



Uncle Calvin's Coffeehouse

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Winter, 2008

www.unclecalvins.org



Jan 04 (\$15)

Eric Taylor

Tonight we are honored to host the debut of Eric's new CD, *Hollywood Pocketknife*. Early reviews for this new CD gush with admiration for this master songsmith's novelistic songs and compelling guitar arrangements.



Integral to Houston's early 70's folk music scene, Eric works influenced those of Townes, Nanci, Lyle and Guy. His intense, image-filled songs sketch characters and their stories, their joys, regrets, hopes and despair all in sparse, concise and direct lyrics. A mesmerizing performer, Eric tends to a bluesy musical landscape, but humor and truth also shine through his impressionist works. Nanci claims Eric to be the William Faulkner of songwriters. We certainly do agree.

bluerubymusic.com

Jan 11

Jonathon Byrd & Jess Klein
Bill & Kate Isles



This rare paring of two of modern folk music's most acclaimed songwriters promises an unforgettable evening of remarkable collaborations. Jonathan's songs are rich with imagery and textures and Jess' are emotive and sensual. Appalachian, country, early American balladry, urban and old timey folk music informs Jonathan's music: Jess brings voice to influences from modern folk, pop, rock and rhythm.

jonathanbyrd.com
jessklein.com

Romantic motifs are woven into this pair's contemporary folk music, done with good humor and compassion. Family, friends, childhood memories and spiritual journey also make appearances in their fine harmonious and easy-going performances. An evening spent with Bill & Kate feels as comfortable and treasured as visiting old friends.



billisles.com

Jan 18

Frank Meyer Band

Get ready for a night of vaudevillian-like humor filled music and banter with the funniest songwriter we've ever hosted! This is



Frank's first full featured Uncle Calvin's performance and we well remember our cheeks and sides aching from laughter at each of his previous brief appearances here. His exaggerated persona and over-the-edge songs, imagined and reality based, political and domestic, are brain-stickers: You'll be chuckling to yourself long after the show.

thangmaker.com

Jan 25 (\$15/\$18)

Wheatfield

Trout Fishing in America's Keith Grimwood and Ezra Idlet join with this rare regrouping of original band members Craig Calvert and Connie Mims. Briefly renamed *St Elmo's Fire*, *Wheatfield* gained national attention as one of PBS's first *Austin City Limits* TV show. Their bouncy and driving modern folk music influences Trout's songs, and vice-versa with touches of pop, rock, bluegrass and jazz. Expect great instrumentality and vocal harmonies as well as TFIA-style humor—and a sold out show!



wheatfieldmusic.com

Opening:

Annie Benjamin

Energetic and powerhouse folk-rock.

Feb 01

Steve Seskin

With seven #1 songs — some Grammy-nominated — Steve is much respected as a contemporary songwriter. While others such as Peter Paul & Mary, Tim McGraw, Colin Raye and Michael Montgomery have popularized Steve's works, a rare performance by the author is eminently more precious: Hearing the intended passions, humor and inflections make them a shared personal experience. Steve's song "Don't Laugh at Me" is the impetus in 20,000 schools' curriculum for teaching of tolerance. Come hear the originator of so much.



steveseskin.com

Opening:

DG Flewellyn

Thoughtful blues flavored originals.

Feb 08

Peter Mayer

Inspired by the beauty and mystery found in his universe, Peter lyrically infuses his songs with a mature outlook and optimism in inspiring anthems and themes of hope and assurance. In a "soul-soothing" voice, a bit James Taylor-like, Peter delivers contemporary folk music in it's highest form: Intelligent without being bombastic; empathetic; always fresh and with wit and fantastic melodies. And his guitar playing is top tier. Peter's last show here was a near sell out. We suspect this one will be. Get your tickets now.



Opening: petermayer.net

Betty Soo

Insightful and humorous songs from Austin.

Feb 15

Tret Fure, Lucie Blue Tremblay



This will be an unforgettable evening of outstanding music! While each of these artists have distinct spirits to their music, their



common essence is warm humanity, compassion, honesty and beautiful mature voices given in equally beautiful melodies. In each you'll find underpinnings of love, heartbreak and inspiration, a respect for nature, ruminations on society's values, and a passion for personal independence and women's issues. Tret is not only an award winning writer; she published a cookbook, has a line of clothing (*Tomboy Girl*) and is an executive of Musicians' Union 1000. Lucie's unique birdsong-like mouth whistling is remarkable, as are her love songs in French, but this Canadian's dedication to breast cancer awareness (she tours with a pink Harley-Davidson) and her ruth for GLBT issues is inspiring.

tretfure.com luciebluetremblay.com

Feb 22

Closed

Feb 29

Brooks Williams

Magnificent guitar playing, ranging from delicate dreamy riffs to fiery finger picked Latin rhythms to stinging blues soaked slide, cool soulful doodles and swinging jazz,—often within the same song—is just one aspect of Brooks' talent. His baritone voice is just as well played; smooth and silky on love songs, gritty and growlin' on the bluesy ones, and jaunty on reggae spiced numbers. And his quick wit also brightens his delightful concerts. Tonight he will introduce his new CD.



brookswilliams.com

Special Guest:

Hans York

Tonight you can preview tomorrow's house concert for this fabulous guitar slinger.

