud of." – Stephan Moccio

In the late winter of 2012, and with two albums already under his belt (Sunny Side Up (2009), Indivisibility (2012), Graham teamed up with iconic Fingerstyle Guitarist Don Ross. The result was the instrumental acoustic duet album titled, "12:34." Recorded at famed "Metalworks Studios" (Prince, Tina Turner, RUSH, Drake), and released through CandyRat Records (world's biggest acoustic guitar label), the album featured six originals by Graham, three by Ross, and a cover of OutKast's hit song, "Hey Ya."

Not long after the release of "12:34," Graham saw a loyal following begin to grow and it wasn't long before his unique sound started to find a wide and appreciative audience.

In November of 2013, Graham released a solo instrumental album titled "Phoenix Rising" (CandyRat Records). The title song has already generated over two million hits, with other





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songs also notching impressive numbers. The success of the album enabled Graham to expand his global fanbase and he soon began touring internationally, both on his own and with the likes of Don Ross and Andy McKee.

Graham just recently released his fifth studio album "Tabula Rasa" recorded with world renowned Acoustic Guitarist, Antoine Dufour. Adding an extra dimension to his compositions, the album introduces Graham's soulful vocals to his audience for the first time. The album was released in March 2016 and features a combination of his exemplary instrumental guitar work punctuated throughout with elements of folk, blues, and pop in his vocal songs with guest performances by Antoine Dufour and Bass Guitar Extraordinnaire, Michael Manring.

With Graham bringing an innovative sound to the industry, it wasn't long before Canada's top booking agency, The Feldman Agency, also counted themselves a fan of Graham's music. So much in fact, that in July 2014, they decided to partner Graham with renowned Canadian producer Gavin Brown (Billy Talent, Metric, The Tragically Hip) on his "Sessions X" series. The series was recorded at Toronto's Five-Star "Noble Street Studios" and features Graham alongside a number of acclaimed musicians including; Tears For Fears, Feist, Three Days Grace, Metric, and Ron Sexsmith. At only 24 years old, it's unquestionable that Calum Graham has enough talent to revolutionize how audiences appreciate music.

Marek Pasieczny

Award winning guitarist and composer Dr. Marek Pasieczny is one of the most respected contemporary composers writing for the guitar worldwide. Pasieczny holds three master degrees in music from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in Glasgow, UK (for composition and performance with distinction) and "Karol Lipinski" Academy of Music in Wroclaw, Poland (for performance with distinction). In 2010, Pasieczny began a combined doctoral degree in composition and performance in Australia, before returning to Europe in 2012 and completing his PhD at Surrey University in Guildford, UK in December 2015. At the same time, Pasieczny has taken up lectureship in composition and orchestration at the university.

As a composer, guitarist, lecturer, and adjudicator Pasieczny has appeared regularly at festivals in Europe (Poland, France, Germany, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Greece, Turkey, Bosnia and Herzegovina, UK, and Italy), Asia (China, Japan), Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

Pasieczny has composed for and collaborated with such musicians as: Pat Metheny ("Upojenie"), Odair and Clarice Assad, David Russell, Roland Dyens, Carlo Domeniconi, Ana

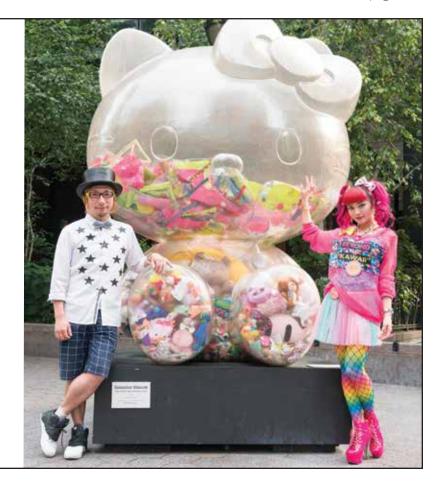
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Premieres of his works have been performed in venues such as: Lutoslawski's Hall in Warsaw, Poland; Royal Albert Hall and Wigmore Hall in London, UK; Carnegie Hall in New York City, USA; Canterbury Cathedral in Canterbury, UK; He Luting Hall and He Lv Ting Hall in Shanghai, China. In 2012, Pasieczny became a D'Addario artist and was featured on the cover of the prestigious Classical Guitar Magazine.

Michael Chapdelaine

Michael Chapdelaine is the only guitarist ever to win First Prize in the world's top competitions in both the Classical and Fingerstyle genres; the Guitar Foundation of America International Classical Guitar Competition and the National Fingerstyle Championships at the Walnut Valley Bluegrass Festival in Winfield, Kansas.

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In the 80s and 90s Michael proved himself to be one of the worlds finest classical guitarists; twice winning the coveted National Endowment for the Arts Solo Recitalist Grant, and taking first prize in both the Guitar Foundation of America's and the Music Teachers National Association's Guitar Competitions. He also won the silver medal in Venezuela's VIII Concurso International de Guitarra "Alirio Diaz." He has toured four continents while giving hundreds of performances for Affiliate Artists Inc., and various arts promotion organizations.

In 1992 he recorded the Sonata Romantica album, which many critics and connoisseurs of classical guitar consider to be one of the definitive recordings for the instrument. Acoustic Guitar magazine wrote "... if I were marooned on a desert island with a limited selection of recordings, this one would be among my choices... I have seldom heard a more beautiful album. Other young guitarists have excellent technique, but few have such style and musicality, and Chapdelaine's beautiful tone is the nearest to Segovia's that I can recall." In 1994 Michael turned his attention to pop music, in arranging, producing and recording Time-Life Music's beautiful Guitar by Moonlight collection, which sold 250,000 copies in it's first two years in the stores. In 1998, he once again, expanded his musical range and gained instant notoriety and credibility in the "acoustic music" world as a "fingerstyle" guitarist and composer, by winning the National Fingerpicking Championships at Winfield.

Michael is Professor of Music and head of guitar studies at the University of New Mexico and has previously been on the faculties of the University of Colorado at Denver and Metropolitan State University. He has given master classes throughout the world including, China, Thailand, Malaysia, Peru, Venezuela, Taiwan, Indonesia, and at institutions such as, University of Miami, Mannes School of Music, University of Texas, and California State University. His teachers included the great Spanish maestro Andres Segovia.

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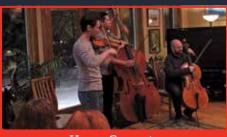


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TICKETS CenterTix.com; CenterTix is located on street level in the Carr-Gottstein (South) Lobby of the Alaska Center for the Performing Arts (located across the street from Humpy's).

PHONE 907-263-ARTS (263-2787); 263-2717 (teletypewriter).

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