

Sam Miltich and the Clearwater Hot Club to Perform a Free Outdoor Concert - July 22nd Lolos Ghost Featuring James Loney - July 29th

Rocky Wall Productions

Grand Rapids, MN based Sam Miltich and the Clearwater Hot Club will return to perform an amazing jazz concert at the 2022 Silver Bay Music In The Park Concert Series on Friday, July 22nd at City Center Park in downtown Silver Bay (near Silver Bay City Hall). The music will start promptly at 7:30 pm.

The Clearwater Hot Club is a dedicated to preserving the repertoire and instrumentation of the Jazz Manouche style pioneered by Roma jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt. Much of the repertoire played in this group are songs either performed or written by Django Reinhardt, though other styles of music such as French Musette, Brazilian choro, and Eastern European folk music are interpreted through the musical lens and technique of the

Jazz Manouche style. In recent years Sam Miltich has written original works of music in the jazz manouche style, giving credence to the roots and traditions of the music while bringing a fresh new voice to it.

The instrumentation typically consists of either Macaferrri style-acoustic (a uniquely constructed French style guitar employed by Django Reinhardt) or arch-top lead guitar, acoustic rhythm guitar, lead violin or clarinet and on some occasion's saxophone, and drums. The group typically plays with an all-acoustic string ensemble, of guitar, violin, and upright bass. When clarinet is a featured lead instrument, the group may also incorporate drums into the ensemble, much like what was known as Django Reinhardt's "War-Time Quintet" during the 1940's when he used clarinet in the group emulating the sounds coming from Benny Goodman in America, while he and his musical companion, violinist, Stephane Grappelli were separated during World War II.

Sam Miltich is a self-taught jazz guitarist born and raised in the woods of northern Minnesota. Sam burst on the scene in his teens as a young lion of gypsy jazz, joining Paul Mehling's Hot Club of San Francisco and touring internationally with the world-renowned Robin Nolan Trio. Sam's fluid and instinctive sound has graced hundreds of stages, from small town bars on the Iron Range to Lincoln Center.

Rocky Wall Productions encourages you to come to City Center Park any time after 5:30 pm to enjoy dinner in the park prior to the concert. Bring your lawn chair and a blanket and plan to grab a dinner prior to the concert at the Northwoods Family Grille, Jimmy's Pizza, or

at one of the local food trucks and vendors that will be present before and during the concert. Rest rooms in City Hall will be open to the public. This is an all-weather rain or shine show with the Silver Bay Reunion Hall serving as the inclement weather back up venue.

Next week on Friday, July 29th, Rocky wall Productions will feature James Loney and Lolo's Ghost for our third concert of the summer. We welcome this amazing legendary band to City Center Park in Silver Bay.

Rocky Wall Productions is an all-volunteer Silver Bay 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization producing and promoting live music in Silver Bay and on Lake Superior's North Shore from Duluth to Grand Portage. Bringing the best of Americana Music to the North Country. More information at www.rockywallproductions.org.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter NSJ 7-16-22

It's hard to know where to begin in addressing the many spurious claims made by one of the letter writers in your last edition. In her lengthy letter, Noreen Carlson fails to follow her own advice about not confusing facts with emotion-her entire letter is a laundry list of opinions, assertions, and claims. In fact, I fail to find a single factual statement in her entire 1200-word letter. She even manages to drag in a few misleading vaccine denial and gun violence tropes for good measure.

Here are the facts.

- *A Constitutional right that has been recognized by the courts for almost 50 years has now been stripped away.
- *Nearly 70% of Americans support women's reproductive rights, including access to abortions services.
- *The three newest justices, who stated under oath before the US Senate that the Constitutional right to privacy and the rights that flow from that premise-including women's reproductive rights were "settled law," took the very first opportunity available to them to overturn Roe.
- *Other rights that now exist under the umbrella of the very same Constitutional right to privacy-including, rights regarding access to contraceptives, same-sex marriage, and even interracial marriage-are now in jeopardy.
- *People in the various states will not have the opportunity to "vote" on whether or not abortion services will be offered in their state. Rather state legislatures-often gerrymandered-will decide for them.
- *Statewide majorities in several states that have already moved to ban abortion services actually support women's access to abortion services.

Ms. Carlson, in accordance with her obviously sincere religious beliefs, has every right not to choose to seek an abortion. But the United States is not a theocracy. Her conception of God, and the tenants of her chosen religion are not the basis of our laws. The definition of when a life begins, and at what stage of development a fetus becomes person is a personal, moral question, and not one which is ever likely to be definitively settled by science. Conservatives decry government interference in people's lives. I cannot imagine a more intrusive act by any government-federal, state or local-than interfering with the most intensely personal, private and difficult choice a woman is likely to make in her entire life.

I could only hope that the religious fervor that drives Ms. Carlson would motivate her to fight for things that have been proven over and over again to reduce unwanted pregnancies-- things like universal sex education, universal access to contraception, reduction of poverty (especially among women), increased access to higher education and training for women, and increased access to affordable childcare. If she is, I think we could actually find some common ground.

Todd Redmann, Chair
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