

FRONT PORCH OPEN MIC



Some of the Front Porch Open Mic players in action.

learning and education



During COVID, Front Porch took place on Austin and Andree's actual front porch outside.

folk music is generally what people play, and of course, there is a lot of singing and harmonizing. There is a 'play and stay' unspoken rule so that those who play last have the same audience size as those who play first. Sign-ups are on a first-come, first-serve basis after the monthly email invite goes out. We usually fill up within a few hours.

Why did you start Front Porch Open Mic?

There is a tremendous need for more outlets for acoustic hobby musicians and singers. We were traveling to a similar community called HOOT in Berkeley for many years and said to ourselves, "Lafayette could use something like this!" It is amazing to us just how many talented individuals and small groups come out of the woodwork—people who have no place to play other than their living room. It's also a great opportunity for folks to connect with others and plan get-togethers in between shows to collaborate. We welcome all levels and it's always a learning experience for



the young and old alike. We've had performers as young as seven and as old as 85. For some, it's a first-time experience using a microphone or getting onto a stage and plugging in their guitar. But performers are always greeted with applause and stage support so they keep coming back and getting better and better!



Let's celebrate learning opportunities in the community!
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A Primer for Musicians

We spoke with co-founders Austin and Andrée Hurst about Front Porch Open Mic, a continual learning and growing community for acoustic music enthusiasts based in Lafayette.

What is Front Porch Open Mic?

Lafayette's Front Porch Open Mic is a playing and listening community for acoustic performers of all ages and abilities. It takes place monthly and attracts talent from Lafayette, west to Marin, and east to Danville.

Where is the "Front Porch"?

We're hoping to return to the big room at Lamorinda Music for our third season. Since the pandemic, shows have been hosted outdoors at our place here in Lafayette, with our front porch serving as the actual stage.

Who can play and what do they play?

Musicians sign-up in advance on the website, frontporchopenmic.com. Acoustic



Austin and Andree Hurst.



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