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City Cabaret Celebrates Its Twelfth Concert Season

GROTON - The schedule for **City Cabaret 2017** has been finalized. The twelfth season kicks off in January. Something new has been added – a fourth concert in April.

All **City Cabaret 2017** concerts are held in the City of Groton Auditorium at 295 Meridian Street in the City of Groton on Sundays at 3:00 p.m., January through April.

The **City Cabaret** concert series is co-sponsored and co-produced by Groton Utilities and the City of Groton Parks and Recreation Department.

The Mass-Conn Fusion Duo will kick off the City Cabaret 2017 season on Sunday, January 8, 2017. The Duo pairs the up-right bass, played by Jim Healy, with saxophone, played by Liz Healy. This unique combination separates them from the crowd. “All styles of music are fair game from Take 5 to Maroon 5,” the Duo says. “We enjoy bringing a sense of humor and a touch of class to all we do.”

Andy Sherwood’s Dixieland Jazz Quartet will perform its usual musical magic on February 19, 2017.

The quartet, an annual performer in the series, includes Andy Sherwood, playing the clarinet; Ian Franke on the piano; Tom Briggs on drums; and Bryan Rizzuto on bass.

Clarinetist and saxophonist Sherwood displays a style deeply rooted in the clarinet playing of Benny Goodman, “the King of Swing,” and Pete Fountain, “the King of Dixieland.” Andy grew up listening to these great clarinetists, eventually leading him to audition and win the position as jazz clarinetist for the U.S. Coast Guard Band. He retired from the band in 2009 after 24 years.

The OBrien Strings, a classical trio, will be featured March 12, 2017. **The OBrien Strings** plays everything from “Bach to Broadway.” The trio consists of Kate O’Brien on the violin, Lydia Leizman on the viola, and Christine Harrington on the cello. The group will play a variety of music, including classical and Kate Obrien’s original arrangements of popular, ethnic and fiddling styles.

Closing out the season on April 9, 2017 will be, **As Time Goes By**, a local community swing band. This musical group is an outgrowth of the Noank-Mystic Community Band. The group has been playing as a swing band for the past two years. If you like the music of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey and Count Basie, you’ll enjoy the band **As Time Goes By**.

Dessert, coffee and bottle water will be available for purchase from the Fitch High School Alcohol and Drug Free Party Committee.

The concerts are free. No alcohol is allowed. The concert info line is **(860) 446-4129**.