



NEWS OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF READING

January 24, 2013

Worship Services

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2013

"Becoming Durga"

Betsy Tabor, Intern Minister

9:15 AM and 11:00 AM

In this service, we will look through an interfaith lens and explore how Hinduism—a religion in which the divine has many distinct faces—might inform our spiritual response to disturbing events in the world today. Pianist Igor Iwanek will play two compositions inspired by the Sufi poet, Hafez.

Click [HERE](#) to see a video invitation to this weekend's worship.

9:15 AM Service

Time	Role	Name
09:15 AM	Altar Flowers	(click here to sign up)
09:15 AM	Usher	Carolyn Grace

Please volunteer:

[Click here to sign up for Busy Boxes](#)

[Click here to sign up for Coffee Maker\(s\)](#)

[Click here to sign up for Usher](#)

[Click here to sign up for Welcome Table](#)

11:00 AM Service

Time	Role	Name
11:00 AM	Usher	Bob and Janet
11:00 AM	Usher	Bill Grace

Please volunteer:

[Click here to sign up for Coffee Maker\(s\)](#)

[Click here to sign up for Welcome Table](#)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2013

"Becoming Durga" (continued)

Betsy Tabor, Intern Minister

9:15 AM and 11:00 AM

About our musician today: Igor Iwanek is a Polish composer who has lived in the Boston area for the last 12 years. Currently he is finishing a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Composition at Boston University. At UUCR he'll present a set of three piano pieces for left hand alone. These works are inspired by the mystical poetry of the medieval Persian poet, Hafez. You were introduced to the left hand pianistic genre earlier this past fall, when the Church's magnificent pianist, Jennifer, suffered a temporary injury to her right hand. Spiritually, the music of late J.S. Bach and late Alexander Scriabin have always been a source of inspiration for Iwanek. His non-western influences include the Persian and Indian Classical music idioms as well as the Afro-Cuban dance music tradition. He is greatly interested in the mystical relationship between music and geometry. In 2008 Iwanek's "Three Mazurki" for piano, left hand alone, won a special prize at the Second International Paderewski Composition Competition. Iwanek was awarded the Williamson Foundation of Music Award and is the winner of the Kaji Aso composition prize and the recipient of the Roger Sessions Memorial Composition Award. Additionally, Iwanek received the Emerging Artist of New England Award from the Saint Botolph Club Foundation and was the winner of the Boston Conservatory Wind Ensemble Composition Competition. He teaches privately music theory, composition, keyboard harmony and the related arts.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2013

"Living in the Age of Incivility"

Rev. Tim Kutzmark, Minister

9:15 AM and 11:00 AM

Are we living in a new age of incivility? From the halls of Washington to the aisles of the supermarket, do people seem harder and less understanding? Have basic manners and respect been replaced with rage, stubbornness, intractability, and the inability to see someone else's perspective? What do our Unitarian Universalist moral values have to say about all this? Music: 9:15-Al Murray, vocals, and George White and Beth Murray playing four hands on one piano; 11:00 AM- UUCR Choir

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2013

"Prophetic Encounters: Spiritually Grounded Immigrant Rights Activism"

Jesse Jaeger – UU Mass Action Executive Director

9:15 AM and 11:00 AM

Using Unitarian Universalist theologian Dan McKanan's idea of Prophetic Encounter as a jumping off point, Jesse will tell the story of his own recent encounter doing immigrant rights work and reflect on how encounters like these can ground our activism in our faith.

Jesse Jaeger became the Executive Director of UU Mass Action in August of 2011. Before that he served the UU Church of Greater Lynn as their Director of Membership and Leadership Development for two years. He also previously served the Unitarian Universalist Association in the Young Adult & Campus Ministry Office and also in the Youth Ministry Office for eight years.

A special second offering will be collected for UU Mass Action. Their focus this year is building Massachusetts UU congregations' capacity for justice making. Music: 9:15-UUCR Choir; 11:00 AM-Kevin Kealing, vocals.

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays

9:15 and 11:00 AM

Nursery care, playschool and all children's Faith Development during 9:15 service only.

Our full service schedule can be found on our [Upcoming Services page](#).

Please consider volunteering to help out at a worship service on our [Volunteer Signup page](#).

