

Open Ears Concerts

January 2010

Happy New Year and welcome to 2010! It promises to be another great year for music in Austin, and we hope that the Open Ears Concerts will become a regular fixture on your music calendar.

To kick things off, we will host **Carrie Elkin** on **Thursday January 28**. Please note that this is a change from the **previously announced date**. With the vocal fire of Patti Griffin and the lyrical rawness of Rickie Lee Jones, Carrie Elkin's songs are, at once, intimate yet universal, naked yet richly adorned. Arthur Wood of Folkwax says it best: *"I have never seen a performer so in love with the act of singing. That's the gospel truth, and from what I've subsequently learned I'm not the only one to believe or state that. Onstage Elkin was simply a force of nature."* Carrie was recently chosen as a Falcon Ridge Folk Festival Emerging Artist, a finalist for the prestigious NPR show Mountain Stage, and a showcasing artist for the SXSW Music Festival.

In addition to her prodigious talent, Ms. Elkin is a person you just can't help but like. Her warmth, generosity, and kindness are endearing and comforting and those qualities spill over into her music. Though based in Austin, she has been touring extensively in North America and Europe behind her latest CD "The Jeopardy of Circumstance," and our January show will be one of her first after returning from the UK. You can read some of the great press she's received on her website (www.carrieelkin.com), and you can listen online at her MySpace site (www.myspace.com/carrieelkin).

She will play at the Open Ears Concerts on Thursday January 28. Doors open at 6:30 PM, and the show starts at 7:30 PM. Admission is a suggested donation of \$10. Feel free to bring a snack to share, and please invite your friends and family. It is certain to be a great time and a wonderful musical experience.

Upcoming Shows:

Saturday February 20 – **Michael Fracasso**
(www.michaelfracasso.com).

Sunday March 7 – **John Spillane** (www.johnspillane.com)

Friday April 9 – **Tom Pacheco** (www.tompacheco.com)

Saturday May 1 – **Leonard Cohen Hoot Night** (performers to be announced)

Saturday August 21 – **St. Andrew's Variety Show and Silent Auction**

Friday September 24 – **Austin Lounge Lizards**



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Open Ears Concerts is a monthly concert series at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas. We strive to present both established and emerging artists, mainly in acoustic genres such as folk, bluegrass, world, and jazz. We are a family-friendly, peaceful, listener-oriented environment. We are located on Wells Branch Parkway, just west of IH-35, at the corner of Wells Port Drive. For more information, please visit www.openearsconcerts.com.

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