



SUNSPOT PRODUCTION
Promoting American and World Roots Music

Sunspot Concerts at the Lyceum

Old School Freight Train

Sunday, January 22. 8 PM

\$16 advance/\$18 door

Blending jazz, Latin, Celtic, bluegrass and pop, Old School Freight Train (OSFT) creates electrifying acoustic music. This young group from Charlottesville, Virginia, instantly carved their own unique sound, attracting a diverse audience since their inception in 2000. After gaining a loyal local following, the band gained national recognition touring the country and winning awards at the prestigious Telluride Bluegrass and Rockygrass Bluegrass contests.



Old School Freight Train is composed of the distinctly smooth vocals and songwriting talent of guitarist Jesse Harper, the ecstatic mandolin stylings of Pete Frostic, Ben Krakauer's jazzy 5-string banjo finesse, the poetic fiddling of Nate Leath and backbone upright bass of Darrell Muller. Their synergistic interaction and contagious musical passion has made them the new acoustic band to watch.

Mandolin master David Grisman heard their music in the fall of 2004 and viewed the band as "an emerging force to reckon with in today's world of acoustic music." Grisman invited the band to record at his Dawg Studios in Northern California and manned the production and recording along with Dave Dennison. From these sessions came Run, OSFT's dynamic second CD and their first for Acoustic Disc, Grisman's acclaimed independent label.

Laura Cortese

Saturday, February 4. 8 PM

Laura Cortese returns to the Lyceum with her trio to release her new CD. If you saw her with the Four Fabulous Fiddlers, you'll know we're in for a fantastic night of music. Laura boasts an energetic performance of driving fiddle, vocals, and stepdance with an original blend of Celtic music and contemporary influence. Laura's dynamic fiddling, flashing footwork and expressive vocals offer a distinct blend of traditional styling and innovative artistry. Tickets are on sale now. \$16 advance/\$18 door.

About the Sunspot Concert Series

The Sunspot series showcases performer from the United States and around the globe, representing all styles of traditional and folk music. Sunspot's primary venue is the 130-seat Lecture Hall at The Lyceum, Alexandria's city museum. With no seat more than five rows from the stage, The Lyceum is an ideal meeting place for artists and audiences to share a unique musical experience.

**Tickets on sale at www.sunspotpro.com and at all concerts.
Shows at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St, Alexandria, Virginia**