Featured

OUR NEXT NEW MEMBER SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 24, 2013

If you want to become an official member of UUCR, our next New Member Sunday is February 24. We'll share in our ritual of welcome and membership during the service, and then all new members are invited to a special coffee hour. Please let Rosemary Fiori, our church administrator know as soon as possible if you are considering membership at 781.944.0494 or [by email](#).

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR - WE ARE HAVING A ONE SERVICE SUNDAY ON MARCH 3

Let's all get together!

It's not too early to ask you all to mark your calendars for the special date of Sunday, March 3. On this day we will have only ONE worship service at a special time of 10:00 AM.

We'll bring together all the folks from the 9:15 and 11:00 am services so we can meet each other and celebrate together. Faith Development classes for children will be offered. The choir will sing. The sanctuary will have room for all.

We'll follow the service with a brunch to which everyone is invited, sponsored by our Operating Budget Drive Team.

STARLIGHT SOIREE AND AUCTION



You are invited...

...to attend the 2013 Starlight Soiree on Saturday, February 9!

It's the middle of winter and the holidays are long past. It's the perfect time to attend an evening of sparkling entertainment, delectable food and fruitful conversation. The Starlight Soiree, UUCR's annual auction is coming up in just two weeks on Saturday, February 9th. The Soiree is our major winter fundraiser to help support the ongoing life of our church. You can think of it as a jazzed-up coffee hour!

THE DOORS OPEN at 6:00 pm with a generous preprandial. Enjoy Jennifer Maxwell's gifted piano music and the musical talents of our church members and friends while you feast on sumptuous appetizers, mouth-watering desserts, and fine wine. Silent auction and sign-ups are available as soon as you arrive, and the live auction starts at 7:00. The suggested

donation for this evening is . Come with your partner, some friends or solo. However you arrive, this is a perfect place to enjoy an entertaining evening while at the same time



supporting our church.

READ ON FOR A SAMPLING of the items which will be offered.

We have the ever-popular sign-ups, including the International Dinner, UUCR Hike of the Month, Girls' Night...In, Take a Walk in the Woods, and Ladies' Tea Party. New this year is the March Madness Chili Cook-off. Some of the goods and services featured are piano lessons with our very own and incredibly talented Jennifer Maxwell, Wedgewood china, a personalized altar arrangement, handmade jewelry, Ivy Chord tickets, or a sermon by Rev. Tim. We will also be offering delicious dinners, such as a South American dinner, a poolside dinner at the Sopchaks and a dinner of Afghan specialties at the Wood-Beckwiths. If you want to get away, you can bid on the Kittery waterfront. Ann Fisher is bringing back her walk through Boston, a favorite in years past. This is just an idea of what is to come. Check next week's newsletter to hear more as items are coming in every day.

Once again, we'll be offering a Raffle with a Twist! Tickets are \$ 50 each and good for any item at the auction. That's right...anything! A dinner, a service, a vacation home. Plus, you may buy as many chances as you like.

To make the auction a huge success, we need both your donations and your help. If you like to cook, please [contact Fran Sansalone](#) to make an appetizer or dessert. We can also use assistance for both set-up and cleanup. For donations or to volunteer, please contact [Dru Wood-Beckwith](#) at 781.944.5030 or [by email](#), or contact [Liz Lovell](#) at 978-887-9898 or [by email](#).

The most important ingredient for a successful event is YOU! It is a fun evening for a great cause. We look forward to seeing you on February 9th.

It Can't Be a Party Without the Food

Only 2 weeks until the Starlight Soiree - our annual UUCR auction. You can help by contributing either an appetizer or dessert to share. Your contribution can be a family favorite or a cutting-edge delicacy. All we ask is that you make sure it requires no more than a fork or spoon to eat. Please let one of the food coordinators know if you can help out by contacting [Fran Sansalone](#) 781-944-2444 or [Ann Fisher](#) at 781.942.1634.

Worship Notes

BE A STAR - USHER ON SUNDAY!

Ushers are integral to the success of Sunday morning service, having the key duties of welcoming people as they enter and taking the collection. All of us who enjoy Sunday services are encouraged to usher four times per year. If each of us did that, then we could easily fill this important need. Please see our upcoming worship services page to see when you can contribute next in this meaningful and essential area.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A TRADITIONAL PASSOVER SEDER SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2013

Rabbi Bart Perlman will hold a traditional Passover Seder at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 30, 2013 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Doors will open at 5:30 PM. This event will include a full Passover meal. To RSVP and receive information on the cost of meal donation please contact Lou Damelin by Wednesday March 20th. You can contact Lou [HERE](#). This RSVP deadline is necessary in order to prepare for the purchase of the full Passover meal. All are welcome to share in this festive holiday.

