

Holiday Fundraiser Live from the Sanctuary

A Concert to Benefit the Sidney F. Smith Toy Fund featuring The Bob Sparkman Trio
Sunday, December 13, 2020 @ 4pm

PROGRAM

Honeysuckle Rose	Fats Waller (1904-1943)
Blues in Bb	The Bob Sparkman Trio
Emaline	Frank Perkins (1908-1988)
I'm Confessin'	Doc Daugherty (1927-2015)
Struttin' with Some Barbecue	Lil Hardin Armstrong (1898-1971)
Two Sleepy People	Hoagy Carmichael (1899-1981)
Frenesí	Alberto Domínguez (1911-1975)
Jitterbug Waltz	Fats Waller
Exactly Like You	Jimmy McHugh (1894-1969)
Silent Night/Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town	Franz Gruber (1787-1863) J. Fred Coots (1897-1985)
Hanukkah in Santa Monica	Tom Lehrer (b.1928)
At Sundown	Walter Donaldson (1893-1947)
Undecided	Charlie Shavers (1920-1971)

About the Performers

Bob and Jerry met at the home of mutual friends in 1995, neither sure what to expect from the other. One chorus of blues later, any misgivings sparked by the pair's difference in age had evaporated in the joy of music making. They invited Kara to join the band in 2017, and The Bob Sparkman Trio was born.

Bob heard his first jazz record as a teenager in 1942 (it featured Muggsy Spanier with Rod Cless on clarinet). Inspired by those jazz luminaries, as well as the artistry of Louis Armstrong, Sidney Bechet, and the Condon Mob—Pee Wee Russell, Edmond Hall, etc., Bob started jamming with contemporaries Dick Wellstood and Ed Hubble and he has been making marvelous music ever since.

Jerry's Dad introduced him to the guitar and piano when he was five years old, and he quickly learned to play music of all styles. In addition to playing classical, jazz, and even rock n' roll, he is a prolific composer and arranger, and a music writer/reviewer for the Springfield newspapers. Since leaving Smith College, Jerry is accepting music students for lessons in piano, guitar, composition, and theory.

Kara is a professional writer, editor, and publications designer whose early musical influences ran more to John Denver, Carole King, and Willie Nelson. She got hooked on jazz in college and is loving the chance to play it with great musicians like Bob and Jerry.