

The Vermont Legislature Presents **FARMERS NIGHT**

2012 FREE CONCERT SERIES

All performances are Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm
in the House Chamber, Vermont State House, Montpelier

January 18th: Gerry Grimo & the East Bay Jazz Ensemble

A 10-piece ensemble will take us on a sentimental journey of elegant swing and the sounds of the classic big bands.

January 25th: Vermont Symphony Orchestra's David M. Wilson Memorial Farmer's Night Concert

World-renowned conductor Andrew Massey leads the VSO in a program that includes music of Gluck, Fauré, Bach, and Wagner. VSO English horn Ann Greenawalt and principal trumpet Mark Emery are featured in Copland's popular "Quiet City", and there is a part for the audience in Purcell's clever "Fantasia upon One Note."

February 1st: An Evening of George Gershwin Presented by the Vermont Humanities Council

In this performance lecture, pianist Michael Arnowitt explores the music and era of George Gershwin, and performs "An American in Paris" and "Rhapsody in Blue", among other compositions.

February 8th: An Evening with Justin Morrill

The *Vermont Historical Society* teams up with the *Justin Morrill Homestead* in Strafford to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Morrill Land Grant College Act and to visit with this Vermonter who left lasting influence on American architecture, horticulture, education, and the early Republican Party. Enjoy chapters of Morrill's life interspersed with music of his time.

February 15th: Wrensong sings A Choral Valentine

Celebrate Valentine's Day with music that explores the many manifestations of love. Wrensong is a group of 10 accomplished singers devoted to presenting the best in small group choral music, with a particular focus on the vocal treasures from the Renaissance.

February 22nd: The Barn Band

The Barn Band plays an eclectic mix of Americana and classic folk music with a little country thrown in the mix. Their signature sound is a blend of three part harmonies that complement the sound of their various acoustic instruments.

February 29th: Michele and Fabio Choiniere

Michele, winner of the 2007 Governor's Heritage Award, is a Smithsonian Folkways recording artist. She plays traditional and original French-Vermont songs; she is accompanied by her father, Fabio, on harmonica.

March 14th: Bells and Belles — A double bill of musical delights

Northern Bronze is a group of dedicated and experienced handbell musicians with members from all over northern Vermont. **The Barre-Tones** are an internationally ranked women's a capella group who sing arrangements in traditional 4-part barbershop.

March 21st: Poetry Out Loud @ the State House

Presented by the Vermont Arts Council and Hosted by Sydney Lea, Vermont's Poet Laureate

An inspiring evening of poetry recitation by several Vermont high school students representing their schools' top finalists in the national Poetry Out Loud program.

March 28th: The Panhandlers

Transport yourselves to warmer climes with an evening of Caribbean steel drumming.

April 4th: "Shouting the Battle Cry of Freedom" — Songs of the Civil War

The Friends of the Vermont State House present singers **Linda Radtke, Arthur Zorn, Lisa Jablow** and the **Vermont Philharmonic Chorus** exploring the inspired and poignant music of the Civil War with the **Constitution Brass Quintet**. A full evening of costumed pageantry as well as music in continued observance of the sesquicentennial of the Civil War.

