

Save the Dates – the Tinmouth Old Firehouse Fall Concert Series

The Old Firehouse Crew is delighted to announce its Spring Series. We have some amazing musicians performing on our small stage this Spring. We hope to see you at all of them.

What's the Old Firehouse Crew? Eight Tinmouth volunteers who do everything from sweeping floors to writing the publicity. That's why 90% of the donations go to the performers, with 10% to the Town of Tinmouth towards the cost of maintaining the Old Firehouse. Our regular folks know that we raffle off two free tickets for any future concert every time.

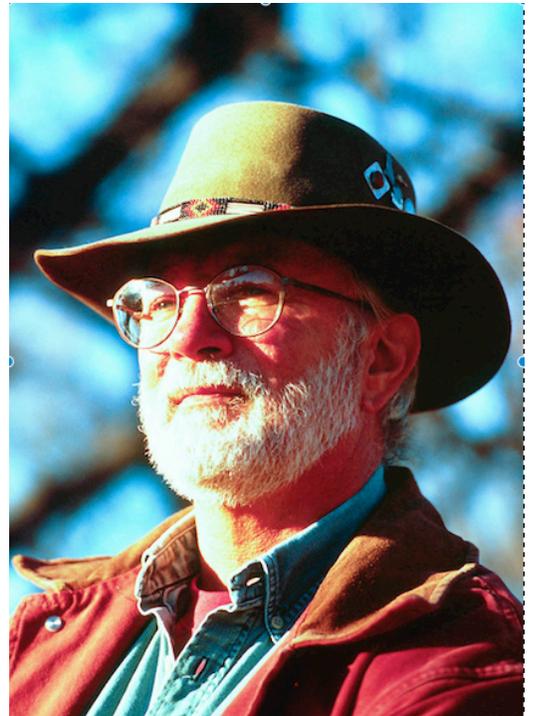
All concerts are on Friday nights at 7:30 PM in Tinmouth village. Doors open at 7 PM. The Old Firehouse is on Mountain View Road just a couple of hundred feet south of the intersection with Vermont 140. Suggested donation of \$10 to \$15; 90% to the musicians; 10% to the Town. Local groups provide refreshments. Your donations support their activities.

Bill Staines Opens The Old Firehouse Season

Bill Staines has been playing and singing folk music for 40 years. Most of the songs are his own, but many have passed into music history without his name on them. Bill's performance last May drew the biggest crowd in Firehouse history.

Bill's music is a slice of Americana, reflecting with the same ease his feelings about the prairie people of the Midwest or the adventurers of the Yukon, the on-the-road truckers, or the everyday workers that make up this land. Many of Bill's songs have appeared in grade school music books, church hymnals, and scouting campfire songbooks; he is one of only a few songwriters to have eight songs published in the classic song collection, *Rise up Singing*. Composer David Amram recently described Bill as "a modern day Stephen Foster...his songs will be around 100 years from now."

A performance with Bill has even more than his classic favorite songs. In 45 years of touring he has collected a marvelous inventory of funny stories, which he doesn't hesitate to share with his audiences.



Bill Staines will be the first concert in the Tinmouth Old Firehouse Concert Series, at 7:30 on **April 7**. Come early! If the house is full weather may not permit outside seating.

Alex Smith brings Adirondack Mountain Sounds to the Old Firehouse



Alex Smith grew up in Long Lake, in the heart of New York's Adirondack Park, and his music strives first and foremost to echo the people of that area. He builds songs from a blend of traditional folk harmony and strikingly modern lyrics, confronting today's most pressing issues with grace while paying homage to the masters who came before him. Alex is new to the Firehouse, but the Crew listened to his recordings and is delighted to be able to present him.

Smith's mother is a historian and his father is a writer and boat builder. Their influence is evident in his attention to detail: each of Smith's characters, though fictional, lives and breathes a balance between beauty and imperfection. His stories draw on the triumphs and hardships of friends, relatives, and neighbors near and far.

Alex Smith is the second concert in the Tinmouth Old Firehouse Concert Series, at 7:30 on **April 21**.

Patti Casey and Shady Rill Come Back to The Tinmouth Old Firehouse

The Old Firehouse Crew is delighted to welcome Patti Casey and Tom Mackenzie, performing as Shady Rill, back to the Old Firehouse in the Tinmouth Village National Historic District. The village may be small, in fact tiny, but it's officially historic. And we have fun with outstanding performers like Shady Rill.

Patti and Tom are two of Vermont's musical gems. Separately they have been entertaining folks around the country as members of many different groups. Together they explore everything from French Canadian dance tunes, to Tin Pan Alley, to Old Time Country, and a healthy dose of originals.

Patti is an award winning songwriter and her voice will melt your heart. Tom's banjo and voice are a perfect compliment, as the two of them weave their way through the many styles of traditional based songs and tunes. You will leave one of their performances with toes tapping and a smile on your face.

With careers that collectively span decades and richly diverse musical influences that stretch from the British Isles to deep Appalachia, Tom MacKenzie and Patti Casey breathe new depth and present a refreshing take on traditional acoustic music. They have delighted the Firehouse with their Banjo, Guitar, Flute, Hammered Dulcimer, Keyboard, Ukulele, seated clogging, and fine humor. You just have to see Patti play the flute while clogging in a chair.

Patti and Tom – Shady Rill - are the third concert in the Spring Series at the Old Firehouse in Tinmouth, at 7:30 PM on **May 5**.



Northern Flyer Roars Into Tinmouth With Bluegrass for the Old Firehouse

Four veteran Vermont musicians decided to combine their first-rate harmony singing



and instrumental expertise to form Northern Flyer. Two of them are veterans of that old favorite the Bluegrass Gospel Project. Their music rings with a hard-driving authenticity, full of the punch and intensity demanded by bluegrass fans. You'll see that they are not confined by the boundaries of the traditional bluegrass repertoire. Their shows will introduce you to original songs and lots of other unexpected material. Northern Flyer appeals to bluegrass and Americana fans, and to all fans of fine vocalizing and strong acoustic musicianship.

Northern Flyer will be the fourth concert in the Spring Series at the Old Firehouse in Tinmouth, at 7:30 PM on **May 26**.

Sky Blue Boys Return to Tinmouth's Old Firehouse

The Sky Blue Boys, long time favorites of the enthusiastic crowds at the Old Firehouse, have revived the tradition of "brothers duets". They have built up a large repertoire of wonderful old ballads, parlor songs, heart songs and sacred numbers. Heeding their own musical instincts they have expanded the accompaniment to include a variety of acoustic instruments and added many newer songs including several of their own compositions.

Willy and Dan have played together for decades. They formed the celebrated Vermont bluegrass band *Banjo Dan and the Mid-nite Plowboys* in 1972. But never far from their hearts were the sounds they learned to love long ago – the simple moving sounds of the early "brothers duets."



The Sky Blue Boys will be the fifth and final concert in the Spring Series at the Old Firehouse, at 7:30 on **June 2**.

While this will be the end of our Spring concerts, Fall at the Firehouse is already in the works. The Crew hopes to see you at every concert.

- The Old Firehouse Crew