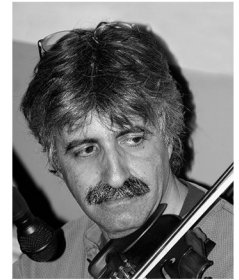
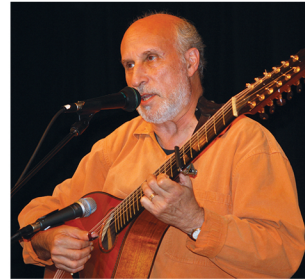


Christmas Concert

with The Upstate Celtic Allstars

*Featuring Claudine Langille, Dave Paton, Isa Simon,
Joseph Sobol and Ambrose Verdibello*



Come to a free Celtic Christmas concert at Amenia Town Hall Auditorium, Sat., Dec. 20 at 2pm -- a budding local Christmas tradition and a holiday gift from Town of Amenia Recreation

The upstate Celtic All-Stars include David Paton, a virtuoso on the hammer dulcimer and English concertina, whose ringing and reedy acoustic tones conjure up 19th century holiday celebrations. Joseph Sobol is a nationally known exponent of the contemporary cittern, a lush modern variant of a Renaissance ancestor of the guitar. Special guests this year include Claudine Langille on vocals, tenor banjo and mandolin. Claudine was a co-founder of Touchstone, one of the seminal American Irish bands of the 1980s. She currently leads Vermont's foremost Celtic ensemble, Gypsy Reel. Isa Simon is a brilliant young fiddler and singer who hails from Chicago and now calls New York City home. Ambrose Verdibello is a versatile fiddler and guitarist whose repertoire ranges from Irish to old-time to jazz. There will be sing-alongs to holiday songs and dance tunes both familiar and new, plus free refreshments at intermission.

Amenia Celtic Christmas Concert has been hailed by local press as "... more than just a musical event; it was a beacon of warmth in challenging times. The blend of Celtic tunes, holiday spirit, and communal joy served as a reminder of the power of music to bring people together, offering joy and hope in the heart of the holiday season."

Take a relaxing break from the Christmas shopping frenzy with some delightful Celtic Christmas music, courtesy of the Amenia Town Recreation Department. and the Upstate Celtic Allstars.