Adult Enrichment

WHAT DO I WANT TO DO WITH THE REST OF MY LIFE? - FEBRUARY 23, 2012

What Do I Want To Do With The Rest of My Life?

Saturday, February 23, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Facilitated by Ann McClorey Fisher

Are you at that point in your life when you're stepping back – taking stock of where you've been and thinking about what lies ahead? Are there interests that you yearn to pursue? Are there changes – big or small – that you want to make? Is the life you're living in alignment with your passions and principles? Join with others for a morning of personal exploration. Using exercises involving private reflection and group conversations, we will clarify values, articulate dreams and make commitments aimed toward creating lives of passion and purpose.

Please sign up by clicking [HERE](#).

For more information about this program, contact Ann McClorey Fisher by clicking [HERE](#).

INTERGENERATIONAL BOOK CLUB MEETS FEBRUARY 27, 2013 TO DISCUSS THE BOOK "RULES"

The next meeting of the Intergenerational Book Club takes place on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM in Loring House, Room 101. Our next book is "Rules" by Cynthia Lord.

What 12 year old child doesn't want to just have a *normal* family? Just what is normal? Catherine is dealing with just that in a family that revolves around the needs and often inappropriate behaviors of her younger autistic brother, whom she cares deeply about, yet is frequently embarrassed by. Catherine forms an unlikely friendship with a boy named Jason, who leads her take a close look at herself, her family, her brother, and almost anyone with disabilities in a whole new light.

Please Join us! Snacks will be served.

Please sign up by clicking [HERE](#).

For further information, please contact Diane Chapin by clicking [HERE](#) or Beth Brauer by clicking [HERE](#).

MEETING JESUS FOR THE FIRST TIME

Meeting Jesus Again For The First Time

A Unitarian Universalist Perspective

Wednesday Morning Class: March 6, 13, and 27 - 10:00 AM-Noon (no class March 20)

Wednesday Evening Class: March 6, 13, and 27 - 7:00-9:00 PM (no class March 20)

Led by Rev. Tim Kutzmark

Loring House Room 103

Far too many Unitarian Universalists carry emotional and spiritual baggage about Jesus of Nazareth. Join us and explore Jesus, his life, and teachings through a liberating and affirming light. Our conversation will be informed by scholarly research and new contemporary images of Jesus.

It would be helpful to get a copy of Marcus Borg's book "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time", available at libraries or on Amazon.com ([paperback](#)) ([Kindle edition](#)).

Class size is NOT limited and registration is ongoing!

Please register by signing up, by clicking [HERE for the morning class](#); by clicking [HERE for the evening class](#); signing up on the signup sheet in the Atrium on Sunday; calling the church office at 781-944-0494; or emailing Rosemary, the Church Administrator, by clicking [HERE](#).

News

Leadership News

UUCR COVENANT

Is UUCR the most loving community that we can make it?

As Unitarian Universalists, we value the inherent worth and dignity of every person and we celebrate the rich diversity that exists among us. Yet our church functions within the wider culture that surrounds us, the default culture, which may not share our values or articulate them as clearly as we do.

The culture that currently surrounds us can be a challenging one in which to live. Who among us has not felt belittled or misjudged in our lives at some point? While experiences of personal conflict are a natural part of life that can help us strengthen our character as we overcome them, there is historical evidence (Rendle ... see below) to indicate that societies cycle through levels of civility related to their historical context. In American culture, the post WWII "Greatest" generation stressed order, consensus and security that required high levels of civil order; whereas the Baby Boomer generation stressed individual expression and exploration. Later generations are more reliant on electronic communication, bringing change to our cultural norms about relationships and conduct.

Every church reflects the surrounding culture of its day and yet some churches, because they are aware of it and because they intentionally tend to it, maintain a higher level of civility and connectedness than that of the cultural default. These churches create a space where people feel safer and freer to be themselves and more effectively share their greatest gifts. UUCR has fared very well throughout these generational changes, creating a strong, loving community, and yet there is also history here from past and recent times when UUCR has experienced difficult and controversial periods when healthy disagreement and rich diversity of opinions gave way to bickering and division. These times have been especially difficult to weather because we did not have in place an intentional and formal process to express ourselves, understand the viewpoints of others and ultimately return to right relations.

