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NOTORIOUS COFFEE HOUSE CONCERT, THURS OCTOBER 2



Notorious will perform at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Huntsville October 3. This is an extraordinary opportunity to hear the band that many of our members call the best they have ever heard.

Notorious musicians Eden MacAdam-Somer and Larry Unger bring together traditional and contemporary acoustic music from around the world, creating a dynamic, swinging sound that is sure to get you on your feet. With Eden on fiddle and vocals and Larry on guitar and banjo, their music is full of rhythmic drive and melodic candor. Their show is always new and exciting, presenting everything from traditional American and Celtic fiddle tunes to jazz, blues, and the group's original compositions.

At home in the worlds of both classical and popular music, Eden MacAdam-Somer is one of the most exciting and versatile young violinists performing today. She has been a featured soloist with symphony and chamber orchestras, jazz and swing bands, bluegrass,

DAWG and American folk groups. Eden is also well versed in the music of other cultures, including Irish music, Gypsy music, Sephardic music, and European music from the Medieval and Renaissance periods. She has been a guest artist at the Aspen and Beijing International Music festivals, soloist at Texas and Wimberly jazz festivals, performer at Texas and St. Louis Renaissance fairs, and has appeared on numerous recordings in folk, rock, jazz, and classical genres.

Larry Unger has been a full time musician since 1984 and has presented a diverse range of musical performances at dances, festivals, and concerts across the United States, Canada, France, Scotland, Denmark, and Sweden. He has played guitar, banjo, and bass with many top contra dance bands, including Reckless Abandon, Uncle Gizmo, Big Table, and the Reckless Ramblers, and has accompanied such fiddlers as Judy Hyman, Elke Baker, Rodney Miller, Alasdair Fraser, Matt Glaser, Ralph Blizard, and Lissa Schneckenburger. His solo concerts include a wide variety of music, including fingerstyle blues and slide guitar, rags, and oldtime banjo tunes as well as melodies played on a handful of unusual instruments including banjo-guitar, fretless banjo, and piano-harp. Larry's original waltzes and fiddle tunes have been played and recorded by musicians around the world. He has a great breadth of understanding of traditional music to complement his considerable technical proficiency and enjoys telling stories about the origins of his music and the people who taught him.

When: Thursday, October 2, 7:00 pm.

Where: Unitarian Universalist Church of Huntsville

2222 Governor's Drive

Cost: \$10, admission includes coffee & dessert

For more information call 837-0656.

HUNTSVILLE CALENDAR

- Huntsville dances are the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month in the gym at Faith Presbyterian Church, 5003 Whitesburg Dr., (corner of Whitesburg Dr. & Airport Rd.). Beginners Workshop is at 7:00 PM, then the regular dance is from 7:30 10:30 PM.
- Admission is \$7 (\$6 for members), \$4 for teens, free for ages 12 & under.

Remember to bring comfortable, **non-scuffing shoes** for dancing. Bring someone new to a dance this month!

• For more info about the NACDS schedule, contact Doug Roth: hdroth@pobox.com or visit www.secontra.com.

OCTOBER 4: HUNTSVILLE

CALLER — ERIN MAGUIRE
BAND — POTLIKKER STRING BAND

OCTOBER 18: HUNTSVILLE

CALLERS — GARY NELSON
BANDS — MAPLE HILL

AREA DANCE GYPSY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 3: NASHVILLE

Caller — Susan Kevra Band — Calliope

OCTOBER 10: NASHVILLE

CALLER — LISA HARRIS

BAND — JIM NELSON, STEPHANIE COLEMAN, JIM COLLIER

OCTOBER 11: BIRMINGHAM

CALLER — LISA HARRIS

BAND — STEPHANIE AND THE BIG JIMS

OCTOBER 11: CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — VICKI HERNDON

BAND — CHRISTIE BURNS/BUTCH ROSS

OCTOBER 14 : FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND - JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

OCTOBER 17: NASHVILLE

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND — DAVID COE AND OWEN MORRISON

