




**1. Tribute to Shane MacGowan, Saturday
March 2nd, 8pm, at Mel Lehan Hall at St.
James (3214 West 10th Avenue)**

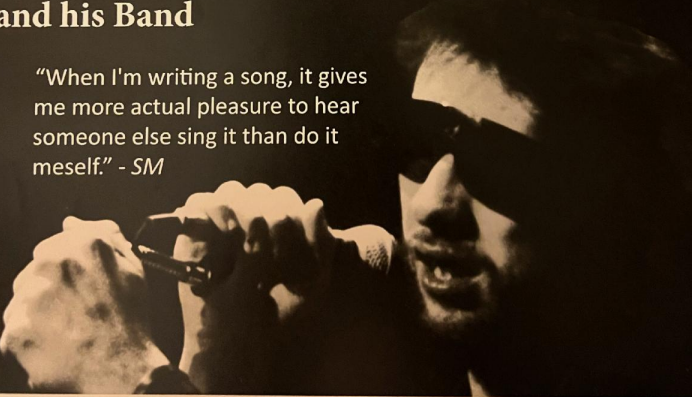
THE ROGUE FOLK CLUB PRESENTS
A TRIBUTE TO SHANE MACGOWAN



**Pat Chessell
and his Band**

**Sinéad X Sanders
and her Band**

"When I'm writing a song, it gives me more actual pleasure to hear someone else sing it than do it meself." - SM



Saturday, March 2 at 8pm
Live in the Hall and Livestreamed

Two Vancouver songwriters with strong Irish roots - **Pat Chessell** and **Sinéad X Sanders** - each bring an acoustic band to pay tribute to the recently passed and much beloved **Pogues** frontman.

[Click here for more information](#) and to purchase tickets. (If you bought tickets to the original - postponed - show on January 19th they will be honoured on this rearranged date.)



2. Aleksí Campagne, Sunday March 3rd, 8pm, at Mel Lehan Hall at St. James (3214 West 10th Avenue)



A son of **Connie Kaldor**, **Aleksí Campagne** offers a contemporary take on the time-honoured fiddle-singing tradition. He was a big hit at Folk Alliance in Kansas City last weekend. Don't miss his enthralling solo (OK, duo) debut at The Rogue!

[Click here for more information](#) and to purchase tickets.



3. James Keelaghan & Jez Lowe, Friday March 8th, 8pm, at Mel Lehan Hall at St. James (3214 West 10th Avenue)



Despite their different backgrounds, Canadian songwriter **James Keelaghan** and England's **Jez Lowe** have established a musical relationship of more than 30 years. Individually they put

on an incredibly intimate and compelling evening of stories in song. Together they weave their stories around humorous and / or poignant tales of life on the road and in the new reality of coping with war, the pandemic, and economic uncertainty.

[Click here for more information](#) and to purchase tickets.



4. The Arrogant Worms, Saturday March 9th, 8pm, at Mel Lehan Hall at St. James (3214 West 10th Avenue)



"Certifiably demented" - Toronto Star.

"These guys are too much fun for their own good" - Dirty Linen.

"Perfect showmen" - All Music Guide.

This rare chance to see Canada's beloved musical comedy trio **The Arrogant Worms** in concert is Sold Out, but you can still buy tickets to Watch At Home.

[Click here for more information](#) and to purchase tickets.



5. Get Back Unplugged, Thursday March

**14th, 8pm, at Mel Lehan Hall at St. James
(3214 West 10th Avenue)**



A couple of years ago I asked **Cam Wilson** (Van Django / Mad Pudding / The Wahs) and **Andy Hillhouse** (Mad Pudding / The McDades) if they would be interested in paying tribute to the anniversary of **The Beatles** rooftop concert which had just been celebrated in **Sir Peter Jackson's** feature documentary. They jumped at the chance and recruited Vancouver singer **LJ Mounteney** to augment the band for a one-off show at The Rogue. **Get Back Unplugged** was such an enjoyable concert that they reprised it last year, and even took it on the road around BC. We are delighted to bring them back for another evening of nostalgia, with their unique approach to genre-blending making it even more enjoyable!

[Click here for more information](#) and to purchase tickets. **Watch-At-Home tickets** can only be used at the time of the performance. Due to copyright concerns we will not make this concert available for later viewing.



**6. Dani Larkin | Twin Embers, Sunday March
17th, 8pm, at Mel Lehan Hall at St. James
(3214 West 10th Avenue)**



Come celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** with one of Ireland's most creative and original singer / songwriters - **Dani Larkin**. Her duo will start the evening with some compelling songs and brilliant fretwork on guitar and banjo.