How is the Governing Board planning to address this issue?

The Governing Board has been exploring the process of formal Right Relations Covenants. These are used to create a more intentionally and specifically articulated civil culture – a more loving community. The Board itself has a covenant, as does the Core Staff Team, the Faith Development Committee and the Pastoral Care Team. Covenants are also being developed in churches throughout our denomination and will be the main focus of the 2013 UUA General Assembly when representatives from all UU congregations gather in Louisville Kentucky.

This year the board is taking the next logical step in living our Unitarian Universalist principles by leading the congregation in the development of a UUCR church-wide Right Relations Covenant. Unlike a bylaw or a policy, a covenant is not a rule enforceable by a higher body. It is a promise that we create together and make to one another. And unlike a law, a broken covenant does not require compensation or punishment; it requires earnest inquiry, forgiveness and recommitment, further strengthening the covenantal bond. A covenant will enable us to reap the energy inherent in our differences for creative purposes instead of letting that same energy diminish and divide us. As UUCR continues to grow in terms of our numbers and influence, the existence of such a covenant can serve as a way to welcome new people into our community with clear statements that enable us to share with them our strong history and living commitment of a loving community that learns and grows together during our times of strife.

What process is the Governing Board planning to follow to develop a Right Relations Covenant?

To inform our work, we are reading a book by Gilbert R. Rendle called "Behavioral Covenants in Congregations – A Handbook for Honoring Differences" and researching the experiences of other churches. We have formed a Covenant Task Force that is working with the Safe Congregation Committee to reach out to various groups and committees in order to listen to and share our stories and to seek input on this congregational covenant. On February 3rd, Reverend Tim will be preaching on Covenants and we will be hosting a Deeper Dives discussion after the services to gather your input. We will also be holding larger meetings for anyone that we have not been able to engage through a group or committee. By the end of the year we plan to draft a covenant upon which everyone will be invited to provide feedback. In the fall, we will host a worship service during which we can celebrate and adopt our finalized covenant. In this way, we will have started a conversation upon which we can build over the years about how we can best create loving community and what it means to be a part of one.

Imagine if such a conversation existed in our world at large? What if everyone in the world felt safe, loved, valued and understood to such an extent that they could freely give all the wonderful gifts they have to offer? Imagine the challenges we could overcome as a global community. Imagine what we could create together.

With deepest respect,

Your Governing Board: *Tracy Sopchak (President), V.P. Programs (Jane Jolkovski), David Oakes (V.P. Finance), Matt Wilson, Robbie Kohn, Christine Lusk, Christine Thomas, Andy Furst (At Large), Chad DaGraca (Treasurer), Theo Noell (Clerk), Rev. Tim Kutzmark (Minister), Betsy Tabor (Intern Minister), Anne Principe (Director of Faith Development)*

Buddhist Meditation Group

HALF DAY RETREAT - WAKEFIELD

The Buddhist Meditation Group @ UUCR will be joining the Wakefield UU church's Sacred Pause meditation group for a half day retreat. Please join us on Saturday January 26th, from 10:30 AM to 4:00 PM in Wakefield.

The retreat is one of the Wakefield Church's Bicentennial Year events and will be in the Social Hall. Join Rev. Maddie, Rev. Ralph Galen and Andrew Furst of the Buddhist Meditation @ UUCR for a day of spiritual practices including Qigong, walking meditation, singing meditation, Vipassana (Mindfulness) meditation and more.

We will share a potluck vegetarian lunch; please bring something to share. Free will offering.

Registration is required and FREE at the following website <http://wuu2013.eventbrite.com/>

Choir

NEWS FROM THE CHOIR

Dear Choir Members and Friends,

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! What great things we have accomplished and what great opportunities await us! Read on and tell us what you think!

Following our highly successful performance of Britten's "Ceremony of Carols" we are now excited to talk about singing Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*. We're hoping for a performance date of May 19 in the afternoon, after the church service. For planning purposes, it would require a couple of Saturdays over the course of late winter/early spring (beginning in late January) to rehearse. In early spring - 8 weeks out - we would begin the longer rehearsals. To have the same kind of power and majesty we experienced Christmas Eve with the Hallelujah Chorus, it would be fabulous to have more folks join us, so we'll need your enthusiasm to invite friends, in and out of church, to join us.

