

PEOPLES' VOICE



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Judson Memorial Church Assembly Hall
Entrance at 239 Thompson Street,
between West 3rd and West 4th Streets
New York, NY 10012
Fully Wheelchair Accessible

**February
2023**

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Black History Month Celebration

Join us for a celebration of Black History, with storytelling, poetry, singing, and music, featuring storyteller **Thelma Ruffin Thomas** and special guests. Thelma is the artistic director of Pearls of Wisdom, a touring ensemble of elder storytellers. She has brought her lively, spirited, authentic presentations to Tanzania, Brazil, Ghana, Costa Rica, The Gambia, South Africa, Russia, Australia, Kenya, Cameroon, and India, continuing the tradition of elder folk art stories. Guests include: **Atiba Wilson**, flautist and drummer; **Owusu Slater**, drummer and storyteller; **Akil Dasan**, guitarist, singer and poet; **JinJi Nicole**, storyteller; **Lynnette Braxton**, storyteller; **Joyce Parr**, storyteller; **Devon Cormack**, singer.

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Heather Wood

Heather Wood has been singing mainly traditional songs from the British Isles since the Sixties, when *Girls Did Not Lead Sea Shanties*, and is happy to note this has now changed. She believes traditional music should be enjoyed, not enshrined. As one third of the Young Tradition (with Peter Bellamy and Royston Wood), she toured extensively in the UK, United States, and Canada, and has performed solo and in various duos and trios since. Heather occasionally writes songs, some of which others have recorded. aheatherwood.com

The Ranzo Boys

The Ranzo Boys are Lafayette Matthews (he/him) and Jules Peiperl (they/them). They have been singing together since 2013. They are dedicated to honoring the tradition of the songs they sing while making the folk community a more inclusive and welcoming space for all people. Their repertoire includes buzzy English harmonies, Appalachian ballads, sea chanteys, and any trad song that can be remotely construed as queer. <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100073359734051>

Coming in March:

March 4

International Women's Day Celebration with
Lydia Adams Davis and Sue Jeffers

March 11

The Brooklyn Stoop Singers
Heather Lev

March 18

Hudson Valley Sally
Mike & Aleks Glick: Generations

March 25

Young Women Singer Songwriters Night
with
Lenna Pierce, Charley Bea
Baker, and Emma Graves

**In Person and Usually
Livestreamed
Check Website!**

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SATURDAYS at 8 pm sharp

Doors open at 7:15

Suggested Contribution **\$20**

\$12—Peoples' Voice Subscribers & Sustainers

\$12—Judson Memorial Church Members

\$12—Folk Music Society of NY Members

\$12—Students and Youth

More if you choose, less if you can't

(Nobody turned away for lack of money.)

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Rod MacDonald

Rod MacDonald began singing professionally in New York City, where he became a headliner in Greenwich Village clubs in the 1980s. He recorded 21 songs for *Fast Folk* magazine (now in the Smithsonian Folkways collection), including "American Jerusalem," "A Sailor's Prayer," "Every Living Thing," and "White Buffalo." He has 13 solo CDs and three CDs with the Palm Beach County band Big Brass Bed, which *New Times* named "Best Folk Band" in 2016. Rod has been named to the "Ten Greatest South Florida Folksingers of All Time" list by *New Times*, and one of "Ten Magnificent Musicians of Palm Beach County" by *The Palm Beach Post*. He is Music Americana instructor at Florida Atlantic University. His second novel, *The American Guerillas*, was published in 2021.
rodmacdonald.com facebook.com/rodmacdonaldmusic

Joe Jencks

Joe Jencks is a 22-year veteran of the international folk circuit, an award-winning songwriter and a celebrated vocalist based in the Chicago area. He is known for his performances of musical beauty, social consciousness and spiritual exploration. Joe delivers engaged musical narratives filled with heart, soul, groove, and grit. Blending well-crafted instrumentals and vivid songwriting, Jencks serves it all up with a lyric baritone voice that has the edgy richness of No. 1 folksongs including the ever-relevant "Lady of the Harbor." From Carnegie Hall to Lincoln Center to festivals across the United States and Canada, Jencks has become a fan favorite throughout North America and beyond. Joe is a dual U.S.-Irish citizen and has served as a cultural ambassador with the U.S. State Department.
joejencks.com

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Twa Corbies

Twa Corbies is a duo of **Alison Kelley** (of the Johnson Girls, *New York Packet*, *Ida Red*, and *NexTradition*) and **Anayis "AJ" Wright** (Mystic Seaport, *Norumbega* Harmony). They embrace musical traditions spanning the 12th century up to Gilbert and Sullivan. You'll find grim stories, resilient women, hysterical happenings, and darkly comic tales. They frequently sing a capella, sometimes accompanied by Anayis on concertina or Alison on the banjo. Dulcimers, guitars, banjoleles, dumbeks, vielle, and cello have been known to pop up as well. When not performing, they spend their time serenading an assortment of dogs and garden vegetables.

Geoff Kaufman

Geoff is best known for his time at Mystic Seaport Museum in Connecticut, but he has maintained a wide-ranging repertoire from '60s favorites to songs collected in the Catskills where he grew up, and from his time as a Sloopsinger with the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater and Pete Seeger. Songs of the sea, songs of the earth, songs of the heart and the spirit—all of these are in Geoff Kaufman's ditty bag. Ancient ballads, work songs, love songs, poignant songs of people in struggle, humorous glimpses of human foibles, and insights into history—all of these are likely to be woven into one of Geoff's concerts. geoffkaufman.com
facebook.com/geoff.kaufman.3

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