

St. Andrew's Fifth Annual Variety Show and Silent Auction – August 21

Preparations are underway for the Fifth Annual St. Andrew's Variety Show. David Rackley has agreed to be our emcee and we have several exciting performers already signed up. If you would like to perform, just send an email to info@openearsconcerts.com and let us know what you would like to do. Music, poetry, comedy, drama, dance and most other types of performance are welcome and encouraged. We also need volunteers to take photos/video, bring snacks to share, and help with setup and cleanup.

We will also have a silent auction, the proceeds of which will help to pay performers, promote the shows, and sustain and improve the concert series. Paula Ellis (mrs.paulapiano@gmail.com) is coordinating the silent auction. If you would like to help collect silent auction donations, or if you have something to donate, please see the website (www.openearsconcerts.com) or contact Paula for instructions.

The Variety Show and Silent Auction will start at 6:00 PM on Saturday August 21 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. This event is always a lot of fun and is FREE to attend.

Recommended Summer Shows

We don't have any shows scheduled for June or July, as many of our regulars (including me) are off to Kerrville, or busy with Peace Camp (<http://www.staopen.com/children.php>), or on vacation. Here are a few of the many shows you might enjoy if you're still in Austin. Get out and support live music! It's good for your soul.

Two of our favorites are coming to the Cactus Café in July. **Eliza Gilkyson** (www.elizagilkyson.com) will play on July 16. The following night will feature **Danny Schmidt** (www.dannyschmidt.com).

Telegraph Canyon (www.telegraphcanyon.net), who played at Open Ears in September 2009, has two shows coming up in Austin. You can catch them with **Monahans** (www.monahans.net) at Club DeVillie on July 30. They are also playing August 21 at The Parish with **Dana Falconberry** (www.danafalconberry.com). You can probably catch that show after the St. Andrew's Variety Show is over.

AA Bondy (www.myspace.com/aabondy) and **JBM** (www.jbm-music.com) will play at ND (pronounced "indy") on Friday August 13. JBM played a marvelous set at SXSW and his new CD "Not Even in July" is due out July 27, but if you pre-order, you can get a free digital download. It is well worth a listen.

Austin Lounge Lizards – September 24



Based in Austin, Texas, the **Austin Lounge Lizards** (www.austinloungeizards.com) have honed their music into a wicked-funny art form. They've delighted audiences from Texas to Trafalgar Square with their inventive style of satirical folk, country and bluegrass. Trademarks of a Lizards song are highly literate, sharply pointed lyrics that poke fun at politics, love, religion and the culture in general. Combined with superb musicianship that features precise four- and five-part vocal harmonies and instrumental mastery, the band's songs are as melodically infectious as they are lyrically prescient. **Marilyn Rucker** (www.marilynrucker.com), aka the Wicked Wit of the West, opens what promises to be

an evening full of belly laughs. Doors open at 6 PM and the show starts at 7. \$15 suggested donation.

Sara Hickman – October 15

She is the 2010-11 State Musician of Texas, and whether she is performing for 5 year olds or fifty year olds, for fifty people or fifty thousand, **Sara Hickman** (www.sarahickman.com) is incredible. While we are a family friendly venue, this show will be for her adult music audience. **The Flyin' A's** (www.theflyinas.com) will open. Doors open at 6 PM and the show starts at 7. \$15 suggested donation.



Corinne West and Kelly Joe Phelps – November 12



Corinne West (www.corinnewest.com) and Kelly Joe Phelps (www.kellyjoephelps.com) are each outstanding artists on their own. Their new collaboration promises to be something very special indeed. Doors open at 6 PM and the show starts at 7. \$15 suggested donation.