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Fiddlers ReStrung's Spring Concert Features

Darol Anger's Republic of String

Saturday April 24th at 7:30pm at Saline High School

Fiddlers ReStrung will present their Spring Concert featuring Darol Anger's Republic of Strings as guest artist on Saturday April 24, 2010 at Saline High School. Darol Anger leads this quartet of brilliant string players who are among the most sought out musicians in the progressive strings movement. Exceptional among modern fiddlers for his versatility and depth, Darol Anger has helped drive the evolution of the contemporary string band through his involvement with numerous cutting-edge ensembles such as his Republic Of Strings, the Turtle Island String Quartet, the David Grisman Quintet, Montreux, the Duo and other ensembles.

Darol Anger's Republic of Strings are one of the most unique and phenomenal groups that have

taken the stage in Saline, Michigan for a hometown show. Somewhere beyond or behind all musical borders lies a creative terrain where bluegrass, jazz, classical, pop, and various world music musicians who care more for inspiration than they do for genre. If that place has a name, it's surely the Republic of Strings, for no one knows its contours better than musicians Darol Anger, Scott Law, Mike Block, and



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Lauren Rioux, along with a tightly knit community of young brilliant string players. They have created the visionary musical landscape of *Generation Nation*, the group's second album for Compass Records. Drawing from an array of sources as diverse as Ornette Coleman, Scandinavian string bands, Aretha Franklin and the quartet's own members, the Republic of Strings provides a sound unlike anything you have heard before. Compelling musical textures, elegant solos and vocals all emanate from a startlingly diverse group of guests. "There's a lot of respect and love going on among the players," says Anger, "and I think it comes out in the music." One listen proves that he's exactly right.

The Republic of Strings's music emerges from the deep empathy that has developed among its members over nearly three years of concert appearances and informal exchanges. Anger notes that "we've been out playing everywhere for years now. In any group that's been working together for a long time, you develop an extra-sensory perception of what the other person is going to do. And it's the deep nature of string band music to foster this." Be sure to check out their website at darolanger.com/republicofstrings.html.

The first half of the Hometown Concert will feature Saline's finest youth fiddlers. Opening the show will be Saline Area School's 6th Grade Fiddle Club led by ReStrung Assistant Director Corinna Smith. Also performing will be the Middle School Fiddle Club, led by Fiddlers ReStrung Artistic Director Josh Herter. Some of these 8th graders in the Middle School Fiddle Club just become the newest members of ReStrung and will start performing with the group during the summer. ReStrung will close out the first half of the show with its own brand of youthful energy. The concert will feature a number of tunes that will appear on their forthcoming CD, expected to be released by July, 2010.

The concert will begin at 7:30 pm in the Ellen Ewing Performing Arts Center of Saline High School. Reserve seating is limited. To purchase a reserve ticket, call (734) 944-2283. Tickets will be available for purchase in-person after February 10th at the Saline Community Education Office, 200 N. Ann Arbor St., Saline. Tickets for the event are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors. For more information regarding this event, visit www.fiddlersrestrung.com or email info@fiddlersrestrung.com.



Darol Anger's Republic of Strings (from left to right): Darol Anger, Lauren Rioux, Mike Block and Scott Law. Photo by Amanda Kowalski.

Workshop Opportunity with Darol Anger

In addition to the concert, Darol Anger's Republic of Strings will lead a workshop for intermediate and advanced string players at Shar Music's showroom on Sunday April 25th at 1:00-2:15 PM. The Shar Showroom is located at 2465 South Industrial Highway, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. Workshop tickets are \$30 and must be pre-purchased by contacting Shar Music at either 734-665-7885 or through their website: www.sharmusic.com.

Summer Tour 2010 Preview

Fiddlers ReStrung's Summer Tour is taking a nautical look and feel. We are calling this tour Waterbound and we are going to be touching four of the five Great Lakes (maybe five for five if we can talk Josh into it)! In addition to visiting Ontario while we circle Lake Erie, other highlights of the tour include playing at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, the successful Spring Sunset Music Series in Erie, Pa, and providing performance for a number of libraries on Michigan's west coast. During the middle of tour, we are going to participate at Christian Howes Creative Strings Workshop in Columbus Ohio. This camp is one of the best in the country for improvisation and composition. So we are definitely excited to hear to tunes they bring back from tour.

