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*Songs of Freedom
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35th Annual Winter Concert

"We Still Can Have Singing Tomorrows" -Pete Seeger

Friday, January 23, 2015, 7:30 P.M.

Greenfield Middle School 195 Federal St, Greenfield, MA

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PERFORMERS

Arjuna Greist

Peter Siegel

**The Eventide
Singers**

Annie Patterson

Sophia Bereaud

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For decades PMN/SFS has been developing a supportive network of artists and activists who are using music to call out injustice, support the liberation struggles of the oppressed, and expand our capacity to envision freedom. We gather with the awareness that music is a potent tool for social change. We come together with one another because we are nourished by sharing and hearing this music, because we become stronger by supporting one another, and because we share a commitment to produce culture that supports a more just, humane, and ecological way of life on Earth.

PMN has two weekend gatherings each year. Our next gathering is at Camp Echo in Bloomingburg, NY, June 5-7, 2015. Keep posted at www.peoplesmusic.org for more information. Sign up there for event info and regular releases of the PMN Song of the Month. Meanwhile, if you would still like to register for this weekend's gathering, you may speak with the people at the registration table in the lobby during the intermission or after the show.

Thank you to:

Tom Neilson for producing this show, booking all the performers, working with and getting feedback from the Concert Committee (Jerry Levinsky and Arjuna Greist), and selling so many ads for this program book;

Tonight's performers who are donating their time and talent;

Dan Richardson at Not Too Loud Music for providing the Sound System for Tonight's Concert. His website is: www.nottooloud.com;

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Inari Jade Higgins Barrett was born in a heavy snowstorm 10 years ago. She attends the McMahon Elementary School in Holyoke and plays basketball for the youth league at Our Lady of Guadalupe. She met PMN's own Sarah Pirtle at Journey Camp this summer. Inari has a deep appreciation for music, the outdoors and songwriting. She sings and dances to her own creations including, "Fly Like A Dove." **Sophia Beraud** is 14 and began performing in shows with her father, Philip Alexander. She has acted in many musicals with various theater companies and for three years with the Concert Choir of the Boston Children's Chorus in Symphony Hall, Faneuil Hall, and with the Boston Pops on the Fourth of July. She also sings with her Swampscott high school and church choirs, as well as her family band.



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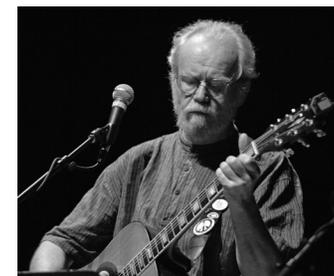
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Arjuna Greist is a folk n' word artist for the people. Blending progressive politics with witty observations on life, Arjuna tackles everything from queer rights and gender identity to racism, feminism, the environment, and everyday life with humor, passion, and a fresh perspective. Awards and honors include Best Spoken Word Song from Just Plain Folks, and a feature in the Suzi Wollenberg DJ Showcase at NERFA 2013. www.reverbNation.com/arjunagreist



Charlie King is a musical storyteller and political satirist. He has been at the heart of American folk music for half a century and has been writing songs for the past 40 years. His repertoire covers a century and a half and four continents. He sings and writes passionately about the extraordinary lives of ordinary people. www.charlieking.org



