



Roaring Brook Nature Center CONCERTS

70 Gracey Road, Canton CT www.roaringbrookconcerts.org 860.693.0263
Nature Center Hours: Tuesday—Saturday 10 AM—5 PM; Sundays 1—5 PM
Trails through Werner's Woods are open daily until dusk

Saturday, October 6, 2018

**RON ANTHONY &
DENNY COLLIN**

Opening: Bill Morrell

7:30 pm \$15 Advance / \$20 Door



Southern CT songwriters **Ron Anthony** and **Denny Collin** will win you over with their first song and take you along on a wonderful musical ride. Decades of singing, writing and playing acoustic & bass guitars allow these artists to cook up marvelous grooves with graceful authority while singing with sure expression. Ron has opened shows for Bonnie Raitt, John Fahey and Michael Bolton! Recently, Ron won Best Solo Blues Artist hosted by The CT Blues Society. Ron and Denny will perform songs from Ron's *Live At Slate's* and *Berkshire Serenade* CDs.

Taking the stage to open tonight's show, Plainville's **Bill Morrell** who stands nearly 6 1/2 ft tall under his cowboy hat, will show that he's got more to offer than classic country songs. The fact that this rich-voiced, left-handed guitarist plays a 7-string Roger McGuinn model Martin guitar is a clue that he's been influenced by not only Johnny Cash, Merle Haggard, Hank Williams and Hank Snow, but also by Waylon & Willie, CSNY, George Harrison and The Byrds.

FRIDAY, October 19

RAMBLIN' JACK ELLIOTT

7:30 pm \$30 Advance / \$35 Door



Don't miss this rare chance to see this living legend and King of all Troubadours in our intimate listening room. Seemingly ageless, five-time Grammy Nominee and national treasure **RAMBLIN' JACK ELLIOTT** recently performed a string of shows out West with the incomparable John Prine. Cited as a major influence by Bruce Springsteen, Jackson Browne, Keith Richards, Dave Alvin, Bob Weir, Guy Clark, Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Tom Russell and Doc Watson, Jack was presented with The Presidential Medal of the Arts by Bill Clinton at The White House. Elliott won the Best Traditional Folk Grammy for his '95 release *SOUTH COAST* and the Best Traditional Blues Grammy for his 2008 album *A STRANGER HERE*. Through his scores of albums, Jack has illuminated the works of Woody Guthrie, Tim Hardin, Leadbelly, Jesse Fuller, Lillian Bos Ross, Rev. Gary Davis, A.P. Carter, Son House and Blind Lemon Jefferson. He has championed hundreds of folk ballads, blues and cowboy songs that

may have been lost without his renditions. Listen to this master storyteller, guitarist and performer of many of America's most profound songs. Jack's set list may include "Pastures of Plenty", "South Coast", "Don't Think Twice", "If I We're a Carpenter", "San Francisco Bay Blues" and "Diamond Joe."

Saturday, November 3

STAN SULLIVAN & Guests

7:30 pm \$20



"Stan Sullivan has the sound of a folksinger true to his form, being a mainstay of the Connecticut Folk Tradition, while all the while honing his skills as an award-winning guitarist." - Stephen Allison, WPKN Radio & Buttonwood Tree Concerts. "You can place yourself in one of his songs"-Joe Ciarelli, HIP Magazine." A skillful blues-based guitarist and powerful singer." - Phil Ciganer, The Towne Crier, NY. Coming of age during the 60's folk music surge, Stan Sullivan chose, as he does today, songwriter-guitarists and roots music artists as role models. Starting guitar in 1961 and attending Newport Folk Fest '65 and Woodstock '69 were giant inspirational steps. They inspired him to create his own songs, guitar instrumentals and blues and to put his stamp on classic and strong cover songs. Work and inspiration put him on bills with role models Dave Van Ronk, Rory Block, Richard Thompson, John Hammond, Bill Morrissey, Janis Ian, Tim O'Brien and Ronnie Earl & the Broadcasters. Continuing his education by attending Richard Thompson's Frets & Refrains Music Camp and competing in guitar contests in the U.S. and Canada, he also has earned finalist awards at The Walnut Valley

**Hot teas, coffee & home-baked treats
are available during
concert intermissions**



Festival, KS and Tucson Folk Festival for song-writing. Tonight Stan has many new songs and tunes to perform in addition to selections from his CDs *The Right Road* and *Do You Like The Rain?* Stan's sets will include his renditions of "Killing The Blues", "Fields of Gold", "Dimming of the Day" and *Summertime*. Performing Guests will include Donna Martin on harmony vocals, Tim Quinn in harmonica and WWUH 91.3 Celtic Airs host Christine on flutes and pennywhistle.