Mar 07

Mad Agnes

Truth be told, they are not mad, nor are any of the accomplished trio members named Agnes. But that doesn't matter. What is true and what does matter is that Margo, Adrienne & Mark blend their voices in lush and angelic harmony on original works which straddle modern and traditional music, often including ethereal Celtic arrangements. Acoustic instrumentation — piano, bass, and percussion — are guided by inventive guitar redolent of Richard Thompson. This sweet evening guarantees poignant and unhurried songs embraced by remarkably beautiful and sumptuous music.



madagnes.com

Opening:

Storyhill

Great Everly Brothers-like harmonies.

Mar 14

TR Ritchie

TR must be the reincarnation of Jimmie Rodgers, Woody Guthrie, Will Rogers and Mark Twain. How else to explain his great songs? With his keen observations of nature, TR's songs have the perspective of 'everyman', empathy for the unsung, lyric poetry, and wit that lampoons society's absurdities, all peppered with 'front porch' philosophy. TR's rhythmic guitar playing blends equal parts modern and old time folk, ragtime, blues and swing. His melodies are classics that will stay with you for years. Good humor and great songs—TR is one of the very best!



trritchie.com

Opening:

Pat Maloney

Contemporary folk steeped in Irish tradition.

Mar 21

Closed for Good Friday

Mar 28 (\$15/\$18)

Eliza Gilkyson

In a voice lithe and expressive, sensual and soulful, Eliza offers up a marvelous repertoire of modern folk/rock music illuminated by sophisticated lyrics and complex melodies on guitar and piano. Her evocative lyrics speak of life's beauty, romance, awakenings, loss, redemption and estrangement as well as social and political concerns. Since she last visited us Eliza toured the US and Europe as a "star" and released 3 new CD's including the hot-off-the-press *Live From Austin* from her *Austin City Limits* concert. Guitarist Mike Hardwick joins in tonight.



elizagilkyson.com

Opening:

Pat Wictor

Inspiring songs on sweet slide guitar

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"Fine Acoustic Music for 25 + Years"



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Doors open at 7:30 PM, Shows begin at 8:00 PM

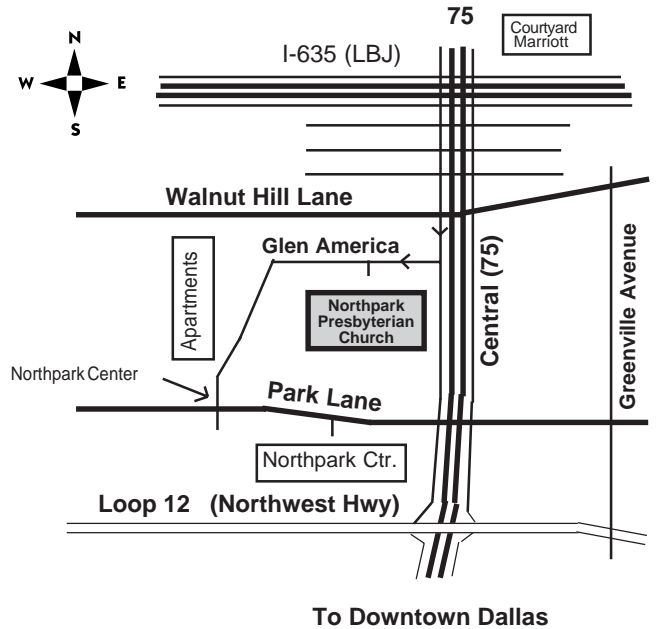
General admission - no table reservations - advance tickets available

Adult admission is \$12/\$15. That's \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Exceptions are as noted for some shows

Children and Teens are admitted for half adult price

Uncle Calvin's is a smoke and alcohol-free venue.
 Delicious coffees, teas, juices, snacks & desserts are available.

Take the Central Exp. service Rd. south from Walnut Hill Lane to Glen America, or take Northpark Exit 3 north from Park Lane



Calvin's Quick Calendar Winter, 2008

Date	Main Act	Opener/Notes
JAN 04	\$15 - ERIC TAYLOR	
JAN 11	JONATHAN BYRD, JESS KLEIN, BILL & KATE ISLES	
JAN 18	FRANK MEYER BAND	
JAN 25	\$15/\$18 - WHEATFIELD	
FEB 01	STEVE SESKIN	DG Flewellyn
FEB 08	PETER MAYER	Betty Soo
FEB 15	TRET FURE, LUCIE BLUE TREMBLAY	
FEB 29	BROOKS WILLIAMS	Hans York
Mar 7	Mad Agnes	Storyhill
Mar 14	T.R. Ritchie	Pat Maloney
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Artists to be featured this spring include:

Apr 4	Johnsmith
Apr 11	\$15/\$18 - Robin & Linda Williams.. Dave Stoddard
Apr 18	Carrie Newcomer... Reg Meuross
Apr 25	
May 2	
May 9	Amy Speace & Tear Jerks Twilight Hotel

Calvin's Sez:

Thanks to a bunch of great folks, audience and performers, our 25th Anniversary shows in November were all wonderful events! Great memories and music – and souvenirs – were in abundance at each of those concerts. As we enter into our Silver Year, we'll keep bringing in the fabulous talents y'all love as well as some new ones sure to become faves. Just keep us in mind for each Friday night. Without you, there is no reason for us to be here. Speaking of being here, we can always use a few good volunteers. You don't have to devote every Friday, but we do need to know in advance that you care to help us, so please sign up on the "Want to Volunteer" sheet at the flyer table or just give us a call and leave your contact info. Our Volunteer Coordinator will be in touch.

A reminder that your advance ordering of tickets from our site, unclecalvins.org really helps us and the first 30 tickets ordered on line will receive an early entry pass to the best seats in the house!

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