

6th Annual St. Andrew's Variety Show and Silent Auction 6:00 PM, August 20, 2011

Yes, the Variety Show is back and better than ever! David Rackley returns as MC, and several performers have already signed up. This is an opportunity for any and all to experience the joy of performing and to enjoy great company and great entertainment. So don't be shy. Whether your passion is singing, playing, dancing, juggling, magic, poetry, drama, story telling, comedy, mime, or just about any other type of performance, we are open to it and you are welcome here. (Sorry, our liability insurance won't allow trapeze acts, large jungle animals, or incendiary devices inside the sanctuary.) Send email to info@openearsconcerts.com or mail@staopen.org to sign up or to get additional information.

At St. Andrew's, we challenge ourselves to remain open to diverse experiences of the Divine, and for many people, live music is one of those. Music touches us in ways that are deep, mysterious, personal, and inexplicable. With live music, the time, the place, the words, the sounds, the emotional states of performers and audience, and the connections made between performers and audience all combine to create a unique experience that can be transcendent for all involved. The Open Ears Concerts series was established in 2005 primarily to create a listening room environment that is conducive to this type of experience.

In conjunction with the Variety Show, we will hold a Silent Auction and Raffle to benefit Open Ears Concerts. Prizes will include original works of art, themed baskets, music and memorabilia from Open Ears performers, house concerts, and more. Additional items are still needed and appreciated, so if you would like to make a donation or help solicit donations, send email to mail@staopen.org. But don't delay. We need to collect all auction and raffle items by August 7.

September 23: Arborea



Arborea is husband and wife duo Buck and Shanti Curran. Based in Maine, they have been touring heavily in North America and Europe behind their latest CD "Red Planet." Sid Smith of BBC writes that they "aren't strictly speaking folk, country, or ambient but during the 32 minutes of their third album, the record drifts smokily somewhere between them all. [They] construct a fragile, resonant world with a lingering Americana after-taste, shimmering with the same wide-open spaces Ry Cooder's captured so well on *Paris, Texas*." Once you preview their music at <http://arboreamusic.blogspot.com/>, you won't want to miss this show.

2011 Schedule

Advance tickets are available at www.openearsconcerts.com.

October 22: Sarah McQuaid w/Sarah Dinan

November 10: The 2011 Kerrville Folk Festival New Folk Winners

December 2: Twilight Hotel w/Frank Meyer