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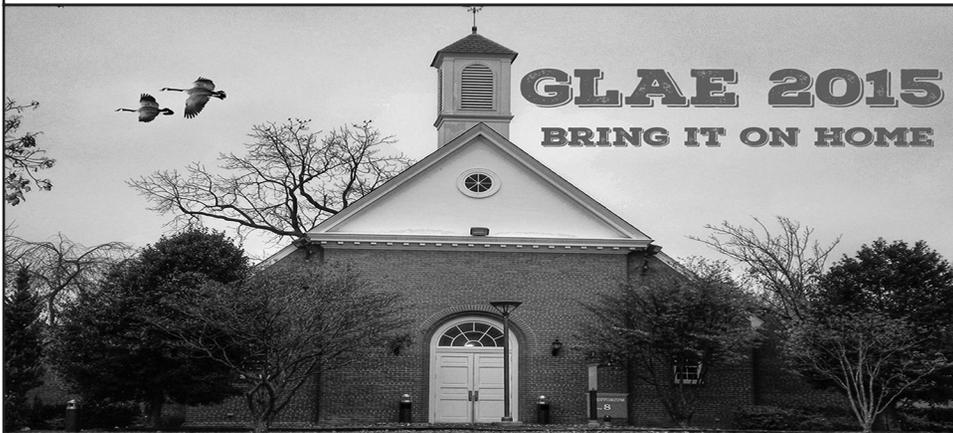
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Annie Patterson has performed and led music retreats at folk festivals, coffee houses, schools and camps throughout North America, New Zealand, the Netherlands and the British Isles. She is best known for co-creating the popular songbook *Rise Up Singing*, and is currently hard at work on a new songbook, *Rise Again*. During the last 2 decades, Annie has honed her skills as a folk performer and jazz vocalist.
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Hailing from Vermont, **Peter Siegel** contributes a radical chord to American Roots music. Influenced by Pete Seeger and Phil Ochs, the groove of a rugged old time jam, and the gutsy blues of the Stones, Peter's music defies categorization. His credits include *Sing Out!* magazine, *The Portland Collection*, Grammy award winning mandolin tracks on the Best Children's Album of 2010, and a guest appearance on the nationally syndicated *Etown*.
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Toussaint Liberator is best known for his 2010 solo work, "Black Gold," and is featured on several commercial releases including his "Where I Lead" (2011) and "Dear Mama Earth" (2012). Combining art with activism, his message focuses on alternative modes of living. He works in the Plymouth Correctional Facility with a drum and creative writing program and teaches a curriculum in schools called "From Slave to Soldier."
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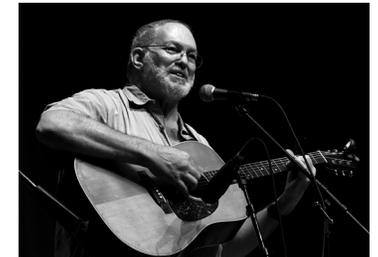
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Lynn Waldron is a software writer and trainer. She has performed with many organizations including the Pioneer Valley Symphony Chorus and Hampshire Choral Society. She currently sings with the Eventide Singers, a group dedicated to offering songs of hope and healing for the terminally ill, their caregivers, and others who may benefit from the gift of music. She also sings on tour with Tom Neilson. **Kat Allen** works at the Partnership for Youth and is one of the Chairs of the Communities That Care Coalition in Franklin County. She performs with the JWJ “Voices in Labor History” troupe and has been singing and recording with Tom Neilson for the past ten years. She lives in Rocky Hill Cohousing in Florence with her amazing partner, Mike, and her two fantastic sons, Sky and Quinn.



Lorre Wyatt has been performing his social and environmentally-conscious songs on the folk circuit since the early 1970s. He’s best known for the classic song, “Somos El Barco/We are the Boat”, and for numerous songwriting collaborations with Pete Seeger, including their 2012 album “A More Perfect Union”. Lorre engages audiences with a vibrant blend of classic and contemporary folksongs and singalongs, flavored with the color and spice of many traditions.



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In Memoriam

We mourn the loss of these members of the PMN community:

Pete Seeger, folk-song collector and songwriter, spearheaded an American folk revival and spent his life championing folk music as both a vital heritage and a catalyst for social change. For Pete, folk music and a sense of community were inseparable, and where he saw a community, he saw the possibility of political action.

Karen Brandow devoted herself to people through her singing, counseling and Spanish interpreting. The passion in her songs reflects her human rights work from Guatemala to people everywhere. She wishes to be remembered for adding in her “grain of sand” to the ongoing search for peace and justice in this world.

Ray Korona cared deeply about his music and its role in the fight for social justice. You can honor Ray by singing his songs, playing them on the radio, and sharing them with as many people as possible.

Mayer Shevin was a song writer, saw player and singer who used his music to give voice to the lives and stories of people often silenced or made invisible by society. He was famous for saying “You know, there’s a song about that” during conversation and for writing new songs when people said “Someone should write a song about that.”

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