

Vienna Union Hall News

Three Shows in August

Coming up in August are two dance performances by the Bearnstow Dancers on August 13 and 26th. The first is a thrilling performance from Colima, Mexico, featuring Adriana Leon.

Adriana León holds an MFA in Scenic Arts and a BFA in Dance from the University of Veracruz. She is the director, choreographer and dancer in *Univerdanza*, a contemporary dance company from the University of Colima. She has been a teacher at the University of Veracruz, at the National Dance College in Querétaro, and currently of Creative Experimentation and Composition at the University of Colima.



Adriana received the XIV DIF-Walden award as the best dancer of the Twentieth International Dance Festival of San Luis Potosí, Mexico. She received support from the New England

Foundation for the Arts to participate in the International Visiting Artists program at the Bates Dance Festival in both 2003 and 2007. She was a recipient of a grant from the Mexican National Fund for Culture and Arts (known as FONCA) in 2006 and 2007. From 2008 to 2013 she participated in the project "*La Voz del cuerpo / The Body Speaks*," directed by Christine Dakin and hosted by the University of Colima and the Radcliffe Institute of Advanced

Studies at Harvard University. Her Master's thesis, "*Univerdanza, dance company of the University of Colima: Organizational processes, methodology and creation*," was published in 2015 by the University of Colima. Adriana has presented her choreography in the most important dance festivals of Mexico, the U.S. and Tenerife, Spain.

The second showcases the young resident dancers who have been teaching and learning at the camp for the whole summer. Bearnstow's Young Artist Residency Program is a summer-long intensive of excellent dance and dance instruction. This includes full participation in all workshop classes (8 week-long workshops, 25 hours weekly), instruction and mentoring by an international staff of professional dancers and choreographers, participation in weekly informal performances, and a presentation of their own work (choreographed in the summer workshops) in a formally mounted concert at the end of the season at the Vienna Union Hall at 7:30 PM, August 26.

Ruth Hill Returns!

On Saturday, August 27 after three years, Ruth Hill returns to the Union Hall. When Ruth was



eight years old, her longshoreman father came home from Boston one weekend and asked each of his kids what instrument they'd like to play. Ruth immediately answered, "The banjo!" Looking back, she says, "I don't know where my pull to the banjo came from. Growing up in rural New Hampshire, the only banjo I'd ever heard or seen was on Hee-Haw". Ruth sang with her family at community events in the small village where she grew up, picked up guitar at 12, began writing songs as a teenager, and sang her first paying gig as backup for her brothers' rock-n-roll band from behind the curtain in a smoky bar, before she was old enough to legally be there.

Ruth now resides in Chesterville and is a musical storyteller. Inspired by the gritty joy of growing up in a large, colorful family, and a wandering spirit that's taken her to both poles of the globe, her songs are packed with powerful imagery, beautiful melodies and have been described as compelling, authentic, and hard-hitting. With an achingly clear voice she delivers her own eclectic mix of folk, Americana, blues, and bluegrass. Over the past two years, Ruth has studied songwriting with Emily Saliers (Indigo Girls), Mary Gauthier, Jonatha Brooke (The Story), Catie Curtis, and Grammy award-winning songwriters Don Henry and Gretchen Peters.

Ruth has performed from Antarctica to Alaska, with warmer stops in between. Her songs are a feather in the wind, a mason jar of moonshine, a spin on the Tilt-a-Whirl...exciting your imagination and opening the doors to your own heart.

Ruth's second CD, *Reunion of Broken Parts* is almost finished and scheduled for release in October!

She will be performing at the Vienna Union Hall on August 27 at 7:00 PM. Tickets are \$8.00

prepaid and \$10.00 at the door. FMI call 293-2674 or email viennunionhall@gmail.com

Toilet House Up and Functioning

The new toilet house was finally set and functioning by the time the Historical Society plays began. Almost all the the exterior work on the Hall has been completed. After a bit more staining and some landscaping, work will turn once again to updating and improving the interior of the Hall. Please support us by attending our events so we can continue to make the Union Hall a vital part of our community.



The new paint job complete with sign.

Upcoming Events

August 13 - Performing Dancers from Bearstow from Colima, Mexico - featuring [Adriana León](#)

August 26 - Bearstow Resident Concert.

August 27- [Ruth Hill](#)

September 17 - [The Maine](#)

[Squeeze Accordion Ensemble](#)

October 22 - Theater at Monmouth Presents - The Tempest

November - Harvest Dinner Fundraiser

December 17 - Winter Revels with [Castlebay](#).