Vancouver fiddle duo **Twin Embers** opened for Newfoundland's **Rum Ragged** last November. Their spirited musicianship and

fine singing made for the perfect rollicking start to that show. We are delighted to bring them back to close the evening with some fiery Celtic tunes and songs - west coast style (with a hearty east coast flavour, too!)

[Click here for more information](#) and to purchase tickets.



7. Imar, Thursday March 21st, 8pm, at Mel Lehan Hall at St. James (3214 West 10th Avenue)



This Glasgow-based band's crammed trophy cabinet includes several **BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards**. **Imar** (pronounced *ee-mah*, after a Celtic goddess) made their Rogue debut with a memorable concert back in 2019. Featuring the mercurial concertina wizard **Mohsen Amini** (who led Scots trio **Talisk** in that wonderful Celtic *rave* at The Rogue last September), the band also stars Cork piper **Ryan Murphy**, brilliant Manx fiddler **Tomas Callister** and fellow Manx bouzouki player **Adam Rhodes**, and Englishman **Adam Brown** on guitar and bodhran. Together they make some of the most exciting and creative sounds in the world of Celtic music today. They recently released their 3rd CD, **Awakening**. Come awaken your senses with Imar!

Tickets are selling fast...

[Click here for more information](#) and to purchase tickets.



8. Matthew Byrne, Saturday March 23rd, 8pm, at Mel Lehan Hall at St. James (3214 West 10th Avenue)



Without a doubt, Newfoundland's [Matthew Byrne](#) is one of Canada's finest traditional singers. In fact I would say he is one of the very best singers of trad songs on the planet. He adds his own compositions and exemplary guitar work to the mix, and his voice and stage presence fill any concert venue - or festival stage - with rich vocals, engaging banter, and brilliant, subtly minimalistic fretwork.

[Click here for more information](#) and to purchase tickets.



9. Van Django, Saturday March 30th, 8pm, at Mel Lehan Hall at St. James (3214 West 10th Avenue)



In pre-Covid times The Rogue presented an annual celebration of the musical legacy of ***Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli*** in a concert weekend or two we called **April In Paris**. Our first attempt to recreate this uniquely entertaining festival centres around Vancouver's finest gypsy jazz combo **Van Django** in their original line-up.

[Click here for more information](#) and to purchase tickets.



**10. Cara Luft & Shari Ulrich & Friends,
Friday April 5th, 8pm, at Mel Lehan Hall at
St. James (3214 West 10th Avenue)**





With ***The Small Glories*** taking a well-earned sabbatical, we invited **Cara Luft** to assemble a unique array of musical friends to celebrate her 50th year on the planet. She is touring across Canada with 50 unique concerts and this show is going to be absolutely fabulous! She will be joined by Bowen Island's Songbird North host **Ms. Shari Ulrich** plus **Suzie Ungerleider, Neil and Dave Osborne (54-40)**, and **Barney Bentall**, as well as ***a surprise star guest*** we have been commanded to keep anonymous...

[Click here for more information](#) and to purchase tickets.



11. Holly Near, Friday April 12th, 8pm, at Mel Lehan Hall at St. James (3214 West 10th Avenue)



The Rogue presents **Singer In The Storm**, an intimate evening of stories and song with **Holly Near** singer songwriter activist and cancer survivor extraordinaire. From the original cast of **Hair** to becoming one of the leading songwriters and enablers of the feminist movement, Holly's rich clear voice rang out warnings and cries for justice for over 5 decades. She will be joined by a pianist to sing a few songs and will read from her memoirs and tell stories of her life's work and passionate pursuit of equality, peace and justice. Tickets are selling fast ...

[Click here for more information](#) and to purchase tickets.



12. New Ticket Purchase Deadlines at The Rogue

Advance tickets for all our concerts are on sale **up to 2pm on the day of the show** (as long as it's not Sold Out, of course)

Watch-At-Home tickets are now on sale **up to 12 noon on the day of the show**. You can watch the show any time from anywhere for a number of days afterwards.

N.B. There are one or two shows which will not be streamed, at the request of the artists. We apologize. Nothing we can do about it. We have tried.