Click on the link provided below and see what you think. There are online learning tools available to help you out. For those interested, there are solo and small ensemble opportunities.

So...give it a click and listen, [HERE](#).

Mark and the Music Committee

Ivy Chord Coffee House

CALLING ALL IVY CHORD BAKERS AND JOHN GORKA TICKETS FOR SALE AT UPCOMING COFFEE HOURS

The Ivy Chord Coffee House needs bakers for the John Gorka concert on January 26. Let Beth Murray know if you can contribute.

Perhaps you have extra treats at your house from all those extra holiday desserts? Would you consider freezing them and contributing them?

Contact Beth Murray by clicking [HERE](#) or by phone at 781-229-9394.

Ivy Chord tickets will also be sold for the John Gorka performance during our Social Hours on Sunday, January 6, January 13 and January 20th.

Finally, Ivy Chord tickets can be purchased online [HERE](#)

Last Tuesday of the Month Book Club

LTOM BOOK CLUB - NEXT MEETING JANUARY 29

Dear fellow readers, Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 29th at the home of Janet Bringola, 9 Marla Lane, Wakefield at 1:30 PM. We will discuss two books. The first is The Secret Keeper by Kate Morton and the second book is Peaches for Father Francis by Joanne Harris.

More News

SNOW CANCELLATIONS

Should it be necessary to cancel worship services/Faith Development at the UUCR due to inclement weather this winter, the cancellation announcement will be posted on the WBZ Storm Center. Please log on to www.wbz1030.com Cancellations will be broadcast via a scroll also on WBZ-TV and CBSBoston.com.

Partner Church

PARTNER CHURCH CHOCOLATE AND COFFEE SALE FEB. 3 AND 10

At coffee hour on February 3 and 10, you're warmly invited to buy organic, fairly traded coffee and chocolate AND support the education and hopes of a young Unitarian in the Philippines.

The Partner Church Committee will once again sell several flavors of Equal Exchange chocolate bars and packages of coffee, and take orders for coffee cases.

Proceeds will go toward 2013-2014 school fees for our church's high-school-age partner in the Philippines, Gerry Faburada.

Here's what everyone's generosity in buying chocolate and coffee last spring has done! Gerry writes, *"I am very thankful to you for your financial assistance to my studies. Your support has paid off my [2012-2013] school fees and activities such as my school uniform, school projects, field trip, Christmas party and other expenses related to my education. I have fully paid. I am indeed very thankful to...the one[s] sponsoring me."*

Members of the Partner Church Committee look forward to talking with you at the table. To order coffee if you won't be in church, [contact Anne Mark by e-mail](#).

If you're on Facebook, visit the UU Church of the Philippines page (<https://www.facebook.com/uucp.phil>) to learn more about Unitarians in the Philippines. The page has many photos, with descriptions of UUCP-sponsored conferences and other activities.

Social Action

READING FOOD PANTRY: HOW TO HELP

On Christmas Eve, at the 5:30 church service, our congregation donated food for the Reading Food Pantry. **Indeed, we can donate paper goods and nonperishable food items year-round, to support the roughly 90 families--our UUCR church members and friends and our Reading neighbors--who turn to the pantry for help.** The donation basket is in the front foyer (Woburn St. entrance), under the coat rack. Ed Barbagallo kindly transports donations to Old South Methodist in Reading Square, where the pantry is located.

Some of the most requested items are juice, juice boxes, coffee, canned meats and fish, stew, hash, chili, canned fruits, rice (brown and white), boxed and canned potatoes, canned pasta, brownie and cake mix, peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, unsweetened cereal, detergent, toilet tissue, shampoo, and toothpaste.

The pantry also needs cash donations to provide supermarket vouchers for perishable items. Checks (payable to Reading Food Pantry) can be sent to Reading Food Pantry, 6 Salem St., Reading, MA 01867-2697.

Social Action

IMMIGRATION CONFERENCE CALL - UU MASS SOCIAL ACTION CONFERENCE CALL ON FEBRUARY 4, 2013 AT 7:30 PM

Conference Call And YOU Are Invited!

