



Montgomery Historical Society

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The Montgomery Historical Society is pleased celebrate it's 35th anniversary by announcing the lineup for the 21st season of its "Concerts By The Common" series. This year's series is an eclectic mix of traditional, Celtic, chamber and world music virtuosos.

On July 18th, at 8:00 p.m. Atlantic Crossing will make its first appearance in Montgomery. For over a dozen years, this Vermont band has been thrilling concert audiences with traditional songs and acoustic instrumental music from the immigrants who settled New England - music which has deep Celtic roots in the British Isles and in French & Maritime Canada - plus original compositions inspired by these traditions.

Join us on August 1st at 8:00 p.m. for the Eleva Chamber Players, also new to "Concerts by the Common"! Founded in Waterbury in 2006, with the mission of elevating the human spirit, this dynamic chamber ensemble will present songs for the violin from around the world, featuring composers from Austria, Germany, Poland, Colombia, Brazil and the Philippines. *"The excitement of the music-making swept up everyone in its path"* wrote Jim Lowe in The Time Argus.

The series concludes August 15th at 8:00 p.m. with a return appearance by 35th Parallel. Audiences cheered this group in 2007! They feature music of the Middle East, North India, North Africa and the Mediterranean, all locations on the 35th parallel. Musicians Gabe Halberg (Indian tabla and percussion) and Mac Ritchey (Middle Eastern oud and strings) are masterful. Says Vt. Music Calendar: *"You could travel the world over and not find better, more soulful players, right here in Northern Vermont"*.

Concerts are underwritten in part by grants from the Vermont Arts Council, the Eastman Foundation, TD Banknorth, and area businesses and individuals. All concerts are at historic Pratt Hall, a former Episcopal Church built in 1835, in Montgomery Village, VT. More information can be found on the Society web site at www.montgomeryvt.us/mhs.html. Call Lutz's Automotive (802) 326-4528 for tickets or purchase at the door. Season Tickets are available at a discount. Member and group discounts are also available. Pratt Hall is accessible to the handicapped.

Photos Attached:



Atlantic Crossing



Eleva Chamber Players



35th Parallel