

CPS Community Performance Series
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Ninth Cania Family Visiting Artists

**AMERICAN
PATCHWORK
QUARTET**

Saturday, October 5, 2024 at 3:00 pm
Snell Music Theater ❖ SUNY Potsdam



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SNELL MUSIC THEATER
SUNY POTSDAM, POTSDAM, NEW YORK

Clay Ross	Guitar/Vocals
Harini (Rini) Raghavan	Vocals/Violin
Clarence Penn	Drums
Yasushi Nakamura	Bass

Harini Raghavan is performing in place of APQ member Falguni Shah for this performance

- Musical program will be called from the stage -

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FROM THE COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE SERIES DIRECTOR

Celebrating the 35th Season of Community Performance Series

Thank you for choosing to spend part of your day with us. It is truly an honor to serve as a connection point for our SUNY Potsdam students and regional community members to enjoy the work of brilliant musicians, performers and artists right here on these stages.

Sharing live performances together is a poignant reminder of how essential art and creative expression are to our collective human experience. As an integral part of this experience, your presence here helps create the energy only an in-person concert provides.

The work and intentionality that *American Patchwork Quartet* brings to stages around the country, remind us of the powerful way that music creates connection and bridges the divides so often found in our world today. I remain grateful to the musicians and artists who create spaces for us to connect to the world more fully, more deeply and with a humbling gratitude that grounds us in this one wild and precious life.

We hope you enjoy our culminating Fall performance and that we'll see you back at a one of the many fantastic events here at SUNY Potsdam. Thank you for keeping the enriching beauty of live music alive in our community.

With appreciation,

Vanessa N. Vaverchak

A note of special gratitude to CPS Founder, Sal Cania, as we celebrate 35 seasons of the Community Performance Series. I am personally thankful for his foresight, entrepreneurial spirit and continued mentorship. Thank you to Lisa, Sal and the entire Cania family for their unwavering support and generosity, which makes tonight's performance possible.

"It is the special province of music to move the heart" - Johann Sebastian Bach

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Grasse River Players will be performing three short scenes and a monologue as part of SLCCHC's 2024 Readers' Theatre!

Performances Include:

- "I'm Herbert" Directed by Carole Berard. Read by Jim Fryer and Jennifer Blewett.
- "The Last Can" Directed by Jeannie Blake. Read by Casey Sweeney and Vania Falen.
- "The Best Daddy" Directed by Casey Sweeney. Read by Ryan Hewer and Jeannie Blake.
- "The Mirror Within" Directed and read by Jeannie Blake.

Grasse River Players started in 1974 with a small group of theater lovers in Canton wanting to build an outlet for creativity. Now, fifty years later, this homegrown band of performers continues to bring community theater to the region. We are lucky to have the whole of the North Country as our theatre space – Pickens Hall, Edwards Opera House, The Russell Theatre, Remington Museum, college stages, churches, high school auditoriums, and restaurants. We produce musicals, plays, revues, murder mysteries, and readers' theatre.

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Concert Survey: American
Patchwork Quartet



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explore how your generosity can sustain and expand our programs.

Find her in the lobby after the show or reach out at:

315-267-2612 or vavercvn@potsdam.edu



The **SUNY Potsdam Alumni Association** is proud to welcome new members into the alumni family each year as our students graduate. Shared experiences at SUNY Potsdam and during the years following graduation keep our community strong, throughout generations and no matter the distance.

We love connecting with our alumni and friends!

Visit potsdam.edu/alumni to complete the **Connection Form** today!



Save the Date!

We'd love for you to join us for a festive evening at our annual Candlelight Concert and a warm **Holiday Gathering at the President's house** before the show. It's the perfect way to celebrate the season with friends and fellow alumni!

November 24, 2024

1:30pm to 2:30pm | Concert at 3 pm

More details coming soon!

Join us July 10-13 for Reunion 2025

Is your affinity group celebrating a milestone Reunion in 2025, or just looking to organize an event? Email alumni@potsdam.edu by November 1, 2024 to be considered for our Reunion 2025 schedule.



ABOUT AMERICAN PATCHWORK QUARTET

American Patchwork Quartet (APQ), led by multi-Grammy award-winning guitarist/vocalist Clay Ross, binds timeless American folk songs with jazz sophistication, country twang, West African hypnotics, and East Asian ornamentation. APQ's sound is a masterful confluence of tradition and innovation, transcending culture, politics, and ideology.

A southern-born roots music aficionado, Ross is also the founder of the world-renowned Gullah group Ranky Tanky. In APQ, Ross intertwines with other Grammy-winning artists: Falguni Shah, an eleventh-generation Hindustani classical vocalist, Moto Fukushima, an internationally acclaimed Issei jazz bassist, and Clarence Penn, a drumming protégée of Ellis Marsalis whose fibers were honed by African American church traditions.

APQ resonates as a potent symbol of unity in diversity. It stands testament to the notion that, from a collage of varied backgrounds, a coherent and beautiful whole can be fashioned. Mirroring America's cultural mosaic, APQ stitches together a story that's both intricate and resilient. The fabric of their music is genuine—it neither feigns tolerance nor presents an overly-embellished image of unity. Instead, each carefully chosen piece dives deep into America's patchwork soul and shares the joys, sorrows, and unwavering hope of a nation crafted by shared dreams and diverse histories.

