

Tom Pacheco – April 9



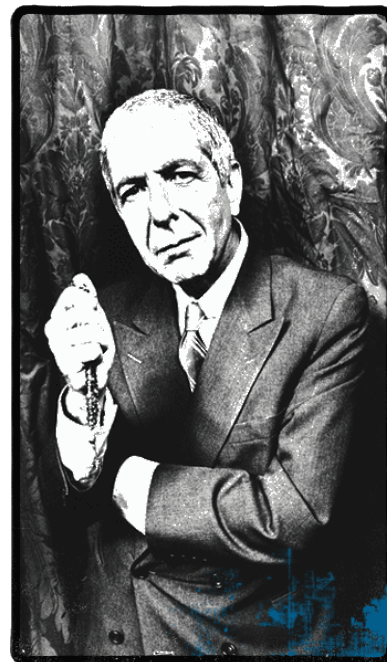
Matt Harlan opened with several songs from his new CD “Tips and Compliments,” which was number one on the Euro Americana charts for March and maintaining at number 3 for April (knocked out of first by John Hiatt). Watch for great things from him in the near future.

Tom Pacheco fulfilled and surpassed the promise of his legacy, providing nearly two hours of original songs, each one as touching and meaningful as the last. One listener commented “His songs tell great stories, and I miss that in a lot of current music.” Tom has a special gift for keenly observing the world, finding great stories in places where others don’t notice them, and then making great art from them in the form of songs. We all felt fortunate indeed to witness a master in action. To top things off, Mandy Mercier, a stalwart of the Austin music scene, provided fiddle and vocal harmonies on several songs, adding even more magic to the evening.

Leonard Cohen Hoot Night – May 1

For four decades, Leonard Cohen has been one of the most important and influential songwriters of our time, a figure whose body of work achieves greater depths of mystery and meaning as time goes on. His songs have set a virtually unmatched standard in their seriousness and range. Sex, spirituality, religion, power – he has relentlessly examined the largest issues in human lives, always with a full appreciation of how elusive answers can be to the vexing questions he raises. But those questions, and the journey he has traveled in seeking to address them, are the ever-shifting substance of his work, as well as the reasons why his songs never lose their overwhelming emotional force.

Songwriters the world over list Cohen at the top of their influences and inspirations. Several of these happen to live in Austin and will perform their favorite Cohen songs on Saturday May 1. Confirmed performers include Marilyn Rucker (our host for the evening), Jean Synodinos, Gary Feist, and Dennis Jones. Others may still be added. Doors open at 6 PM and the show starts at 7. Admission is free. A collection will be taken to benefit the St. Andrew’s Food Pantry, which provides food, showers, and comfort to over 200 families each month.



St. Andrew’s Variety Show and Silent Auction – August 21

Start dusting off those instruments and warming up your vocal chords! This is a time for one and all to experience the joy of performing, to support our friends, and to enjoy each others' company. We will again conduct a silent auction to help offset costs of the concert series and to continue improving the quality of the shows. Email us at info@openearsconcerts.com if you would like to participate either by performing, donating, or helping to collect donations.

Austin Lounge Lizards – September 24



Based in Austin, Texas, the Austin Lounge Lizards (www.austinloungelizards.com) have honed their music into a wicked-funny art form. They've delighted audiences from Texas to Trafalgar Square with their inventive style of satirical folk, country and bluegrass. Trademarks of a Lizards song are highly literate, sharply pointed lyrics that poke fun at politics, love, religion and the culture in general. Combined with superb musicianship that features precise four- and five-part vocal harmonies and instrumental mastery, the band's songs are as melodically infectious as they are lyrically prescient. Marilyn Rucker (www.marilynrucker.com), aka the Wicked Wit of the West, opens what promises to be an evening full of belly laughs. Doors open at 6 PM and the show starts at 7. \$15 suggested donation.

Sara Hickman – October 15

She is the 2010-11 State Musician of Texas, and whether she is performing for 5 year olds or fifty year olds, for fifty people or fifty thousand, Sara Hickman (www.sarahickman.com) is incredible. While we are a family friendly venue, this show will be for her adult music audience. The Flyin' A's (www.theflyinas.com) will open. Doors open at 6 PM and the show starts at 7. \$15 suggested donation.



Corinne West and Kelly Joe Phelps – November 12



Corinne West (www.corinnewest.com) and Kelly Joe Phelps (www.kellyjoephelps.com) are each outstanding artists on their own. Their new collaboration promises to be something very special indeed. Doors open at 6 PM and the show starts at 7. \$15 suggested donation.