

Vienna Union Hall News

Three Shows!

August offers three Shows in Vienna

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Summer is a busy time with all that Maine offers and that is no exception with the evening performances scheduled for the Union Hall.

First, **Village Harmony Teen World Music Ensemble** returns for the fifth year to Vienna on **Monday, August 6** at 7 p.m. Twenty-four brilliant teen singers from six states, South Africa, and the Republic of Georgia will deliver an eclectic mix of South African songs and dances, traditional secular and sacred songs from Bosnia, Bulgaria, Ukraine, the Republic of Georgia, Corsica, and Sardinia, shape-note songs, and songs of struggle and resistance. Ensemble members will accompany some songs on folk instruments. Admission at the door is \$10.

On **Saturday, August 11** the Union Hall Association offers a unique opportunity to hear a first class, well renowned band that has been making music and good feelings worldwide for over 40 years. **Aztec Two-Step and friends** will be on stage at the Union Hall at 7:00 PM.

Rex Fowler and Neal Shulman first met at an open stage at the Stone Phoenix, a Boston coffee house. Within a few months of working together, they recorded their first album as **Aztec Two-Step**, and a few months later, they had a deal with Elektra Records. Since 1971 Rex Fowler and Neal Shulman have been

writing and performing songs that helped make their generation's musical memories. Aztec Two-Step's name comes from a Lawrence Ferlinghetti poem, and their song "The Persecution and Restoration of Dean Moriarty" from their classic self-titled debut album on Elektra Records was the first of its kind written about Jack Kerouac's iconic American novel, *On The Road*.

Rex Fowler, lead singer of the duo, grew up in Pittsfield, Maine. His family moved to Maine from Connecticut in the late 1950's when he was 10 yrs old. He attended Maine Central Institute and college in Presque Isle and didn't leave the state for good until 1971 when he met Neal in Boston. He still has friends and connections in Maine.

Currently Neal Shulman is taking an indefinite



period of time off from touring after the passing of his beloved wife Karen. Rex continues on the Aztec Two-Step stage with Steven "Muddy" Roues (The Roues Brothers, Jon Pousette-

Dart) on double bass; and Dodie Pettit (original cast member of Broadway's "Phantom of the Opera"; "Cats") on vocals, guitar and keyboards. The show will be filled with vintage ATS fan favorites as well as highlights from their newest release "*Naked*" which addresses sociopolitical topics in 2017.

Steven Roues hails from New York and has been making music together with his brother Billy since they were kids. He is a journeyman in the music business, having crossed paths with some of the greats of Blues, Rockabilly, Rock'n'Roll, Country, Soul, and Rhythm and Blues. The experience of working with those artists and creative people that were and still are mentors and idols to him, whether onstage, in the studio, in films and television or in the songwriting process, has left an indelible mark on his music

Dodie Pettit is an actress, singer, dancer and songwriter. Ms. Pettit has the distinction of performing on Broadway in history's two longest running shows, Andrew Lloyd Webber's "CATS" and "The Phantom of the Opera", in which she was an original castmember. She spent 10 years in these two shows, and has over 4,000 shows to her credit, a milestone that very few Broadway performers have achieved. Other credits include the First National Touring Co. of Tony Award Winning "Titanic", and regional shows of A Chorus Line (Cassie) "Footloose" (Vi); "A Closer Walk With Patsy Cline" (Patsy Cline), "Singin' In The Rain" and "They're Playing Our Song". As a guitarist and songwriter Dodi has made much of her living working in pop/rock bands.

Tickets for ***Aztec Two-Step and Friends*** are \$15.00 and are on sale now. They can be purchased online on the Vienna Union Hall website's "[Arts and Events](#)" page. For more

information call 293-2674 or email: viennaunionhall@gmail.com.

Finally on **Saturday August 25** at 7:30 PM Camp Bearnstow presents **A Concert of Mexican Folklorico**, directed by Jonathan Trejo and Kareli Montoya.

Jonathan Trejo, from Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, is a professional dancer at Ballet Folklórico of the University of Colima, Mexico, and is a consultant, choreographer and honorary assistant director for Ballet Folklórico of Los Angeles. He also teaches art in elementary school in Colima.

Kareli Montoya founded *Ballet Folklórico de Los Angeles* in 2011 and BFLA *Performing Arts Academy*, currently known as the *Ballet Folklorico Company* in 2013

This dance program last year was one of the most exciting and beautiful performances at the hall. Tickets are \$8.00.

Upcoming Events

August 6 - Monday - [Village Harmony](#)
 August 11 - Saturday - [Aztec Two-Step](#)
 August 25 - Saturday - Folklorica - Mexican Dance
 September 1- Saturday -
 September 8 - Saturday - [Novel Jazz](#)
 October 27 - Halloween Dance!
 November - Fall Feast - fund raising Dinner
 December 15 - Saturday - Winter Revels

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