Far from being a haphazard collection of musical scraps, APQ is a deliberately designed homage to America's past and a showcase of its dynamic present. It beckons listeners to meditate upon our shared identity and relish in the musical threads that bind us. Just as an intricately designed quilt becomes a cherished family heirloom, when the distinct patterns of APQ's music align in perfect harmony, the result is both a blanket of warmth and a timeless treasure.

For more info: www.americanpatchworkquartet.com

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Clay Ross is a 2x Grammy Award-winning artist and the founder of the Billboard chart-topping band Ranky Tanky. A native of South Carolina, Ross moved to NYC in 2002 and has since collaborated with artists as diverse as Gregory Porter, Snarky Puppy, and Bobby McFerrin. Winning multiple grants through the U.S. State Department, he has toured worldwide as a Cultural Ambassador.

www.clayross.com

Clarence Penn is a three-time Grammy Award-winning drummer, composer, producer and educator who works both as an in-demand collaborator and a leader of his own ensembles. With keen interpretations on global styles, he is a highly sought after and “inexhaustibly creative” drummer (New York Times).

www.clarencepenn.com

Harini (Rini) Raghavan, is one of New York’s great talents in Indian classical and film music. She is both a dynamic singer and expressive Carnatic violinist. Born in Chennai and trained in Indian Classical from a very young age, she moved to the United States to attend Berklee School of Music, graduating with a major in Electronic Production and Design. She has performed and recorded with Grammy winning artists such as A.R.Rahman and composed music for the trending Indian Netflix show “The Fame Game.”

<https://www.rinimusic.com/>

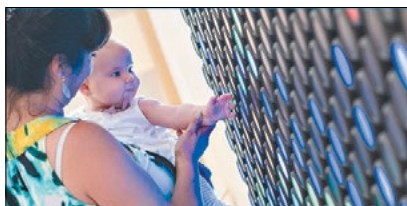
Yasushi Nakamura has been called “one of the most commanding voices on bass today” by Jazz-Blues.com and is known around the world for his imaginative melodies and solid blues foundation. Nakamura was born in Tokyo, Japan and moved to the United States as a child. He received a BA in Jazz Performance from Berklee School of Music in 2000, and was awarded a full scholarship to The Juilliard School for his Artist Diploma in 2006.

He has since toured the world and collaborated with artists such as Wynton Marsalis, Cécile McLorin Salvant, and Dave Douglas among others.

<https://www.yasushinakamurabass.com/>



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Artist Spotlight: Sandra Hildreth

DATES: Opening Saturday, October 12th, Meet the artist 1pm-3pm

Our October & November artist spotlight features prolific artist Sandra Hildreth. Her plein air paintings in oil and watercolor captures the natural beauty of our Adirondack wilderness, and will be on display and for sale in our Folkstore. Join us on Saturday, October 12th for a meet and greet with the artist at The TAUNY Center. Open through Saturday, November 30th.



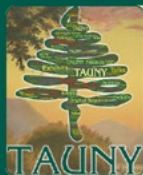
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DATES: October 1st - October 31st

TIME: 24/7

Featuring artist works: ceramics, woodworking, decor, barn quilts, and North Country experiences. Support Traditional Arts in Upstate New York and bid on unique items and experiences just before the holiday season of gift giving.

Register and bid at GALABID.COM/TAUNY24



Indian Samosas, Chutney & Chai

DATE: Saturday, October 19, 2024

TIME: 10a.m.-12p.m.

PRICE: \$30/Person, \$60/Family

Max 12 participants

Location: The TAUNY Center

Indian Samosas, Chutney & Chai with Geetika and Rajiv Narula. Back by popular demand, TAUNY is excited to bring back Geetika and Rajiv Narula for a demonstration of their wonderful Indian dishes!



Creatives Rebuild New York: Final Celebration

DATE: Saturday, October 26th

TIME: 5p.m.-7p.m.

PRICE: Free & Open to the Public

Location: The TAUNY Center

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An evening full of events and refreshments celebrating the work of TAUNY CRNY staff artists. We will hear a Dulcimer demonstration from Dan Duggan, Cassie Helman's exhibit opening and a special metal arts display by James Gonzalez.

Halloween Harvest Candle Making

DATE: Wednesday, October 30th

TIME: 6p.m.-7:30p.m.

PRICE: \$30 (includes candle to take home)

Max 10 Participants

Location: The TAUNY Center

Join Ginger Sweeney for a 90 minute workshop in which she will teach beeswax container candle making with all-natural, food-safe material. Participants will take home the candle they create at the end of the workshop.



Fall Folkstore Showcase

DATE: Opening Saturday, November 2nd

TIME: Folkstore Hours

PRICE: Free

Location: The TAUNY Center

Stop by The TAUNY Center to see our new holiday season store setup! As we shift from fall to winter, come browse new work from our featured artists and artisans with a new decorative layout.



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Location TBD

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