

The Vermont Legislature presents

FARMERS NIGHT

2017

FREE CONCERT SERIES

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

JANUARY 18TH – VERMONT SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

David M. Wilson Memorial Farmers' Night Concert
Jaime Laredo, conductor

Winds take center stage for the VSO's annual musical thank you to the State. Music Director Jaime Laredo leads the orchestra in an arrangement of Rachmaninoff's popular *Vocalise for flute and strings*; Mozart's *Concert-Rondo*, which features the French horn; and an excerpt from Wolf Ferrari's *Idillio Concertino for solo oboe*. The program concludes with Haydn's wonderful *Symphony No. 49, "La Passione."*

JANUARY 25TH – 40TH ARMY BAND

This year the 40th Army Band will feature traditional patriotic American tunes, as well as musical selections from David Holsinger and Gustav Holst.

FEBRUARY 1ST – DAVID MILLS AS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Presented by the Vermont Humanities Council
Poet/performer David Mills portrays Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., providing biographical details of the civil rights leader's life, and presenting his "I Have a Dream" speech and "Letter from a Birmingham Jail."

FEBRUARY 8TH – VERMONT YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Hear some of Vermont's finest young musicians as the Vermont Youth Chorus and members of the Vermont Youth Orchestra string section perform works from yesterday and today.

FEBRUARY 15TH – THE BARRE CITY ROCK CHORUS

Presented by the Vermont Historical Society
Join the Vermont Historical Society for an evening celebrating the music of the 1970s with the Barre City Rock Chorus. You'll definitely want to sing along with this rock and soul chorus in an evening of songs drawn from popular culture and counterculture from the late 1960s and early 1970s. This program is part of the ongoing celebration of VHS's new exhibit, "Freaks, Radicals, and Hippies: Counterculture in 1970s Vermont."

FEBRUARY 22ND – KINGDOM COUNTY ALL STARS

This unique jazz band brings star high school musicians from the entire Northeast Kingdom to play and perform together as well as to provide music to the NE Kingdom, the state of Vermont and the whole wide world!

MARCH 1ST – STILL HILL

Still Hill is a newgrass, folk, and old-time string band based in the Upper Valley of Vermont & New Hampshire.

MARCH 15TH – VERMONT FIDDLE ORCHESTRA

The Vermont Fiddle Orchestra is a community orchestra dedicated to the preservation and performance of traditional and contemporary fiddle tunes.

MARCH 22ND – AN EVENING OF WORDS AND MUSIC

Presented by the Vermont College of the Fine Arts.
VCFA will present an hour of music and readings featuring alumni artists from its Writing for Children & Young Adult & Adult and Music Composition programs.

MARCH 29TH – VERMONT CHORAL UNION

Celebrating its 50th year, the VCU includes 36 members from Chittenden, Franklin, and Addison counties, performing a repertoire inspired by more than ten centuries of classical a cappella choral music — from timeless works of the past to contemporary compositions.

APRIL 5TH – THE MOONLIGHTERS BIG BAND

The Moonlighters Big Band, based in Hartland, is comprised of 14 accomplished musicians who have been playing Swing-to-Soft Rock and much more for over 23 years.

APRIL 12TH – STATE HOUSE STORYTELLING

Presented by the Friends of the Vermont State House
The State House has borne witness to much of our state's history. This evening features first-hand accounts told by political and journalistic figures of the recent past — our own extempo or Moth-like storytelling session!