Saturday, November 10
ELIZA GILKYSON with
Tracy Grammer & Jim Henry
 7:30 pm \$25 Advance / \$30 Door



"Notching Eliza Gilkyson's 20th album, *SECULARIA* offers the steadfast patience that permeates the veteran folk artist's tunes like a lighthouse in stormy seas. The singer exudes a poetic wisdom few songwriters achieve, and a timeless quality to the album's secular hymns hearkens Leonard Cohen." - Austin Chronicle. Touring in support of *SECULARIA*, twice Grammy-nominated songwriter-guitarist Eliza Gilkyson will be joined by the accomplished singer-songwriter-guitarist and fiddler Tracy Grammer and multi-instrumentalist Jim Henry. Expect an incredible evening, as when we heard her perform songs from her landmark albums *Land of Milk and Honey*,

Roses at the End of Time, *Beautiful World*, *The Nocturne Diaries* and *Paradise Hotel*. Tracks on *SECULARIA* include songs "Solitary Singer", "Lifelines", "Dreamtime", "Through the Looking Glass" and "Reunion". Folk Radio UK says "as an instrument sounding a clarion call

for self-awareness and awakening in a divisive world, Gilkyson is finely tuned and *Secularia* a career-defining apotheosis. Praise be."

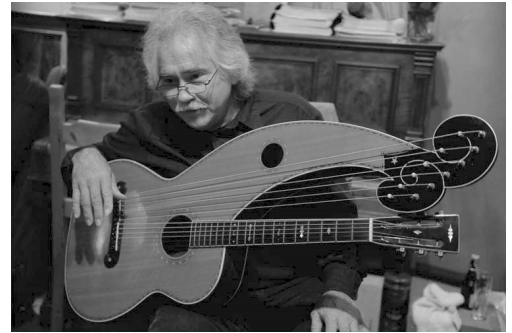
Saturday, November 17
KATE CALLAHAN & Friends
Featuring: Michelle Begley &
Cynthia Wolcott
 7:30 pm \$20 Advance / \$25 Door



"Kate Callahan is the only performer I've ever seen who occasionally seems to be channeling something vaster and far more ancient than herself, something more easily understood by Emerson than by any modern person." - Colin McEnroe. Noel Paul Stookey has described Kate as "zen-like". Kate Callahan served, in stellar fashion, as Connecticut State Troubadour from 2016-18. An awarded performer of original lyrics and music, she also features songs by Bob Dylan and Leonard Cohen at her concerts. She appeared on bills with Regina Spektor, Eric Andersen, John Gorka, Bill Morrissey, Judy Collins, Claudia Schmidt and Aztec Two-Step. Like Patty Larkin, Joni Mitchell and Shawn Colvin, she has developed not only her own vocal phrasing style, but has also earnestly explored alternate guitar tunings to enhance her uplifting programs and to create a unique stage presence. Come and enjoy songs from her 2018 CD *TRIUMPH*. Concert highlights may include originals "Sing", "Wildflower" and "Connecticut Roads", plus

Bob Dylan's "Make You Feel My Love" and Leonard Cohen's anthemic "Hallelujah"!

Saturday, December 1
STEPHEN BENNETT
 7:30 pm \$20 Advance / \$25 Door



The Toronto Fingerstyle Guitar Association referred to **Stephen Bennett** as "The Jedi Master of Fingerstyle Guitar." We say he's the most complete acoustic steel-string guitarist we have heard or hosted. His artistry is informed by an extensive musical background with formal studies of piano, clarinet and classical guitar. A guitar festival unto himself, he plays the majestic harp guitar plus 6-string, 12-string, National Steel and baritone guitars. A champion of fine melodies, great grooves and confident improvisation, he has shared the stage and toured with Tommy Emmanuel, Andy McKee, Harvey Reid, Tim Thompson, Pat Donohue and Pete Huttlinger. Stephen's impressive 30 album discography showcases his repertoire of stellar originals, Celtic, folk and roots gems, classical and jazz anthems, movie soundtrack themes and hot acoustic renditions of rock and pop hits. Stephen's shows are a joy to attend as he masterfully interprets tunes such as The Who's "Behind Blue Eyes", The Beatles' "All You Need Is Love", Dvorak's "Going Home" and the traditional "Star Of The County Down." His own compositions, "Balcony Boogie," "The Eye of God," "Atlanta Blues," and "Perestroika" raise the bar on contemporary guitar playing.

UPCOMING 2019 CONCERTS

Saturday, January 19

BILL STAINES

7:30 pm \$20 Advance / \$25 Door

Saturday, January 26

FRANK VIGNOLA HOT TRIO

7:30 pm \$22 Advance / \$25 Door

Saturday, February 16

DAVID MALLETT with Mike Burd

7:30 pm \$20 Advance / \$25 Door

Saturday, February 23

THE KENN MORR BAND

7:30 pm \$20 Advance / \$25 Door

Saturday, March 9

EDWARD GERHARD

7:30 pm \$20 Advance / \$25 Door



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