

Vienna Union Hall News

Seventh Annual Winter Revels!!

Sunlight fades from earth as the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year, approaches. This is the time of year that the **Vienna Union Hall** prepares to celebrate the *return of light*, our community, friendship and family by offering the **Seventh Annual Winter Revels** on *December 21, 2019 at 7:00 PM*

This year the Vienna Union Hall Association is happy to offer another wonderful variety of performers. Stan Keach , Julie Davenport



and Vienna homey Dan Simons of Kahtadin Valley Boys will be performing some fine bluegrass music just for us.

Stan is a great musician, singer, accomplished songwriter, artist, and longtime bandleader of The Sandy River Ramblers which also includes Stan Keach (Guitar), Julie Davenport (Upright Bass), Dan Simons (Mandolin). Stan received honors at the 7th Annual Songwriting Contest of the Maine Songwriters Association chosen from among 33 entries for the 2017 honors, and after all the singing and the judging, Stan Keach took first prize for his

song, "On Boot Hill", written with Rick Lang. He has also been inducted into the Maine Country Music Hall of Fame in 2019.

Dan Simons and Julie Davenport both excellent musicians, play music on their own and with several other groups.

A children's reading, always a fun feature at the Revels, will be offered once again thanks to Leah Hayes and Kelly Kane directing the children.

Our headliner performing at this year's Revels is story teller and mime, Antonio Rocha. Rocha, a native of Brazil, began his career in the performing arts in 1985. In 1988 he received a Partners of the Americas grant to come to the USA to perform and deepen his mime skills with





Mime Master Tony Montanaro. Since then he has earned a Summa Cum Laude Theater BA from USM (University of Southern Maine) and studied with Master Marcel Marceau. Mr. Rocha's unique fusion of mime and spoken word has been performed from Singapore to South Africa and many places in between including 16 countries on 6 continents. Some of the venues include The Singapore Festival of the Arts, Wolf Trap, The National Storytelling Festival, The Kennedy Center, The Smithsonian Institution, The National Geographic, The Tales of Graz in Austria, Dunya Festival in Holland as well as many other Storytelling Festivals and educational institutions around The USA.

Antonio has three very entertaining and educational award winning DVDs, a picture book and a few awards including the coveted Circle of Excellence Award by the National Storytelling Network.

He has performed all over the world including:

- Bay Area Storytelling Festival – California
- The National Storytelling Festival -Jonesborough TN.
- Celebration of Light Storytelling Festival, Midland TX.
- Ojai Storytelling Festival - Ojai CA.
- Mesa Performing Arts Center, AZ 2016.
- Rocky Mountain Storytelling Conference, Colorado 2016.
- Sounds of the Mountain Storytelling Festival, Virginia 2016.
- Southlands Storytelling Festival, New Zealand
- Starlight Academy storytelling Carnival, Taichung Taiwan.
- Under the Aaladamaraa Tree Storytelling Festival, Bangalore, Chennai and Pune -India 2015.
- Storytelling Internationales Festival - Austria.
- Workshop facilitator at Sharing The Fire Storytelling Conference – Amherst MA.
- Mariposa Storytelling Festival - Mariposa CA.

- Kathalaya Academy workshop and Performances – Bangalore, India.
- Kansas City Storytelling Celebration
- SOMOS storytelling Festival – Taos NM-Beaver Storytelling Festival – Beaver PACave Run Storytelling Festival – Moore Head KY-
- Timpanogos Storytelling Festival – Orem UT
- Festival by the Sea – Castine Maine
- Western Maine Storytelling Org. Performance –
- Jackson Storytelling Festival in Michigan.
- SESC Literature week. Performances and a two day workshop in Cuiaba Brazil.
- Storytelling Festival of Carolina. Laurinburg, NC.
- International Festival of Arts and Ideas. New Haven CT.
- Wilson Museum in Castine ME. April 11th, 2013.
- Super Saturday Children's Festival, Tryon North Carolina.
- Indian Summer Storytelling Festival in Vernal Utah.
- Library tour in Hawaii.
- Ljungby Storytelling Festival – Ljungby Sweden.
- Florida Storytelling Camp and conference.
- Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts

And Many More places!

Also featured this year will be a couple of surprises and of course St. Nick will make a brief visit to the Hall. Be sure to get you tickets early since this show always sells out. This Winter Revels at the Union Hall offers the community a time to get together with friends and family for a warm and entertaining show and good food in a festive atmosphere.

Tickets on sale now: \$10.00 - Adult, \$5.00 - children 12 and under. For tickets call 293-2674 or 293-2362 - email viennaunionhall@gmail.com or buy tickets early online by visiting the Vienna Union Hall [webpage](#). Remember to check us out on facebook too!

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