13. Folk Alliance 2024

I attended the 35th annual International **Folk Alliance Conference** last weekend in Kansas City. It was my 31st time attending. It is a unique opportunity to create a small town of like-minded musicians, presenters, DJs, festivals, agents, vendors, and other music lovers. There were over 2,000 performances with over 1,500 musicians. Some are official showcases in the larger meeting rooms and ballrooms of the host hotel between 6pm and 1030pm each day, and three floors of the hotel are given over to intimate performances in each of the suites. These run from 11pm to 2am or even later!

Amongst my highlights were:



Justin Adams & Mauro Durante - desert bues guitar (Justin played with **Robert Plant** for many years) meets the percussion, fiddle and voice of Italian tarantella (Mauro plays in the great Italian band **Canzoniere Grecanico Salentino**). A brilliant showcase! They played Cap U the other night.

Musique a Bouches - a capella quintet from Sherbrooke, PQ. Sublime harmony singing and captivating trad songs.

El Pony Pisador (The Prancing Pony) from Barcelona - a Celtic band singing trad songs in Catalan, sea shanties in English, Celtic medleys, Spanish tunes, and even Tuvan overtone singing. Wacky stage show too!

Ensemble Sangineto from Italy- twin sister (vocals, castanets, bowed psaltery) and brother (vocals, harp) team up with a guitarist / singer to create music from all around Italy with fun introductions and incredible harmonies.



Northern Resonance - Swedish trio playing 3 instruments, each with sympathetic strings: Hardanger fiddle, Nyckelharpa, and Viola d'Amore. Absolutely gorgeous soundscapes! Watch for them coming to The Rogue in September.

GOLD AND COAL



CASSIE AND MAGGIE

Cassie & Maggie - Nova Scotia fiddle / guitar duo who also sing beautifully Their new CD, **Gold & Coal**, is fabulous! They return to The Rogue in May

John Smith - English songwriter with a smooth voice and nifty guitar work. Has a new CD coming out next month.

Inn Echo - PEI based instrumental trio featuring BC fiddler **Tuli Porcher**. All original tunes, and exceptional arrangements.



Muriel Anderson - USA. She plays harp guitar, writes her own tunes and mixes in some well-known songs. All illustrated by accompanying slideshow featuring her husband's still and moving photography. Spellbinding!



Okan - Canada / Cuba. **Elizabeth Rodriguez** and **Magdelys Savigne** played songs from their latest CD, **Okantoni** as a duo on fiddle and percussion with a teeny bit of backing electronica. What a fabulous showcase!

Movie: Leadbelly - The Man Who Invented Rock & Roll. This is a fantastic new film! I hope it airs soon in theatres and on PBS or Knowledge.

There were countless other memorable experiences. Next year the conference will be held in **Montreal**. I will be there. Will you?



14. Other Shows Around Town This Week

Dawn Pemberton and CapU Jazz Studies Ensemble
Kenté, Friday, March 1st, 7:30pm, at BlueShore at CapU
Tickets: \$30 **Dawn Pemberton's** music has been described as vintage soul, inspired by early influences of legendary artists like Aretha Franklin, Etta James and Mavis Staples. While this dynamo may draw deep from artists with rich history, her style is distinctly her own. She has shared stages with the likes of Maceo Parker, Linda Tillery, the Sojourners, John Boutté, and Dutch Robinson. Kenté's forté is groove, achieved through an amalgam of double horns, double keys, and double guitars, along with bass, drums, percussion, and back-up vocalists. On the band's repertoire for this concert are tunes by Curtis Mayfield, the Beatles, and more, plus originals by Pemberton.

Joachim Cooder w/ Rayna Gellert, Friday March 1st, 7pm, Mel Lehan Hall at St. James Presented by Cubbyhole Artists. **Joachim Cooder** sings and plays percussion and electric mbira, with singer / fiddler **Rayna Gellert**. This is not a Rogue show, but will be really good! Tickets and information [here](#)



15. Radio Waves



On this week's edition of the **Saturday Edge On Folk**, 8am to 12 noon on www.citr.ca, I will take a look back at some of the musical highlights of last week's Folk Alliance International Conference in Kansas City. I'll also spin new music from the latest edition of **Songlines Magazine** as well as **ULC** (Denmark), **Altan** (Eire), **Tinsley Ellis** (USA), **Nordri** (Quebec), **American Patchwork Quartet** (USA), **Rant** (Scotland), and a bunch of songs from **upcoming Rogues** - and more! I hope you will tune me in and turn me on again!

The above photo was taken last Sunday in 25C sunshine at KC's River Square Mall. **Sean Boyd** is an old friend and agent from NYC. We have presented many bands from his company **Wooden Ship** over the years. Next one will be Donegal's **Henry Girls** in November.



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