You are invited to join this month's opportunity for education and discussion with your fellow activists in the Immigration Rights community. This month's call will feature Natalicia Tracy from the Brazilian Immigrant Center and Jesse Jaeger, Executive Director of UU Mass Action. By participating in this conference call, you will be updated on the latest developments concerning important immigration rights legislation: The Domestic Workers Bill of Rights, The Right to Drive Act and the TRUST Act. The Brazilian Immigrant Center, Boston New Sanctuary Movement, SIM, Centro Presente, MIRA and UU Mass Action are working together to see these bills passed in law. Support from all who are involved with immigrant's rights work will be needed to see this goal met. Please plan on joining the discussion to learn more how you, your congregation and your community can be involved. Mark your calendar for Monday February 4th at 7:30 PM To register your intent to participate in this conference call, please send your name and email

to: immigration@uumassaction.org

Conference Call Info: 949-812-4500 code: 315236#

Upcoming Events

January 24, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Choir (Sanctuary)

January 25, 2013 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Ivy Chord Set-up

January 26, 2013 8:00 am - 10:00 am
Men's Group (FH)

January 26, 2013 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Ivy Chord Set-up (FH & Sanctuary)

January 26, 2013 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm
Ivy Chord Coffeehouse -John Gorca (Sanctuary) (FH)

January 27, 2013 9:15 am - 10:15 am
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

January 27, 2013 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
UU Basics Set up (CH)

January 27, 2013 11:00 am - 12:00 pm
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

January 27, 2013 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
UU Basics (CH)

January 27, 2013 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
COA (Lor-205)

January 27, 2013 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
SHYP (Lor-103)

January 28, 2013 10:00 am - 11:00 am
Memorial Service-June Haskell (Sanctuary)

January 28, 2013 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Memorial Reception (Fellowship Hall)

January 28, 2013 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Handicraft Group (Loring-101)

January 28, 2013 7:15 pm - 8:15 pm
Buddhist Meditation (FH)

January 28, 2013 7:15 pm - 9:15 pm
Men's Spirituality Group (Lor-103)

January 29, 2013 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
FD Recruiting Mtng. (Lor-101)

January 31, 2013
Nia Joy (FH) CANCELLED

January 31, 2013 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Choir (Sanctuary)

February 3, 2013 9:15 am - 10:15 am
Worship Service (Sanctuary)

For more upcoming events, visit our Calendar by clicking [HERE](#).

Ivy Chord Concerts

JOHN GORKA ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 2013



Energetic, acoustic folk

***"Listening to him sing, one can get goose bumps all over. There are many reasons—fresh lyrics, a stunning emotional baritone, his twisted humor ..."* New York Times**

Saturday, January 26, 2013

8:00 pm

Tickets:

\$ 25 general admission

\$ 23 students/seniors

Buy tickets for this concert online.

From Ben Wakeman, Take Me To the Bridge:

There are few contemporary songwriters that come anywhere close to the talent of John Gorka. His songs have a way of working on you long after you thought you had it all figured out. I will listen to a song that I know all the words to and can sing along with and then one day sitting at a traffic light I realize that there was a whole other layer of meaning that I had missed.

In 1984 John Gorka won the prestigious Kerrville New Folk competition. He has over ten albums to his credit. John is a songwriter's songwriter and his songs are championed by an amazing circle of artists including Nanci Griffith, Mary Chapin Carpenter, David Wilcox and many more.

MATT & SHANNON HEATON ON SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2013



"Their playing is masterful and inventive, their arrangements city-smart and spacious. Still, they never forget that Irish music is, at its heart, a neighborly form meant for sharing, not showing off." — Scott Alarik, Boston Globe

Saturday, April 13, 2013

8:00 pm

Tickets:

\$ 16 general admission

\$ 14 students/seniors

Buy tickets for this concert online.

Musically speaking, the Heatons play the heck out of their instruments (Irish wood flute/accordion, guitar/bouzouki). After years of study in Chicago, and many nights of music in Clare, Galway, and their adopted home of Boston, Irish Music Magazine's John O'Regan wrote, "their duet playing is tight, sweet, and tasteful, lacking nothing on either technical expertise or instrumental virtuosity."

As for their singing, when Matt and Shannon perform centuries-old songs, it feels current, conversational. They make traditional music relevant to American audiences. O'Regan wrote "songwise [there are] hints an older domestic sound, the familiar down home harmonies of The Carter Family and Tim and Mollie O'Brien."

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