

Open Ears Concerts

May 2009

As promised, **Marilyn Rucker, Jean Synodinos, Jan Seides, The Therapy Sisters, and Gary Feist** delivered the goods at the **Tom Lehrer Hoot Night**. A great time was had by all, and we made a nice donation to Literacy Austin.

Our next show - **Saturday June 6 at 7:00 PM** – will feature **Jennings and Keller** (www.jenningsandkeller.com), an acoustic duo from Florida. With the release of their debut CD, 'Susan's House', and its follow-up 'As The Universe Unfolds', Jennings and Keller are quickly gaining recognition throughout the country. In 2007 alone, they were finalists in five songwriting contests across the nation: South Florida Folk Fest, Suwanee SpringFest, Susquehanna, SolarFest, and Falcon Ridge Folk. Laurie Jennings Oudin is well-known as the former proprietress of The Main Street Cafe, which was viewed across the country as the premier acoustic music venue in Florida. A former Shakespearean actress, Laurie has been a singer and songwriter for many years. Since the cafe's close in June 2006, she has been devoting her time to her musical career with Dana. Dana Keller is a veteran pedal steel, dobro, and guitar player who has spent years performing on stage or in the studio with such luminaries as Vince Gill, Ricky Skaggs, Stevie Wonder, Larry Graham, Marvin Gaye, Dave Mason, Johnny Rodriguez and The Allen Brothers, to name a few. He has opened for, among others, Spirit, Pure Prairie League, Gordon Lightfoot, Waylon Jennings, and Buck Owens. Dana has been an endorsee of the Gretsch Guitar and Drum Company since 1980.



In honor of their completing another year of school, Open Ears Concerts presents the **School's Out for Summer** party for the youth in our community. Local indie rockers The Authors (www.myspace.com/theauthorsband) will headline the show, **Friday June 12, 7:00 PM**. The Authors have a new self-titled EP available at Waterloo Records and on CD Baby. The St. Andrew's youth group will help plan, organize, and promote the event. **Admission to this show is free!**

We will take a break during July and start up again with the **Fourth Annual St. Andrew's Variety Show** on **Saturday August 22**. The Variety Show is open to people of all ages and abilities who would like to perform. Past shows have included drama, comedy, dancing, singing, and merriment of all types. For next season, we have confirmed return engagements with Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkin, and have some other exciting performances in the works.

Open Ears Concerts is a monthly concert series at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Wells Branch (north Austin, Texas). Our goal is to present a variety of musical performances in a family-friendly, peaceful, listener-oriented environment. Unless otherwise stated, shows start at 7:00 PM and admission is \$10 suggested donation at the door. Admission includes free coffee, snacks, and on-site professional child care. If you plan to take advantage of the child care, we would appreciate an RSVP by leaving a message on our website (www.staopen.com/contact.php). You can also email me – Matt Hiland – at mhiland@mhiland.net.

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