performing songwriters under the big top

cheryl wheeler unplugged songwriter

"Strong poetry, complex melodies, clever wit."
- Sing Out! Magazine

From her albums you can tell that she is a gifted songwriter with a beautiful voice. From other people's comments about her you can learn that she is a natural story teller with a fantastic sense of humor. But until you see her in person, you never really believe what you've been told about her.

www.cherylwheeler.com



pat alger unplugged songwriter

"Pat Alger is meant to talk to people through music."
- Garth Brooks

A veteran of the Nashville songwriter scene, Pat has earned the title as president of The Nashville Songwriters Association International and nominee to Nashville's Songwriter's Hall of Fame. Pat has penned famed titles such as "The Thunder Rolls" and "Unanswered Prayers" (performed by Garth Brooks).

www.myspace.com/patalger

jon vezner unplugged songwriter

"Grammy award-winning songwriter Jon Vezner is a tunesmith of rare sensitivity and dry wit. His gift is in speaking to these ordinary things which connect us to one another." - Mary Chapin-Carpenter

Longtime friend of North House Folk School who created the vision and momentum that makes

Unplugged a reality.

www.jonvezner.com





unplugged the northern harvest

celebrating the mission, sustaining the dream

sept 24-26
2010
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opens friday, Ipm ~ closes saturday, 7pm

This year's Craft In the Spotlight Exhibition features "The Wooden Vessel" and their makers. A celebration of wooden bowls from a myriad of traditional northern traditions. The accompanying Folk Artisan & Northern Hospitality Auction features the work of North House instrutors as well as North Shore opportunities from area lodges, restaurants and extended community partners. All proceeds directly support North House Folk School's growing educational endowment.

northern harvest 'traditional' fish boil

It's a North Shore food tradition - the fish boil. Complimented by the culinary talents and creations of over a dozen North Shore restaurants and chefs, the fish boil features locally caught Lake Trout fresh from Lake Superior by commercial fishermen. Traditions carried on.

community presentation - "full circle superior" friday, 7:30pm

North House is fortunate to call the shores of the largest fresh water lake in the world, Lake Superior, home. Veteran naturalists Mike and Kate Crowley stop on campus on their 5-month shoreline circumnavigation of the Lake by foot, the first in recorded history. Celebrating place.

big top community contra dance friday, 8:30

Enjoy the traditional music ensemble, Over The Waterfall, as they play English, Celtic and Early-American dance songs to the instruction of contra, round and square dances under the big top tent. It's easy to see why they've been called North House's 'house band' - helping build community and enrich lives. Just look around and see those smiles.

folk artisan assembly - the wooden vessel

saturday, all day

Woodcarvers and woodturners converge under one roof in celebration of the wooden vessel. The day is marked by demonstrations, discussion, friendship and comaraderie as well as a series of presentations on the subject of the wooden bowl. Meet the folk artisans.

songwriters' & traditional music jam sessions

saturday, all day

Pull up a chair. There will be guitars and fiddles and banjo picking tunes, along with stories performed as song. All ages and all levels are welcome to gather for this informal opportunity to swap songs, play traditional tunes or simply pull up a lawn chair and listen.

unplugged songwriters - 'on stage'

saturday, 7:30pm

And on with the featured event of the weekend - three talented songwriters offer a dazzling, entertaining evening under the big top. In a round-robin fashion made famous at Nashville's Bluebird Cafe, the songwriters take turns performing the songs they wrote and were inspired by. Each performer's 'on stage' presence is fully donated in support of North House's educational endowment. Thank you.

schedule of events

fri, sept 24th eat learn dance

1pm-7pm - Folk Artisan & Northern Hospitality Auction, featuring Craft In The Spotlight Exhibition - The Wooden Vessel

5:30pm - Northern Harvest Traditional Fish Boil

7:30pm - Community Presentation -

"Full Circle Superior" presented by Mike Link and Kate Crowley

8:30pm - Big Top Community Contra Dance called and performed by Over The Waterfall

sat, sept 25th listen be inspired play

9am-7pm - Folk Artisan & Northern Hospitality Auction, featuring Craft In The Spotlight Exhibition - The Wooden Vessel

9am-5pm - Folk Artisan Assembly - The Wooden Vessel Presentation, 10am: Axing and Adzing - A Woodcarver's Approach from Log to Bowl, with Jon Strom

Presentation, noon: Turning a Bark Edged Bowl on the Power Lathe, with Lou Pignolet

Presentation, 2pm: Bowl Turning - What I've Learned Along The Way, with Cooper Ternes

9am-4pm - Songwriters' and Traditional Music Jam Sessions
Jam Session, 9am: Old-Time and Traditional Music,
hosted by Barbara Jean Myers and Eric Frost

Songwriters' Circle, 11am: Morning Session, hosted by Pete Kavanaugh

Jam Session, 1pm: Traditional Folk Music, hosted by the Flute Reed River Band

Music Session, 3pm: Appalachian Old-Time Fiddle Tunes and Traditional Dance Music, hosted by Tom Van Cleve

6pm - Unplugged Open House & Reception

7:30 pm - Unplugged Songwriters 'On Stage'

Featuring Pat Alger, Cheryl Wheeler and Jon Vezner

special event coursework

Starting Thursday Sept 23 ~ Fall Harvest Cooking Class with Chez Jude - 1 day ~ Wooden Bowl Carving – Scandinavian Style and Techniques – 2 days

Starting Friday Sept 24 ~ Handcraft A Wood Braided Rug - 3 days

~ North Shore Birch Bound Journal - 3 days ~ North Shore Pebble Jewelry (full) - 3 days ~ North Shore Fall Migration (with Bob!) - 2 days

Starting Saturday Sept 25 ~ Cedar Hand Drum: Carving, Stretching, Drumming - 2 days

~ Birds, History and Fall Colors On The North Shore - 2 days

~ Exploration In Wheel Throwing - 2 days

†tickets - \$20/person (\$15/ages 12 and under) †††tickets - \$30, \$40, \$50