



The Coffee House
Acoustic music & poetry since 1967
Plymouth Church
2717 E Hampshire St
Milwaukee, WI 53211



www.the-coffee-house.com

Doors open 30 minutes before show time.

September / October / November 2019 Calendar

We've started a new sliding scale admission. Music lovers can offer anywhere between \$5 and \$15 dollars
As always, it is a suggested admission. No one is turned away and seating is still first come, first seated

Saturday - September 7 8:00 to 10:30 PM

Co-Bill **Mike Ewing** and **Heather Styka**

Mike Ewing is a folk singer and guitar player from the heart of the new Coffee House location, Plymouth Church. Mike spends much time playing music with good friends, and has the voice of a genuine folk balladeer. Chicago songwriter **Heather Styka** cuts to the truth with gutsy vulnerability. With a heartfelt croon that brings to mind Billie Holiday or Patsy Cline, Styka combines the lyrical intricacy of folk with a catchy melodic pop sensibility and the grit of classic country in songs that are smart and disarming.

Saturday - September 21 8:00 to 10:30 PM

Co-Bill - **Rick Fitzgerald** and **David HB Drake**

We are excited to bring two of Wisconsin's best folk performers to our stage! Both award winning performers, **Rick Fitzgerald** and **David HB Drake** will offer an evening of songs reflecting on the International Peace Day, that happily falls on this date.

Wisconsin troubador **David HB Drake** has spent over thirty years presenting concerts at fine arts centers, festivals, schools, community centers and concert stages throughout the Midwest. His performances are a panorama of history, natural beauty and discovery .

Rick Fitzgerald is an accomplished guitarist and vocalist, but he is probably best known as an autoharp player. Rick describes his diatonic autoharps as the "turbo-charged sports cars of the autoharp world," and uses a free-flowing, five-fingered picking style to deliver expressive melodies with interwoven harmonies.

Saturday - September 28 8:00 to 10:30 PM

Robin and Jenny Bienemann

The acclaimed, Chicago-based husband and wife duo of **Robin and Jenny Bienemann** are both singer-songwriters and instrumentalists. By turns hilarious and heartfelt, this cutting-edge acoustic duo melds original and traditional music with an elegant hint of jazz. Both write songs that are celebrations of modern life in all of its wonderful, strange and hilarious beauty, garnering airplay on National Public Radio, Dr. Demento, and The Midnight Special.

Opening tonight is one of our favorite folk duos, **Paul and Andy** (Paul Smith and Andy Jehly). They always bring wonderful instrumentals, playful covers from an eclectic array of genres, and heartfelt originals.

Saturday - October 5 8:00 to 10:30 PM

Food Pantry benefit - Music of Bob Dylan

Dee Labelle & Bob Smoke --- **JP Spencer, Ives Iverson & Bob Estes** --- **Eccentric Acoustic** -- **Jeff Peterson**

This is always a night of timeless fun. Great music and coming together for a great cause -- the local food pantries. Each of the four performer/groups tonight will offer up renditions of six of Dylan's songs.

Saturday - October 12 8:00 to 10:30 PM **Mark Dvorak**

Named Chicago's Official Troubadour by none other than the Midnight Special's Rich Warren, **Mark Dvorak** is truly a midwest treasure. A master on guitar and banjo, Mark mixes his shows up with heartfelt originals and folk classics. An evening with Mark and you'll understand why the Chicago Tribune calls him "masterful!"

Opening **Demetra Prochaska Demetra** is a soulful instrumentalist and singer-songwriter out of Port Washington. She has been playing, singing, and writing songs since her early teens.

Saturday - October 19 8:00 to 10:30 PM

Patty & Craig (Patty Stevenson/Craig Siemsen)

Patty Stevenson and **Craig Siemsen** have been playing The Coffee House since the 1980s. Although primarily roots singer/songwriters, **Patty & Craig** also offer their take on timeless classics, supported by guitars, piano, lap harp and dulcimer. Craig has been described as a leading midwest guitarist with a voice that is a mixture of honey and grit.

Opener **John Higgins** is newer to Milwaukee's folk community, and has generated excitement with his beautiful voice, poignant songwriting, and solid accompaniment on guitar.

Saturday - November 2 8:00 to 10:30 PM

Living Activism for **MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary**
Tonight's benefit supports the growing efforts of the MacCanon Brown Homeless Sanctuary to create a daytime refuge/resource center in the 53206 zip code.

Music is provided by the **J. Ryan Trio** who play jazz standards and down-home blues, all with a soulful feel.

Free will donation -- All proceeds after expenses go to the Homeless Sanctuary.

Saturday - November 9 8:00 to 10:30 PM **John Stano**

Singer, songwriter, **John Stano** is an award winning performer appearing regularly throughout the area. The trademark of John's sound is a distinctive blend of acoustic and slide guitar, harmonica and expressive vocals developed over many years of performance and study. His songs have been featured on noteworthy shows like 'Car Talk' and 'Whaddya Know?'

Opener **Ariana Madson** is a soulful songwriter new to The Coffee House. Reflecting selflessness and strength, Ariana's music has been described as "on fire and beautiful!"

Saturday - November 16 8:00 to 10:30 PM

Poetry and spoken word with **Bill Murtaugh, Liana Kapelke-Dale** and **Nick Ramsey**

This is an evening with three of the area's best spoken word performers. Bill has been a regular feature at The Coffee House since its start in 1967. Liana is a prolific author and poet in Milwaukee, challenging norms and highlighting the beauty of this world with her engaging performance style. In 2015, Nick was named the Racine County Poet Laureate. Blending rap stylings with improvisational and jazz foundations, Nick offers up insightful reflections on modern living.

Welcome to The Coffee House and our 53rd season!

We are excited to continue the tradition of bringing talented artists and eager audiences together while furthering our efforts of social justice.

This is our second season at our new location: Plymouth Church 2717 E Hampshire St, Milwaukee, WI 532111

We are thankful to all the volunteers that help keep things going and we are always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested, please contact our Volunteer coordinator - Carol Klein at: 13carolklein@gmail.com

Also, thank you to Plymouth Church for our new home and Clark Graphics for their support printing this calendar.

And thank you to all of the performers who give their time and talents to make The Coffee House a great place and make the Food Pantry benefits and The Living Activism nights a great success.

And finally, thank you to the audience and the entire Coffee House family. Without your support we would not be embarking on our 53rd season.

COFFEE HOUSE BOARD MEETINGS: Board meetings are held the third Monday of the month at 7:00 PM, at Plymouth Church. New volunteers are always welcome and needed.

FOOD PANTRY: Donations for the food pantry are accepted at all Coffee House shows. Please bring only non-perishable food items..

IF YOU GET OUR PAPER CALENDAR BY MAIL AND NO LONGER WISH TO RECEIVE IT, PLEASE LET US KNOW AND WE WILL REMOVE YOUR NAME. WE ARE TRYING TO BE ECO-FRIENDLY AND SAVE SOME TREES.

At each concert, Plymouth Church volunteers serve coffee, herbal tea, and baked goods. Your generous donations for these always goes to worthy local causes.

Street parking is available and The Coffee House is wheelchair accessible

PHONE: A telephone is available during concerts at (414) 534-4612. The same number provides open hours, location, and other recorded info during non-concert hours

To be added to the email list, please send a request to info.thecoffeehouse@gmail.com .

Visit our website www.the-coffee-house.com.

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If you would like to make a donation Mail to: The Coffee House, PO Box 11201 Milwaukee WI 53211

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