

The Organic (R)evolution Through Sustainable Fabrics with Harmony Susalla

Monday, September 18 at 7 p.m.

Textile history is full of scandal, slavery, child labor, pollution, and environmental degradation. By looking at cotton's sordid past, Harmony Susalla believes she has found a portal to its future. The mechanization of England's cotton mills in the 1800s helped launch the industrial revolution. Harmony believes the next textile evolution will hold the same potential as a catalyst for change.

In this lecture, Harmony will provide a brief history of the social and environmental impact cotton has had and where she envisions it leading us. She will share her personal journey which includes walking away from a successful career designing textiles and products marketed by some of the world's largest and best known companies to launching her own line of organic cotton prints.

Harmony will also share with the audience the process she uses to create her patterns. All of her prints are a direct result of the time she spends exploring and hiking the northern California coast. Her exquisite designs, derived from the geometry and patterns of nature, command instant attention. "The organic shift in fiber production is critical to our collective health. But this line isn't about guilt; it is about gorgeous!" states Harmony.

In her lecture she will share her inspiring journey of awareness coupled with personal action. \$5 donation requested.



Dame Cleo Laine & Sir John Dankworth Jazz Concert

Friday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m.



The excitement is growing as this fantastic concert by the legendary First Lady of Jazz, Dame Cleo Laine, and her husband Sir John Dankworth, British jazz innovator comes closer. The news that this fabulous voice will be heard right here in the Coleman Auditorium has tickets flying out of the box office.

Cleo Laine has performed many times in Carnegie Hall in New York City, and her recording, "Tenth Anniversary Concert at Carnegie Hall," won a Grammy Award. She has also been nominated for Grammys in the fields of jazz, classical, and popular music – an incredible feat for a vocalist. In fact, both *Newsweek* and the *Los Angeles Times* hail Cleo Laine as the "Greatest all-round singer in the world."

She has recorded with Ellington, Monk, Strayhorn, and Mulligan, to name a few. Dame Cleo made duet albums with Ray Charles and Mel Torme, and has included George Shearing, Mark Whitfield, and Joe Williams, among others, on her own recordings. The list is a Who's Who of twentieth century greats.

Her husband has substantial musical credentials of his own. In his native Britain Sir John Dankworth has been voted Musician of the Year as well as top composer, arranger, and leader of both big and small bands. His first trip to America included a week-long concert sharing the bill with Duke Ellington. He has served as musical director for Nat King Cole, Ella Fitzgerald, Oscar Peterson, and many others. In 1985 Dankworth founded the London Symphony Orchestra's Summer Pops, with which he was associated for several years.

Advance tickets are \$30, or \$35 on the day of the performance. Call the office at 884-1138 to get in on this incredible opportunity to hear one of the world's greatest voices in person. Visa and MasterCard accepted.

First Mendonoma Idol Finale

Saturday, September 2 at 7 p.m.

Don't miss seeing, and voting! in the big finale of the first Mendonoma Idol event. Finalists, who have been chosen from the preliminary try-outs, will be competing for prizes and performance opportunities. With two divisions participating, Junior and Adult, you will enjoy the singing sensations of our area from a wide cross-section of entertainers. Come cheer for your favorite, clap for everyone who shows such courage and talents. Show these people that you care and appreciate them by attending.

The event has been organized and sponsored by KTDE Radio (The Tide at 100.5 FM) and Gualala Arts and is based on the popular TV show – American Idol. The purpose of Mendonoma Idol is to find the newest singing sensation on the Mendocino and Sonoma Coast.

Tickets now on sale for the final performance contest are \$16 for adults and \$8 for children under 12. Seating is limited.