

Sunspot Concerts at the Lyceum

Karan Casey

Saturday, March 21, 2009, 8 PM

\$25 advance/\$29 door

Four years after she began the Sunspot concert series with a show in March 2005, Karan Casey is returning to Alexandria's Lyceum for another intimate evening of Irish music. Her latest recording features traditional songs with her own deeply personal interpretations, backed by a band composed of guitar, cello and piano, providing a new look into Ireland's heart.



A member of the Irish supergroup Solas for four and a half years, Karan Casey received critical acclaim from Japan to America as one of Ireland's great singers. Karan has established herself as, in the words of the Wall Street Journal, "One of the true glories of Irish music today," a standing confirmed by having been twice voted Best Female Traditional/Folk artist by Irish Music Magazine readers and her nomination for a prestigious BBC Radio 2 Folk Award.

Now, five albums into her solo career, Karan continues to explore the boundaries of Irish song. Fully versed in the genre's subtleties (and comfortable singing in Gaelic), she is equally at home transforming Billie Holiday's jazz classic "Strange Fruit" into a chilling ballad from beyond the Pale or applying Billy Bragg's "Distant Shore" to the plight of modern day African refugees in Ireland.

Coming on Saturday, May 9: Irish singer Susan McKeown

**Tickets available at www.sunspotpro.com
The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St, Alexandria, VA**

About the Sunspot Concert Series

The Sunspot concert series showcases musicians from the United States and around the globe, representing all styles of traditional and contemporary folk music. Sunspot shows feature musicians who often perform as part of larger groups in larger venues, who are working on developing an independent career after leaving another group or who are just beginning their careers. Each show is presented in an intimate setting that allows the performers and audiences to enjoy a close connection not possible in larger venues.

The concerts take place in Old Town Alexandria. Sunspot's primary venue is the 130-seat Lecture Hall at The Lyceum, Alexandria's city museum, which lends its historic atmosphere to the presentation of traditional music. With no seat more than six rows from the stage, The Lyceum provides an ideal meeting place for artists and audiences to share a unique musical experience.

For additional information, including driving, parking and Metro directions, visit the Sunspot website at www.sunspotpro.com.

Ordering Tickets

Tickets can be ordered through the Sunspot web site: www.sunspotpro.com. We are an all-volunteer organization, so we do not have a box-office staff to take ticket orders. If you cannot order through the web site, you can purchase advance tickets at any Sunspot show, or call 800 404-9049 to request that we contact you by phone.

To maintain the security of your personal information, we use a ticketing agency for on-line ticket orders. The ticketing agency adds a service charge to each ticket purchase. The service charge is paid to the ticketing agency and is not part of our ticket price.

Past Sunspot Shows

Irish singer **Karan Casey** • Irish-American singer **Cathie Ryan** • American banjo master **Tony Trischka** • Connemara fiddlers **The Kane Sisters** • Irish singer and guitarist **John Doyle** • New England fiddler **Lissa Schneckenburger** • **Four Fabulous Fiddlers** (Jake Armerding, Hanneke Cassel, Laura Cortese & Jeremy Kittel • Vocal trio **Sometymes Why** (Kristin Andreassen, Aoife O'Donovan & Ruth Ungar) • Modern string band **Old School Freight Train** • Anglo-Irish band **Flook** • Irish singer **Aoife Clancy** • Irish fiddler and National Heritage Fellow **Kevin Burke with Ged Foley** • **Boulder Acoustic Society** • Scottish singer **Jim Malcolm** • Americana musicians **Kristin Andreassen & Mark Schatz** • Scottish fiddler **Alasdiar Fraser with Natalie Haas** • Irish fiddler and National Heritage Fellow **Liz Carroll and John Doyle** • Wammie-winners **Jennifer Cutting's Ocean Orchestra** • Irish masters **The Hedge Band** • **The Wiyos** • **Sarah Lee Guthrie & Johnny Irion** • **Mick Moloney** • **Athena Tergis** • **Emily Smith**

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