

July 23



The Packing House – Planning for Fall!

Summer is here!

We're planning for our 2023-2024 Performance Season at The Packing House – Your regional listening room for Live Music, Film Screenings, Talent Showcase, and Lectures!



Our Performance Season runs from September through May. Beginning this September, EC-CHAP will be introducing our new spoken word series hosted by regional author Steve Veilleux. Our Monthly Talent Showcase and Film Screenings will begin in October; and our Lecture Series will continue this fall with “*The History of Radio, Part-2*”.

SEPTEMBER PERFORMANCES

The Packing House Poetry Series: Thursday, September 21st. Doors 6:00pm / Program 6:30pm. Free Admission.

Steve Veilleux is pleased to announce a new event at The Packing House in Willington, CT. Veilleux currently co hosts a monthly open mic event at the Sawdust Cafe in Putnam, and looks forward to the opportunity to feature well-known writers from Connecticut, Massachusetts, and as far away as North Carolina in a monthly event to be held at The Packing House on the third Thursday of each month starting at 6:30 PM.



The inaugural show of “*The Packing House Poetry Series*” will be held on September 21, and will feature Massachusetts Beat Poet for Life, Paul Richmond, and relative newcomer Alana Parrott, who brings her dynamic voice and personality to the stage. The show’s format will consist of two open mic segments as well as a pair of 15-minute slots for each of the featured artists. Intermission will give audience and poet the chance to meet one another and the opportunity to purchase signed publications.

Writers who are interested in featuring should reach out to either Steve Veilleux (Veilleuxs50@gmail.com) or Tom Buccino (info@ec-chap.org). The fall series still has one opening, and there are still a number of openings through May 2024.

EC-CHAP Acoustic Artist Series: Jocelyn Pettit & Ellen Gira. Friday, September 22nd. Doors 7:00pm / Performance 730pm.

From Canada and the USA, [Jocelyn Pettit & Ellen Gira](#) are a dynamic fiddle & cello duo. Fusing traditional and contemporary music styles, they create a powerfully uplifting and soulful performance, weaving a rhythmically driving and textured sound. Complemented by lively stepdancing, they bring life and fire into original tunes, songs, and high-energy repertoire from Scotland, Ireland, North America, and Scandinavia.



Each an accomplished musician in their own right, with extensive performance history and accolades, Jocelyn & Ellen first joined forces in Glasgow in 2018. Since then, the duo has been gracing stages and captivating audiences in both North America and the UK. They have been featured in live broadcasts on BBC Radio 3, and performed at festivals including Celtic Connections (UK), Harrison Festival of the Arts (CAN), Sutton Traditional Fiddle Festival (CAN), New World Festival (USA), and Northwest Folklife (USA).

Released in 2022, Jocelyn & Ellen's album, "All It Brings", is a 10-track celebration of hope and resilience, with nuanced fiddle-cello interplay, vocal harmonies, and guest guitar accompaniment.

EC-CHAP Jazz Series: Greg Abate Quartet. Saturday, September 23rd. Doors 7:00pm / Performance 730pm.

[Greg Abate](#) jazz saxophonist, flutist, composer continues as an International Jazz/Recording Artist with 225 days a year touring the globe. In the mid 70's after finishing a four year program at Berklee College Of Music, Greg played lead alto for the Ray Charles Orchestra for 2 years.



In 1978 Greg formed his group Channel One which was a favorite in the New England area and from there had the opportunity to play tenor sax with the revived Artie Shaw Orchestra under leadership of Dick Johnson from 1986 to '87. Following this experience Greg ventured out as post hard bop soloist playing Jazz Festivals, Jazz Societies and Jazz Clubs throughout the U.S. Canada and abroad, including most of Europe, UK, and Moscow and Georgia Russia.

Greg's newest release Gratitude, with the Tim Ray Trio has received glowing reviews and a lot of international airplay. Also, check out Greg's other recordings including special guests Phil Woods and other notable artists. Greg is currently a Whaling City Sound recording artist. Greg recorded his first CD Live At Birdland NYC in 1991 on the Candid Jazz Label with

the trio of James Williams, Rufus Reid and Kenny Washington. To this date Greg has recorded over 17 other recordings as leader.

Greg is also an adjunct professor of Jazz Studies at Rhode Island College and is also a very active jazz clinician with co. sponsorship from the Conn-Selmer Instrument Co., conducting workshops and master classes through the U.S and abroad. Greg has been inducted into the RI MUSIC HALL OF FAME 2016.

Greg will be joined at The Packing House by Matt deChamplain on piano, Lou Bocciarelli on bass, and Ben Bilello on drums.

SAVE THE DATES:

- Thursday, September 21st: The Packing House Spoken Word Series - Doors 6:30pm / Program 7:00pm. Admission: Free
- Friday, September 22nd: EC-CHAP Acoustic Artist Series - Jocelyn Pettit & Ellen Gira. Doors 7:00pm / Performance 7:30pm.
- Saturday, September 23rd, EC-CHAP Jazz Series – Greg Abate Quartet. Doors 7:00pm / Performance 7:30pm.

Soft drinks and snacks available at all events. Unless otherwise noted, we are pleased to offer our exclusive "BYOB&F" TM model - Bring Your Own Beverage & Food TM (Wine & Beer Only - I.D. Required). You can also bring your paid ticket to Willington Pizza House (or WP Too) for

eat-in or take-out the night of the show and receive 15% off your meal purchase. Ask for "The Packing House" pizza! Click [HERE](#) for secret recipe.

The Packing House is located at The Mill Works, 156 River Road, Willington, CT 06279. Parking is free and located across the street with limited onsite parking. For questions, program or rental information, please call 518-791-9474. Email EC-CHAP (info@ec-chap.org). For Tickets and additional information about our programs and featured artists, please visit www.thepackinghouse.us.

Tom Buccino serves as EC-CHAP Executive Director and Acting Board Chair. Tom can be reached at: info@ec-chap.org.