

Next Show: Jon Brooks w/Vanessa Lively
7:30 PM, May 13, 2011



According to The Toronto Star, "*Jon Brooks stands among an exalted few in the enduring Canadian song tradition - Leonard Cohen, Joni Mitchell, Neil Young, Fred Eaglesmith, Bruce Cockburn - as a lyricist, composer and performer with a fierce commitment to his craft and vision.*" His 2010 Kerrville New Folk performance confirmed this praise and earned his status as a New Folk Winner. In his own words, "*I'm not interested in 'happy songs' - I've chosen to write healing songs and, for that reason, I'm obliged to reveal a wound or two now and then. I'm even less interested in writing 'unhappy songs' - I want to write hopeful songs, inspiring songs and I expect I owe today's listener some hopeful argument - some legitimate reason - as to why we*

should believe our present world could be improved, or healed. The highest aim of song is to invoke empathy - to offer that rare sight of ourselves in others. In this sense, the folk singer is simply trying to politicize love, hence my contention that today's songwriter should be a lobbyist for compassion to be our principle representative in government office."

Vanessa Lively is an artist whose alternative, indie, neo-folk music speaks to dreamers, artists, laborers - all of us alike. She strikes a chord with the root of humanity, singing about hope, loss and love. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Vanessa starts at 7:30. Bring all your family and friends, and a snack to share. \$15 suggested donation.

You can hear a preview on KOOP radio the day of the show on the "This Great White North" show.

Tom Waits Hoot Night! April 8, 2011

A bevy of singer-songwriters congregated to pay homage to one of the all-time greats and raised over \$300 for the St. Andrew's Food Pantry. Many thanks to all who participated, including our performers: Marilyn Rucker, Steve Brooks, Gary Feist, Jimmy Fenno, Matt Hiland, Dennis Jones, Frank Meyer, Jan Seides, Jean Synodinos, Mark Ambrose, Brandy Zdan and Dave Quanbury (aka Twilight Hotel).

2011 Schedule

Advance tickets for all shows are now available at www.openearsconcerts.com.

June 17: Jeff Talmadge w/Jan Seides

July 22: Nathan Hamilton w/The Better Halves

August 20: St. Andrew's Variety Show and Silent Auction: A free show featuring music, poetry, drama, dance, comedy, magic, and/or other performances! A silent auction will benefit Open Ears Concerts and help us continue to provide quality musical experiences for both artists and audiences. Send email to info@openearsconcerts.com if you would like to perform.

September 23: Arborea

October 22: Sarah McQuaid w/Sarah Dinan

November 10: The 2011 Kerrville Folk Festival New Folk Winners