OCTOBER 17 : SEWANEE

CALLER - HARRY DELUGACH

BAND — ED & ELSIE

OCTOBER 24: NASHVILLE

CALLER — EMMA RUSHTON

BAND — CELTICLADDA

OCTOBER 25: CHATTANOOGA

CALLER — JANE EWING BAND — CELTICLADDA

OCTOBER 26: BIRMINGHAM (4:00 PM)

CALLER — TBA

BAND — THE CARTER LANEY BAND

OCTOBER 31-NOVEMBER 2: NASHVILLE

MUSIC CITY MASQUERADE AT COHN ADULT LEARNING CENTER

CALLER — SUE ROSEN AND SUSAN KEVRA

BAND — RAZ DE MAREE (TIDAL WAVE) FROM QUEBEC

OCTOBER 28: FLAT CREEK

CALLER — CHRISSY DAVIS-CAMP

BAND - JIM & INGE WOOD WITH VARIOUS & SUNDRY

FoOTMaD (Birmingham) dances 2nd Saturdays and 4th Sundays at the YMCA, 3rd Ave & 23rd St, 7:30 PM. http://www.bamalong.com/bcds.htm.

CTDS (Chattanooga) dances 2nd & 4th Saturdays at All Saints Academy, 310 E. 8th St., downtown, 8:00 PM.

Contact Steve at (706) 937-4991, Claire & Bryant at (423)876-7359 or http://contranooga.org

Misty Mountain Dancers (Sewanee, TN) dances at the Legion Hall in Sewanee, TN, 8:00 PM. For details, call (931) 598-0814 or check http://mistycontra.zoomshare.com/

NCD (Nashville) dances almost every Friday at 8:00 PM at Second Presbyterian Church on Belmont Blvd one block south of Woodmont – on the corner of Graybar.

Contact Chrissy at (615) 210-6808 or John, email: DanceFools@aol.com or http://dancenashville.org/

Flat Creek dances – 2 & 4th Tues, Flat Creek Community Center – seven miles south of Shelbyville, TN. http://www.nashvilleoldtime.org/Dances/flatcreekcontra dances.htm

MUSIC CITY MASQUERADE



Dr. Susan Kevra wrote from her office in the department of French and Italian at Vanderbilt University to remind us that the Music City Masquarade in Nashville, TN, will be held the weekend of October 31 – November 2.

"The 2008 Music City Masquerade has a decidedly Northern flavor, as we feature the dynamic Quebecois band, Tidal Wave (in French, *Raz-de-Maree*), fast becoming one of the premiere contra dance bands in North America. Benoit Bourque, also from Quebec, will be on staff to teach step-dancing and Quebecois social dances. Benoit is known throughout the world for his infectious charm and delightful teaching.

"From a bit farther south (Boston, MA!) Sue Rosen will treat us to her fun mix of contra dances, including some of her own devising, and she'll offer an insightful workshop on contra choreography, sharing with us the ingredients for a great dance and how to put them together.

"Nashville is home to so many great bands and callers. Among those on staff this year will be caller Susan Kevra and fiddler, David Coe and guitarist, Owen Morrison.

"In addition to all the great dancing, don't miss out on music and singing workshops. All the fun happens at the Cohn Adult Learning Center in Nashville. Dance in our spectacularly decorated hall on an exceptional hard wood floor with one of the friendliest dance groups in the country.

"You can find out more about the weekend and download the brochure by visiting www.dancenashville.org."

Need more information? You can contact Dr. Kevra at susan.kevra@vanderbilt.edu



GET CONNECTED, STAY CONNECTED

Visit the NACDS web site:

http://secontra.com/NACDS.html

There is an announcement list for everyone and a Yahoo Group discussion list for those more involved. E-mail nacds@pobox.com if you'd like to be on either.

Yahoo group:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NACDScontraCommunity/

Notorious in concert!

Thurs. October 2 7:00 p.m. \$10 admission includes coffee & dessert

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Send just \$10 for one, or \$15 per family, to the address above.

> Make checks payable to NACDS. (mailing label shows renewal date)

> > Members receive monthly newsletter, 2 guest passes, and a \$1 DISCOUNT to each regular dance!