Waterbound Tour 2010 Schedule of Performances

Sunday June 27, 2pm - Goderich Ontario Public Square

Monday June 28, 1pm - London Public Library (Ontario)

Tuesday June 29 - TBD

Wednesday June 30, 6pm - Sprint Sunset Music Series, Presque Isle State Park, Erie, PA

Thursday July 1 - 3, Creative Strings Workshop Camp, Columbus, Ohio

Sunday July 4 - day off

Monday July 5 - Performance and Tour at Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (Cleveland)

Tuesday July 6, 1pm - Hartford Public Library

Wednesday July 7, 1pm - Mason County District Library (Ludington, Mich)

Wednesday July 7, 7pm - Hart (Michigan) Area Public Library

Thursday July 8, 7pm - Cheboygan (Michigan) Area Public Library

Friday July 9 - return home to Saline



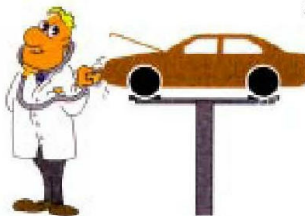
2009 Holiday Hometown Recap

Fiddlers ReStrung's Third Holiday Hometown In Support of Toys for Tots was another successful kickoff for the Saline Fire Department's kickoff event for this wonderful cause. Once again, this event and other activities coordinated by ReStrung was responsible for over 1000 toys making their way to needy families in Saline and across Washtenaw County. This annual event is one of the many ways ReStrung gives back to the community.



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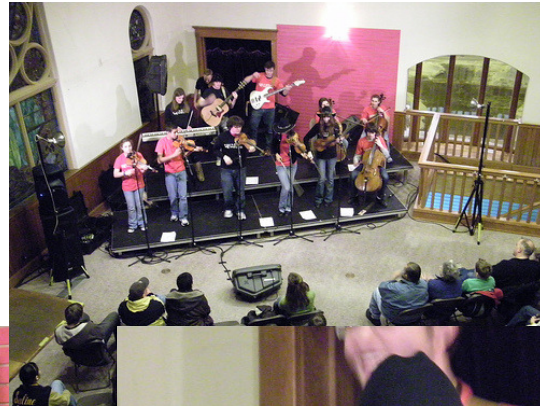


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Winter WarmUp With ReStrung—February 26th



Fiddlers ReStrung, along with the 6th Grade and Middle School Fiddle Clubs perform at the Winter WarmUp with ReStrung at the Old Methodist Church in Saline, Michigan. The event was held on Saturday February 26, 2010. The location (117 S. Ann Arbor St.) was also once the home for the store, the Calico Cat. Special thanks to the Saline Chamber of Commerce, who sponsored the event. Despite the snow all day, we had a nice turn out and the performance was excellent.

ReStrung's Newest Members!



In January, ReStrung saw the largest number of students ever to audition for the group. In all, nine new members, including four on the viola, have joined the group and have started participating in weekly practices. Newest Members of Fiddlers ReStrung (Left to Right): Amanada (violin), Lee (mandolin), Cameron (violin), Mehul (violin), Sam (viola), Jennie (viola), Natalie (viola), Kenzie (viola), and Alina (violin)

New CD Coming this Summer

In May this year, Josh and Corinna are leading ReStrung back into the recording studio to lay down tracks for their next CD. The recording (yet to be named) will feature the latest tunes that ReStrung has brought into this repertoire. Highlighting the CD will be recent favorites such as Gator Strut, Pacific Ocean, Angeline the Baker, and one of the most popular new songs, Tall Buildings.

The CD will be finished up in June with a release party will be during ReStrung's performance in downtown Saline on July 23rd. The concert will be on Ann Arbor Street near the intersection with Michigan Avenue.

Upcoming Calendar of Events

- 04/24 - Spring Hometown Concert With Darol Anger's Republic of Strings (Saline MI)
- 05/07 - Burger School for Autism (Garden City MI)
- 05/07 - Hamilton Elementary School (Westland MI)
- 05/21 - Highland Adult Activity Center (Highland MI)
- 05/22 - WBCCI Region 4 Rally (Wauseon OH)
- 06/05 - Private Event (Saline MI)
- 06/13 - Saline Library Summer Reading Kick-Off
- 06/19 - Relay for Life (Milan MI)
- 06/23 - Garden City Library (MI)
- 06/25 - Thresher Festival (Wauseon OH)
- 06/27-07/09 - *Waterbound Tour*
- 07/14 - Private Event (Ann Arbor MI)
- 07/16 - Antique Tractor Show (Monroe MI)
- 07/17 - Saline Celtic Festival
- 07/20 - Royal Oak Library
- 07/21 - Albion District Library
- 07/23 - Saline Summer Music Series & CD Release Party
- 07/26 - Delta Township District Library
- 07/27 - Clare County Library
- 07/28 - Stair Public Library (Morenci MI)
- 07/30 - 08/01 - Summer Camp
- 08/03 - St. Clair County Library (Port Huron MI)

- 08/06 - Huntington Woods Library
- 08/07 - Ride for Autism
- 08/12 - Milan Concert Series (MI)
- 08/22 - Village Fair (Canton MI)
- 08/23 - Cascades Civil War Muster (Jackson MI)
- 09/11 - Saline Community Fair
- 10/08 - 4H National Convention (E. Lansing MI)
- 12/05 - Holiday Hometown in Support of Toys for Tots

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