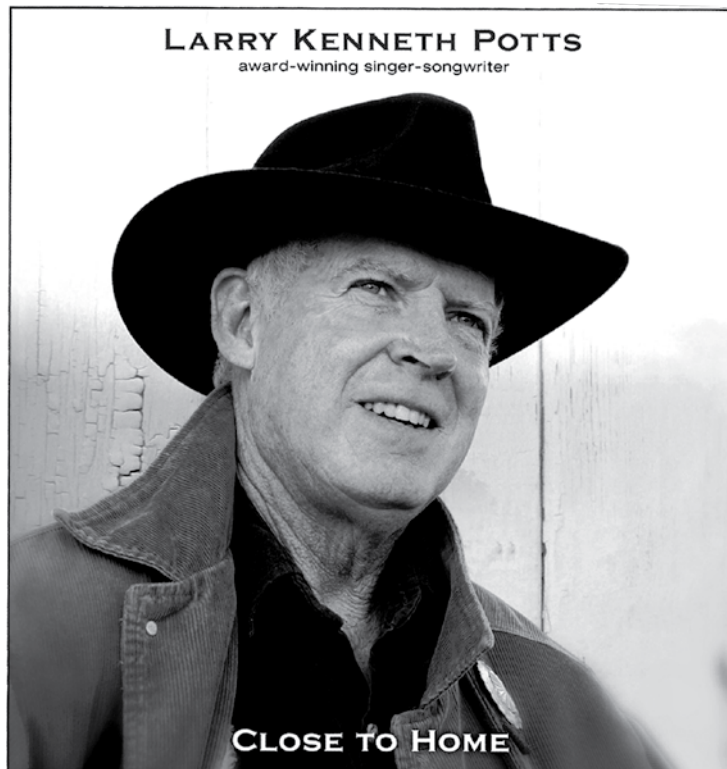


LARRY KENNETH POTTS
award-winning singer-songwriter



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Larry Potts CD Release Concert

Award-winning Sonoma County singer/songwriter Larry Potts will perform songs from his new CD, "CLOSE TO HOME," as well as some of your favorites.

Larry's music is described as acoustic folk with a taste of Americana, country, blues, jazz, and pop.

Join Larry and friends for this heart-warming evening, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, at the Petaluma Arts Center. Doors open at 5:30 PM and the music begins at 7PM.

Accompanying Larry will be George Merrill on keyboards, Kevin Harris on guitar, Bruce Kurnow on harmonica, and other guest musicians.

Tickets are \$15. Beer, wine, and snacks will be available for purchase.

Petaluma Arts Center is at 230 Lakeville Street in Petaluma. For more information, call 707.781.3272 or email barbara.arhon@gmail.com. This event is co-sponsored by the Petaluma Arts Council and The Petaluma Folk Concert Series.

Gypsy Serenade A Musical Valentine

On Saturday, February 13, from 7 to 9:30 PM, Bay Area favorites tenor Michael Van Why and accordionist Sheri Mignano (Due Zighi Baci) will present a Valentine's Eve concert of their very special brand of romantic, nostalgic European salon and café music at Aqus Cafe in Petaluma.

The show will feature their popular, authentic renditions of Neapolitan and Italian canzone, the French chanson of Edith Piaf and others, as well as many beloved American

songs that evoke the romantic mood of the evening.

Special guest artist is mandolin virtuoso Matt Vuksinich, who will join Sheri Mignano on accordion for a little pre-show Russian gypsy dance music, followed by the vocal show with Michael Van Why.

No music has the power to whisk us away to magical, faraway places like the songs heard on the streets of old Europe. From the very first strains of the musette accordion, you're savoring a glass of Chianti on a balcony overlooking the Neapolitan shore,

or maybe sipping a steaming cappuccino at a sidewalk café on the Champs-Élysées in Paris.

"Due Zighi Baci" means "two little gypsy kisses" and their romantic strains are sure to touch the lover in everyone.

Aqus Café is at 189 H Street in Petaluma. There is no cover charge, but a \$10 donation would be appreciated. www.aquscafe.com

For more information, contact Michael at 707.538.2831 or visit aquacafe.com.

Funny Valentine: Craig Jessup Sings Rodgers & Hart

Before Richard Rodgers teamed up with Oscar Hammerstein and wrote such beloved musicals as "Oklahoma," "The Sound of Music, and "South Pacific," Rodgers wrote nearly 600 songs in collaboration with lyricist Lorenz Hart. These shows may be long forgotten, but the songs Rodgers and Hart wrote for Broadway productions have stood the test of time. "My Funny Valentine," "Bewitched, Bothered

and Bewildered," "Where or When," and "The Lady is a Tramp" are among the hundreds of songs recorded and performed by singers around the world for more than seven decades.

Now, acclaimed Bay Area performer Craig Jessup, accompanied by a trio led by the incomparable musical director and arranger Ken Muir and Special Guest Artist Ruth Hastings, has created a multimedia presentation full of fresh insights into the genius

of musical greats Rodgers and Hart. The performance features brand new arrangements of some familiar songs and some lesser-known gems, as well.

The concert will be held on February 13, at 8 PM in the Nellie W. Coddington Theater at Spreckels Performing Arts Center, 5409 Snyder Lane in Rohnert Park.

Tickets are \$23 to \$26. Call 707.588.3400 or visit spreckelsonline.com.

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