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## Friday March 15, 2013 -TRACY GRAMMER on main stage

Tracy Grammer vaulted into the folk spotlight in the late 1990's soon after meeting and joining forces with singer/songwriter Dave Carter in Portland, Oregon. Since Dave's passing in 2002, Tracy has continued walking a musical path as the primary exponent of the music they made together, as well as recording songs drawn from diverse areas of folk and pop music past and present. 2012 saw the release of Little Blue Egg, a compilation of previously-unreleased Dave and Tracy recordings. Tracy combines her sublime voice with a solid command of violin, guitar and mandolin; her return to the LAFTA main stage promises to be a memorable celebration of "postmodern mythic" American music.

All shows start at 7:30 pm at the 7th Street Loft. Regular ticket pricing of \$13 for members, \$17 for nonmembers, students with ID are \$10 and children under 12 for \$1 applies with tickets online at [www.lafta.net](http://www.lafta.net) or at the door the evening of the performance. More information is available on the web at [www.lafta.net](http://www.lafta.net) or at 402-580-8656, the LAFTA phone number.

## The Stray Birds make NPR top ten list. Coming to LAFTA House Concert Friday March 22

When The Stray Birds take the stage, the spotlight falls on three voices raised in harmony above the raw resonance of wood and strings. It is a sound drawn from the richness of American folk music traditions, spun with a stirring subtlety and grace. From bustling street corners to silent halls, their performances speak to an uncompromising reverence for songs.

House Concerts are held at 4615 Sugar Creek Ct, Lincoln, NE. at 7:30 pm. Artist donation is \$12 with all proceeds going to the artists. For information, directions, or to reserve seats for House Concerts, please call 402-328-9844 or e-mail [nancyanderson1@windstream.net](mailto:nancyanderson1@windstream.net).



## Lied Center for Performing Arts Presents Susan Werner in Concert March 20, 22. Special ticket pricing extended to LAFTA members.

Called the "empress of the unexpected" by NPR, Susan Werner is one of the defining artists of modern folk music. After a sold-out Lied performance in 2012, Werner returns with an unforgettable concert of original works and captivating anecdotes. Appearing with Susan is special guest, Trina Hamlin. This show many contain adult content. The Lied Center is located at 301 N 12th St, Lincoln, NE 68508. Phone number is (402) 472-4700. Concerts are at the Lied Commons 7 pm, March 20, 7 pm, March 22 and 10 pm, March 22.

LAFTA members will receive a special discount by using coupon code **LAFTA** online at [liedcenter.org](http://liedcenter.org) or by mentioning the offer to the Lied ticket office: 402-472-4747. The offer is for \$13.00 adult tickets (to match your regular LAFTA member price) and is good for the **Wednesday 7pm or Friday 10pm** shows. Please note this is not good on previously purchased tickets and all fees apply. (A \$2.50 fee brings the total to \$15.50 when ordered).

## Snow Bound Rain Dogs Rescheduled for LAFTA Mainstage Saturday, May 11

The Rain Dogs are four talented musicians who have come together to share a love of American roots music. Creating a timeless sound all their own, they pay tribute to the old southern string bands and classic blues masters. Playing songs that have weathered the generations, the Rain Dogs perform music ranging in style from old time jug band blues and boogie-woogie up through the driving rhythms of early rock and roll. Working within a frame work of acoustic and resophonic guitars, washboard, bass, mandolin, piano & harmonica, the band covers material from artists such as Bessie Smith, Memphis Minnie, Mississippi Sheiks, Muddy Waters, Bonnie Raitt and Bo Carter, along with originals. Check [www.lafta.net](http://www.lafta.net) for more info.

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**Friday, April 19, 2013 - MATT and SHANNON HEATON at 7th Street Loft**

Guitarist/singer Matt Heaton and Irish flute player/singer Shannon Heaton have been making music together since their first meeting in 1992. Their shows mix traditional Irish tunes and songs with their own compositions that draw from both Irish and American roots. Their playing is masterful and inventive, their arrangements city-smart and spacious. Still, they never forget that Irish music is, at its heart, a neighborly form meant for sharing rather than showing off.

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**Friday, April 26, 2013, 7:30 PM - ANA EGGE House Concert**

Saskatchewan-born, Brooklyn-based folk troubadour Ana Egge isn't your run-of-the-mill alternative-country singer. Using unique production and rock-based chord progressions, Egge has made a name for herself as a Gillian Welch figure with a rocker attitude. Critics describe Ana as pure-voiced, an outstanding guitar player and evocative songwriter. Steve Earle stated, "Ana Egge's songs are low and lonesome, big square-stare noir ballads which she plays on a guitar she built with her own two hands and sings like she's telling us her deepest, darkest secrets."

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**Backyard Concert Friday, June 21, 2013, 8:00 PM -RITA HOSKING**

This California girl comes by her mountain-music sensibility with true authenticity, with original songs deeply rooted in her family's frontier experience. With an of-the-earth, gnarled voice that ranges from high and sweet to down-home and ferocious, she has a poet's way with words folks actually use, and an instrument that delivers the goods. Hosking has talent to burn.

This show will be an outdoor concert in Wooly's Big Back Yard (6115 Huntington Ave, Lincoln). Artist donation is \$10. Parking on street, wonderful big shaded back yard. Seats are provided but limited, so you may want to bring a lawn chair if you have one.



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**CONTRA DANCE**

7:30 pm first Saturday of each month at Auld Recreation Center. \$8 donation. For more information call 402-560-0108, or 402-476-2441 or check the LAFTA web site at [www.lafta.net](http://www.lafta.net).



**2013 PLAINSONG FOLK FESTIVAL**

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[www.plainsongfestival.com](http://www.plainsongfestival.com)



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