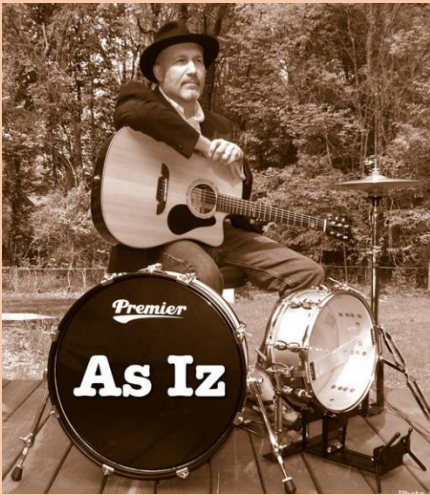


"Almost Unplugged" – an Evening of Acoustic Music at the Valatie Community Theatre

Lineup for Saturday, July 15th, 2017 at 8:00pm:



Israel Singer

Israel Singer is a musician/songwriter based in Castleton-Schodack, New York.

Izzy has been performing and composing since the mid-1980's. A multi-instrumentalist playing guitar, drums, bass and vocals under the moniker of "As Iz," he has released a number of self-produced albums since 1989.

Izzy was a top-ten finalist in the 2011 College of Saint Rose "Garage to Glory" competition, and has performed at such regional venues as Emack and Bolio's, Professor Java's, and Moon and River Café. He has hosted Schodack Island State Park's Open Mic series and performed at the famed Bluebird Café Open Mic in Nashville, TN.

Mr. Singer is the drummer for the local 5-piece rock band "Sub Slab", which has garnered air play on radio stations WEXT 97.7 in Albany, Radio Woodstock WDST, and Hits 95.5 FM in Warrensburg, NY. Sub Slab has performed in such venues as Albany's The Linda, The Low Beat, Pauly's, and The Dinosaur BBQ in Troy.

Izzy's set list includes many originals, as well as covers of rock n' roll classics and ballads.

Mary Ann Palermo and 1st Take

Mary Ann Palermo and 1st Take are a Jazz, Blues, Funk, and Pop Band. Featuring Vocalist Mary Ann Palermo, Stephen Dietemann, and Steven Elling.

This trio delivers powerful and soulful covers as well as original music sure to please the musical palate. They perform as a trio, as well as a full 6-piece band in many venues.

They are a powerhouse of talent sure to captivate and satisfy.



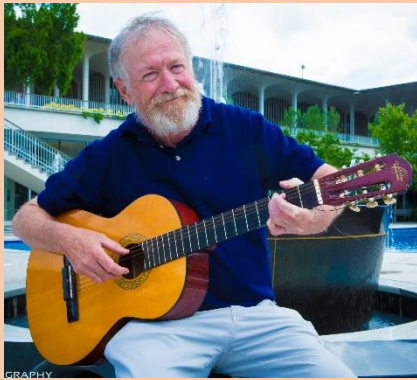
Andrew Wheeler

Andrew Wheeler is a NY-based blues & roots singer, guitarist and songwriter. Andrew's passion for blues & roots comes through in his performance of both vintage blues pieces and originals. Two-time winner of the regional round of the International Blues Challenge ('15 solo & '16 band), Andrew has toured regionally throughout the northeast and

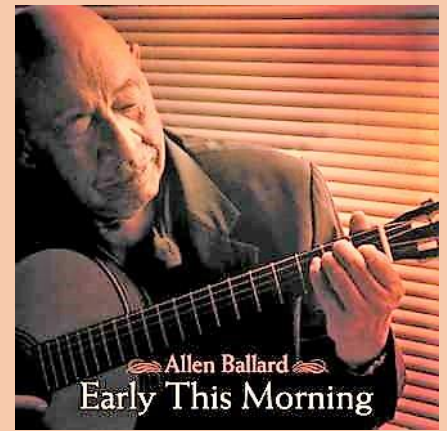
southern united states spreading the gospel of the blues, either solo or with his band. Wheeler also owns and operates the Blues Journey, an interpretive history lecture and performance highlighting the rich music of America from the Mississippi Delta to Chicago, and beyond.

Allen Ballard and Craig Hancock

Dr. Allen B. Ballard has recently retired from a long, distinguished career in higher education, most recently as beloved Professor of History and Africana Studies at UAlbany. His writing output includes two acclaimed novels, "Where I'm bound" and "Carried by Six," and a memoir. The music he plays and loves comes out of the living tradition of the black church.



Craig Hancock been a writer and musician his whole adult life, and within the last fifteen years has merged those interests as songwriter. He has been influenced by roots music in all its forms, by the singer/songwriter movement of his generation, and by the great American songbook. Whether in his own songs or in covers, he looks for the emotional center of a song. He has taught at UAlbany since 1989 and is currently director of Writing and Reading for the highly successful Educational Opportunity Program. He hosts the Malden Bridge folk Jam, meeting the second Friday of every month, first started by the late great Chuck Irose in the '70's. He has been on the board of the Valatie Community Theatre since a few years after its inception, currently serving as vice President.



Ryan Moag

Ryan Moag is an artist who is relatively new to public performance. For many years, Ryan has enjoyed music and songwriting primarily as a personal exercise. The recent release of his first album *World of Being* and the support of the Valatie Community Theatre have brought him to the stage for the first time. His approach to music as a therapeutic tool comes across in his bare bones songs focused on themes of intimacy and loss. Ryan is thrilled to have the chance to share what has been a largely personal project for many years, especially at the community theatre in his home town of Valatie. His music is available online for free at ryanmoag.bandcamp.com.

2 Blue (Amy Ryan and Richard Green)

Witnessing Amy's solo performances at open mic sessions in New York's Capital Region, guitarist Richard Green saw an opportunity to combine his own blues guitar chops with a gutsy female singer with the potential to lead a great blues band. An early iteration of a group came together quickly, a musical experiment successful enough that the Amy Ryan Band was soon born.

The past two years the success of the band has continued to build and included an appearance at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis this past January as representatives of the Capital Region Blues Network. Now Amy and Richard have extended their musical partnership melding together Amy's country blues mojo and Richard's urban blues and rock sensibilities into a new duo act – 2 Blue. With a repertoire that includes Amy-penned tunes, Richard originals, adaptations of Amy Ryan Band tunes and select covers, 2 Blue brings a great bluesy feel to the duo format.

