

Leonard Cohen Hoot Night – May 1

We had a great time at the Hoot Night, with all of our favorite Cohen songs being sung, including some rousing sing-alongs. We also raised \$140 for the St. Andrew's Food Pantry. Thanks to all who participated, especially to Marilyn Rucker for organizing and conducting this show.

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

Start dusting off those instruments and warming up your vocal chords! This is a time for one and all to experience the joy of performing, to support our friends, and to enjoy each others' company. We will again conduct a silent auction to help offset costs of the concert series and to continue improving the quality of the shows. Email us at info@openearsconcerts.com if you would like to participate either by performing, donating, or helping to collect donations.

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 some other shows you might enjoy if you're still in Austin:

Kerrville Folk Festival (www.kerrvillefolkfestival.com) – May 27 through June 13. Go any day. You really can't go wrong with this lineup.

Wednesday May 19 – **Shelby Lynne** at **St. David's Episcopal Church** (<http://stdave.org/site/music/cat/concerts/>). This is a rare opportunity to see this Grammy nominee in an intimate venue and atmosphere similar to ours. Also at St. David's, **J.D. Souther**, who wrote or co-wrote many of your favorite Eagles songs, will play June 3.

Wyldwood Shows (www.wyldwoodshows.com) is a house concert series in south Austin. On June 12, they will host **Nels Andrews** (www.nelsandrews.com), who played at St. Andrew's a couple years ago. **Ben Mallott** (www.benmallott.com), a young Austinite with a very promising future, plays there on June 26.

Danny Schmidt (www.dannyschmidt.com) – one of our favorites – will play at the **Cactus Café** on July 17. Go see a show there soon, before the UT administration changes this legendary venue beyond recognition. Or, to help make sure it remains a beloved listening room, go to <http://www.savethecactuscafe.org/>.

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.

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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.