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TOWN HALL THEATRE ANNOUNCES FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL WITH LOCAL MUSICIANS

January 5th, 2024– In 2024, Front Porch Open Mic continues its partnership with Town Hall Theatre Co in Lafayette to offer **Front Porch Presents** – a one-night only folk music festival happening four times a year. This exciting collaboration brings together local acoustic musicians and performers for a showcase of talent that is both entertaining and inspiring. The series was a big success in 2023 drawing in several hundred audience members who enjoyed listening to the onstage and lobby performers. The first show in the 2024 series will happen at Town Hall Theatre on **Friday, February 2nd at 7pm**, with downstairs lobby/bar entertainment getting under way at 6:15pm.

Join us for **ALL 4 Front Porch Presents performances** this year at a discounted rate AND get priority seating, with a Front Porch Flex Pass!

Front Porch Presents, is a product of Front Porch Open Mic. The idea for Front Porch Open Mic came about when local musicians Andrée and Austin Hurst noticed a lack of opportunities for local musicians to perform in a supportive and inclusive environment.

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Town Hall Theatre and Front Porch presents: Folk Music Festival

February 2nd at 7pm

Five years ago, they decided to create a space where people could come together and share their love of music, regardless of their background or experience level. The name "Front Porch" reflects the informal and intimate vibe of the event, which takes place in the Hursts' own front yard in the spring and summer months and in Lamorinda Music's Big Room during the colder weather.

ABOUT FRONT PORCH OPEN MIC

If you're looking for a cozy and welcoming spot to share your music or simply enjoy some live performances, Front Porch Open Mic in Lafayette, CA might be just the place for you. Founded by country music bandmates Austin and Andree Hurst, this event offers a laid-back and friendly atmosphere where musicians of all levels and genres can come together and showcase their talents. Front Porch Open Mic is held on a regular basis, with upcoming events listed on their website¹. The Hursts believe that music has the power to bring people together and create positive change in the world. By providing a space for local musicians to connect and share their art, they hope to inspire others to do the same.

ABOUT TOWN HALL THEATRE

Established in 1944 as the Dramateurs, Town Hall Theatre Company is the oldest continuously active theatre in Contra Costa County. Town Hall Theatre (THT) was awarded Best Theatre Troupe 2016 by Diablo Magazine, Best of The East Bay, and is the past recipient of numerous Shellie Awards, and Theatre Bay Area Awards. THT is also home to an extensive children's educational program, twice voted the Best Children's Theatre Company by Bay Area Parent Magazine. THT's home is the historic Town Hall Theatre building located at 3535 School Street in Lafayette which is owned by the Lafayette Improvement Association (LIA).

CALENDAR Information for *Front Porch Presents: Folk Music Festival*

WHO: TOWN HALL THEATRE COMPANY & FRONT PORCH OPEN MIC

WHAT: Front Porch Presents: Folk Music Festival

DATES: February 2nd, April 5th, August 2nd, and November 1st of 2024.

WHERE: Town Hall Theatre Co (3535 School Street, Lafayette CA 94549)

TICKETS: \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door

<https://www.townhalltheatre.com/front-porch>

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