

THURSDAY

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| FREE | WELCOME GATHERING AT UPTOP for festival & retreat participants, tutors & artists | | |
| | 11:00am – 2:00pm | | UPTOP |
| | All F01, F02 & F03 Gathering activities are FREE . Bring a picnic lunch and a blanket or folding chair. Events will take place in and around the Dance Hall or other designated spaces at Uptop. | | |
| FREE | CÈILIDH DANCING – All levels / CHRIS KERMIET | | |
| F01 | 11:00am – 12:00pm | | UPTOP |
| | Don't miss the first chance to kick up your heels this weekend. | | |
| FREE | EXPLORING YOUR VOICE FOR THE FIRST TIME – All levels / BETH GADBAW | | |
| F02 | 11:00am – 12:00pm | | UPTOP |
| | Singing Class: For all levels of singers from beginners upwards. | | |
| FREE | HANDS ON BODHRAN - Beginners / FELIX MORGANSTERN | | |
| F03 | 11:00am – 12:00pm | | UPTOP |
| | Felix teaches you the very basics of the bodhran. | | |
| PICNIC LUNCH BREAK | | | |
| F04 | 12:00 – 12:45pm | | UPTOP |
| | Bring a picnic lunch and your favorite blanket or folding chair. | | |
| FREE | CÈILIDH /ALL ARTISTS | | |
| F05 | 1:00 – 2:00pm | | UPTOP |
| | Open to all, so bring your instruments, dancing shoes, voices, and join the party. | | |
| | - FESTIVAL EVENTS BEGIN IN LA VETA – | | |
| | DANCING FOR FUN/ CHRIS KERMIET | | |
| W01 | 3:00 – 4:00pm | \$18 | LA VETA INN |
| | Cèilidh dancing with a chance to try out some steps. | | |
| FREE | BAGPIPE FRENZY - PIPES IN THE PARK | | |
| F06 | 3:00 – 4:00pm | | LA VETA PAVILION |
| | When people think of bagpipes, the first image is of the great highland pipes. But, there are a number of different types of bagpipes. Come explore the differences and similarities between the great highland pipes, uilleann pipes and Scottish small pipes. Listen to the varied tones, volume and emotions possible with these unique instruments. | | |
| | HIGHLAND DRESS AND CELTIC WEAPONRY/ DON LOWE | | |
| W02 | 3:00 – 4:00pm | \$18 | LIBRARY |
| | This presentation will entertain and inform you. It features an explanation of the kilt and its history including traditional highland attire and accessories. Celtic weaponry and a brief history for each is featured. Items from a collection are included to view as the presenter speaks. | | |
| | SINGING FOR FUN (SFF) PART I: All Levels/ ADAM AGEE AND JON SOUSA | | |
| SFF01 | 3:00 – 4:00pm | \$18 | MTHDST CHURCH, UL |
| | Part I - For the joy of singing together and learning new traditional songs. Song sheets are provided. SFF classes may be taken individually for \$18, or as a six-event package for \$75 | | |
| | DEMO/PERFORMANCE: HIGHTIME & THE CONIFERS | | |
| D01 | 4:15 – 5:15pm | \$20 | LA VETA MERCANTILE |
| | How they first got started, influences that affected their musical directions, and new approaches they are taking to create their own original sound while still retaining their traditional roots. With examples of their music. | | |
| | CONCERT: THE LADS AT DOG BAR / ED MILLER, RICH BROTHERTON, AND PATSY O'BRIEN | | |
| C01 | 4:30 – 6:00pm | \$20 | DOGBAR CUCHARA |
| | Join Ed, Rich, and Patsy in the relaxed setting of Cuchara's Dog Bar for rousing songs, tall tales, and general merrymaking. | | |
| | CONCERT: TASTE OF THINGS TO COME / FESTIVAL ARTISTS | | |
| C02 | 7:30 – 9:30pm | \$25 | GARDNER COMM CTR |
| | Introducing the artists performing during Festival Week. Homemade treats at intermission. One of the most popular events of the festival, so reserve early. | | |