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EVENINGS OF CULTURAL ARTS OPENS WITH PATRICK BALL

Sunnyvale series also to include bluegrass, swing, Western and classical

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – Sunnyvale Theatre's Evenings of Cultural Arts season opens Saturday, September 7, 2013, at 8 p.m. with a one-man theater piece featuring popular Celtic harper and storyteller Patrick Ball.

The eclectic concert series, which features monthly concerts through May 2014, will also include performances by Metales M5, the Swingin' Blue Stars, Hot Club of San Francisco, Nykken, Adam Marks, The Kathy Kallick Band and Dave Stamey.

Patrick Ball – September 7, 2013

A Sunnyvale favorite, Celtic harper and storyteller Patrick Ball returns with his much-requested solo show, *O'Carolan's Farewell to Music*. Crafted by Ball and UC Berkeley Theater Professor Peter Glazer, the show recounts the life of Ireland's most celebrated composer, the blind harper Turlough O'Carolan. Ball tells the story as O'Carolan's friend

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and traveling companion, poet Charles McCabe, and performs the composer's famous melodies on his rare, wire-strung harp. Ball had performed at every season in the series history until last year, and his absence was noted by devoted fans.

Metales M5 – October 26, 2013

Hailed as “the best thing to come out of Mexico since Tequila,” Mexico's leading brass quintet makes its Bay Area debut with a show unlike any you've ever seen. Their dazzling *Brass Spectacular* features the very best of Metales M5: traditional Mexican folklorico music, classical work by Bach, Mozart, Wagner and Orff, Dixieland jazz and so much more. These five virtuoso musicians' Latin American charm and playful humor have made them perfect cultural ambassadors. This is the group's South Bay debut, and the first time Sunnyvale has hosted international artists as part of its season.

Swingin' Blue Stars – November 30, 2013

The USS Hornet Museum's shipboard singers, The Swingin' Blue Stars, bring back the spirit of the 1940s and the harmony singing style of The Andrews Sisters. *Remember the USO* features patriotic music and Wartime hits like “Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy” and “Rum and Coca Cola.” Founded in 2002 by Blue Star Moms whose children were serving overseas, the group continues to support U.S. troops and honor military veterans of every era. Their Thanksgiving weekend concert in Sunnyvale provides a perfect opportunity for the whole family to enjoy a concert together.

Hot Club of San Francisco – December 21, 2013

An instant favorite when their Le Jazz Hot foursome appeared here last year, the Hot Club of San Francisco is coming for Christmas this year! Picture the reindeer pulling a Gypsy caravan, and famed guitarist Django Reinhart as the ghost of Christmas past. Favorite carols are transformed with wit and masterful playing: “Djingle Bells,” a “Don Rodolfo” tango, and a red-hot “Sugar Rum Cherry”-style “Nutcracker Suite.”

Nykken – Fager Som En Ros – January 11, 2014

Despite the music diversity that abounds in the Bay Area, traditional Scandinavian sounds are still scarce. The local group Nykken, which released its debut CD last year, brings the startlingly fresh air of authenticity, with lilting songs in Swedish and Norwegian. Their unusual collection of instruments includes Swedish nyckelharpas, the fiddle-like Hardingfele, a rare Hardanger Cello d'Amour, citra and a well-loved, red button accordion handed down from a Norwegian grandfather.

Adam Marks - February 15, 2014

Drawing inspiration from adventure hits like *Globe Trekker* and Anthony Bourdain: *No Reservations*, critically acclaimed pianist Adam Marks travels the world in search of remarkable new solo piano works to share in a new, live musical travelogue. Sunnyvale hosts the *[interplay]* project's West Coast premiere, featuring contemporary works from Brazil, Singapore, Croatia and the United States, interspersed with video and commentary about the cultures' influence on the compositions. Marks was the pianist and director of artistic programming for Chicago's Fifth House Ensemble for five years before recently relocating to New York, but he grew up in the South Bay and graduated from Bellarmine College Prep. This is his first solo concert in the Bay Area.

The Kathy Kallick Band - March 22, 2014

A Bay Area bluegrass pioneer, Grammy Award-winning Kathy Kallick specializes in music that stands the test of time. This gifted singer and guitar player is renowned for her renditions of traditional tunes from the likes of Bill Monroe, Vern Williams and the Delmore Brothers. She's also a prolific composer whose story songs have timeless appeal. Kallick and her top-notch band will perform from their latest CD, *Time*, in an evening sure to pass lightning fast.

Dave Stamey – May 3, 2014

A true singing cowboy, Dave Stamey transports listeners down a dusty trail with achingly beautiful Western ballads. Son of a Montana rancher, Stamey has worked as a

cowboy, mule packer and dude wrangler. His latest album, *Twelve Mile Road*, was recently chosen as Album of the Year by the Western Music Association, which also voted him Male Performer of the Year, Entertainer of the Year and Songwriter of the Year.

All Evenings of Cultural Arts programs are Saturdays at 8 p.m. at Sunnyvale Theatre, located at the Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive, between El Camino Real and Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road. General admission tickets are \$28. Discount tickets for students and seniors are \$22. Single Subscriptions start at \$80. For tickets, please phone the Sunnyvale Theatre Box Office at (408) 733-6611. The Box Office is open Monday – Friday, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., and two hours prior to shows. For additional information, call the Sunnyvale Theatre Administrative Office at (408) 730-7725, TDD (408) 730-7501, or visit *Arts.inSunnyvale.com* on the Web.

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