

On October 17, Beaver Nelson treated us to a plethora of songs, from philosophical to spiritual to nostalgic to narrative to comical, and also enlightened us with many of the stories behind the songs. It was a wonderfully entertaining evening, and it was a pleasure hearing and talking with Mr. Nelson. We even got to hear one of his new songs from his un-named record, which will be out "sometime." *One Red Leaf* was a definite winner and fills us with anticipation for the rest of this record. Thank you to everyone who attended and to everyone who helped make it such a special night.

On Friday November 20 (not the 21st as previously reported), we welcome the esteemed Danny Schmidt ([www.dannyschmidt.com](http://www.dannyschmidt.com)). He played a split bill with Carrie Elkin back in January, and people liked him so much, we invited him back for a full show of his own. His songs are deep and poetic - at once personal and universal. They cover wide-ranging topics with a wisdom far greater than the number of his years. Add his adept finger-picking guitar style and easy but sincere delivery, and he truly is one of the greats of the singer-songwriter crowd. Rich Warren of Sing Out! magazine says "He is perhaps the best new songwriter I've heard in the last 15 years." Doors open at 6 PM and the show starts at 7 PM. Suggested donation \$10.

Local Cancer Survivor Bobbie James will host a benefit concert at St. Andrew's on Saturday November 14. All proceeds will go to the Lance Armstrong Foundation in support of its mission to inspire and empower people affected by cancer. Performers include **Lee Edwards** ([www.leeedwards.net](http://www.leeedwards.net)), **Vanessa Lively** ([www.vanessalively.com](http://www.vanessalively.com)), Texas songwriting legend **Tim Henderson** ([www.myspace.com/timhendersoncoal](http://www.myspace.com/timhendersoncoal)), and **Marilyn Rucker** ([www.myspace.com/marilynrucker](http://www.myspace.com/marilynrucker)). Admission is \$10 for adults over 12, \$5 for children 6-12, and free for children under 6. Doors open at 6 PM. The show starts at 7 PM.

Additional Open Ears Concerts scheduled for this season include:

- Corinne West ([www.corinnewest.com](http://www.corinnewest.com)) – December 12
- Carrie Elkin ([www.carriekin.com](http://www.carriekin.com)) – January 23

We are still working on shows for February through May, so stay tuned!

Also, on Sunday November 1, there will be a benefit concert and silent auction for singer/songwriter, Kerrville New Folk winner, and Kerrville Mainstage performer **David Llewellyn**. The benefit will be held at THE JOURNEY WAREHOUSE, 3009 Industrial Terrace, Austin, TX 78758. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. with the Silent Auction and reception running



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Corinne West – December 12

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from 5:30 to 6:30. The concert will begin at 6:30 p.m and will include **Tom Prasada-Rao and Cary Cooper, Christine Albert and Chris Gage, Michael Lille, Ed Miller, Grace Pettis, and Kim Miller**. Suggested donation at the door - \$15.00. All proceeds from the concert and silent auction will go toward David's Medical Fund.

Open Ears Concerts is a monthly concert series at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Austin, Texas. Our goal is to present a variety of musical performances in a family-friendly, peaceful, listener-oriented environment. For more information, please visit [www.openearsconcerts.com](http://www.openearsconcerts.com).



**Carrie Elkin – January 23**