



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.

December / January / February 2020 Calendar

We ask for a sliding scale suggested admission donation. Music lovers can offer anywhere between \$5 and \$15 dollars - No one is turned away and seating is still first come, first seated

Saturday - December 7th 8:00 to 10:30 PM

Food Pantry Benefit - Songwriters' Round Robin
This is the annual songwriter round-robin featuring 3 fine songwriters: **JP Spencer** is a songwriter, guitarist and singer extraordinaire, JP has been laying down lovely sounds on stages all over our fair city. The content of his songs span a wide range of heart and mind. **Anne Deming** writes her own music and lyrics, allowing her personal story to truly shine. she has an impressive library of recorded music from her two decades of performance. **Terry Murphy's** songwriting has been a focus in the last 20 plus years. His music continues to share observations about everything from politics, relationships, people, and places.
\$5.00 to \$15.00 suggested donation and two cans of food

Saturday - December 21st 8:00 to 10:30 PM

Living Activism - Music & poetry from Coffee House
Folks from the ranks of the Coffee House Board and volunteers join in music and poetry for a "Celebrate Winter Show" Living Activism benefit.

Tuesday ~ December 31st 8:00 to 10:30 PM

New Year's Eve Party - Free! (Free will donations to The Coffee House are always welcome!)
Host **Sandy Weisto** will help us welcome in the New Year in a smoke and alcohol-free atmosphere with the return of a Coffee House tradition - The New Year's Eve Acoustic Music/Spoken Word Open Stage/Party! Time to ring in the New Year! Come to perform, or to listen and enjoy fellowship. All are welcome to join us for some jovial visiting and singing and merriment.

Saturday - January 4th 8:00 to 10:30 PM

Food Pantry Benefit - Artists who passed in 2019
Songs of musicians who passed in the last year, performed by the **Baboushka Babes, Rick Fitzgerald, Rich Klein, and Paul Smith & Andy Jehly**
Delightful and eccentric, **The Baboushka Babes** are Anne Marie Peterson, Amy "Armenush" Kinsian Barbara La Barbera - They bring to life eclectic folk music and sprinkle it with fun. Accordionist **Rich Klein** brings humor and energy to great old songs. **Paul & Andy** are known for great renditions of blues, old-timey and rock. **Rick Fitzgerald** is an accomplished guitarist, vocalist, and autoharp player.
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Saturday - January 11th 8:00 to 10:30 PM

The Fox Family CD Release Concert
Longtime friends of The Coffee House, the Fox Family includes Dave, Penny, and Josh Fox. Individually and together, they bring powerful fiddle, washboard, guitar, and vocal renditions of a wide array of great traditional songs and powerful originals. As a special treat, they are joined on several numbers by **Lil' Rev**

Saturday - January 18th 8:00 to 10:30 PM

Lil' Rev has been called "a Wisconsin treasure" but he is known across the country as a compelling singer, multi-instrumentalist, and master performer of harmonica and ukelele (and plenty of other instruments). Opener **Ally Borchardt** brings alternative vocal and guitar stylings to her original songs.

Saturday ~ January 25th 8:00 to 10:30 PM

UWM Music Student Showcase
This evening features some of the amazing musicians from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee music program: **Stone LaPort, Zach Trembly, and Alberto Whitmer.**

Saturday, February 1st 8:00 to 10:30 PM

Food Pantry Benefit ~ Songs about Dancing
John Blandino is a Milwaukee singer-songwriter and guitarist who brings his own brand of musical stylings and humor to a wide range of tunes. **Roxie Beane** is a staple of intimate clubs in Riverwest. Local Playlist says that Roxie's "low, soulful voice lends an emotional, sultry tone to her set and you very well can get lost in the music." **John Granzow** and **Gary Kitchin** bring high energy and devotion to their renditions of folk, blues, country and rock n' roll with powerful singing, feisty guitar picking, and infectious humor. **PK Harmony** is **Karen Levy** on guitar and **Peter Lee** on autoharp, share their love of songs from a wide range of music, including classic Americana, old folk and blues, and standards of American swing and rock.
\$5.00 to \$15.00 suggested donation and two cans of food

Saturday - February 8th 8:00 to 10:30 PM

Portage Road Songwriters Guild
The Portage Road singer-songwriter Guild's annual new song showcase features some of the Coffee House's most talented writers: **Eric Baer, Jay Bullock, Chris Head, Mark Plotkin, Bob Estes, Chris Straw, Rick Fitzgerald, and Barb & Tom Webber.** These singer/songwriters challenge each other to write new music and work to critique each other's songs throughout the year. Tonight they will showcase the results for you.

Saturday - February 22nd 8:00 to 10:30 PM

9th annual Community Sing
The Coffee House welcomes Midwest folk singers and song leaders **Mark Dvorak, Julie Thompson, and Craig Siemsen** They will present some of our best known and loved songs. All lyrics will be projected. Song leaders take turns guiding the audience in a song, bringing everyone to full voice as they experience the joy of communal singing.
The Coffee House song leaders are each accomplished musicians, songwriters, and humorists. WFMT's Rich Warren, host of "The Midnight Special," named Mark Dvorak "Chicago's official troubadour," Noted folk singer Joe Jencks has said Julie Thompson sings with a style that is silky and soulful. Craig Siemsen has been called "an acclaimed performer on the Midwest's burgeoning acoustic folk scene" by Albuquerque's The Weekly Alibi.

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.

We have a new home! Our new location is Plymouth Church 2717 E Hampshire St, Milwaukee, WI 53211

We are planning some great shows!!

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 volunteer@the-coffee-house.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 52nd 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..

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We serve coffee, herb tea, and baked goods. Street parking is available and The Coffee House is wheelchair accessible.

Telephone during open hours/information line (414) 534-4612

PHONE: An informational line provides open hours, location, and other recorded info at (414) 534-4612

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

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Be a **Friend of The Coffee House**. The Coffee House serves the community by providing a place to meet friends and enjoy music and poetry in a relaxed, unhurried, and alcohol and smoke-free environment. **We depend upon your generous contributions to continue our programs.**

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

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