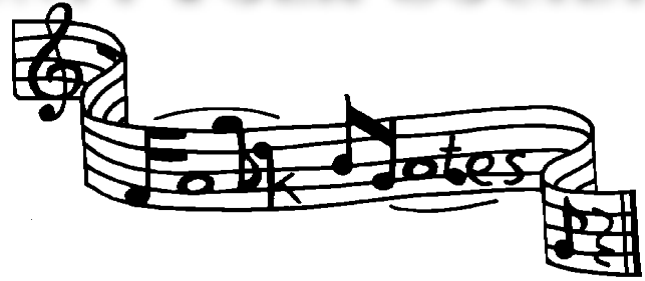


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Coming March 12, 2016**

**The Sonoma County Bluegrass & Folk Festival will be celebrating its 16th year this coming March 12, 2016. As usual it will be held at the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center on Morris St. in Sebastopol.**

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## 2015 Hardly Strictly Bluegrass, Review.



**Jim Harrington, Mercury News  
10/3/2015**

The scene -- or, if you prefer, vibe -- is certainly one of the festival's biggest draws. It's right up there with the price of admission (free) and a lineup that annually features dozens of incredibly talented country, blues, roots, rock and, yes, bluegrass artists.

This year's bill is no exception. Top acts include Michael Franti, Emmylou Harris and Rodney Crowell, Los Lobos, Flogging Molly, Boz Scaggs, Gillian Welch, Paul Weller and Joe Jackson. In all, more than 100 acts were scheduled to perform on seven stages over the weekend.

The festival kicked off in fine fashion on Friday, with strong offerings from Chris Thile's powerhouse Punch Brothers, guitarist-vocalist Marty Willson-Piper, multi-talented musician-producer T Bone Burnett, the soulful Sister Sparrow and the Dirty Birds, country music star Lee Ann Womack, folk singer Laura Marling and others.

Womack, 49, delivered what might have been the set of the day, charming the crowd with one twangy, touching tune after another. Her voice was pristine, sounding every bit as good as back in her commercial heyday of the early 2000s, and she said she was thrilled to finally make it to the festival.

With Womack winding down on one stage, Sister Sparrow and the Dirty Birds were flying high on another. The bluesy Brooklyn soul-rock act, led by Arleigh Kinchloe (aka Sister Sparrow), was a big hit with the crowd members, most of whom probably didn't know anything about the band before the concert. I saw Sister Sparrow have the same impact when the band performed in May at the BottleRock Napa music festival.

There was so much going on later in the day, I needed to split my time between a number of different stages, so I could catch a little bit of T Bone Burnett (who sounded great), Michael Franti and Spearhead (ditto) and Big Star's Third.

There was a definite buzz around Big Star's Third, which was an all-star tribute to power-pop act Big Star's beloved "3rd" album (also known as "Sister Lovers"). It was an ambitious project, featuring Big Star's own Jody Stephens and other rockers performing with a chamber orchestra featuring Kronos Quartet and conducted by Van Dyke Parks. Yet, the crew pulled it off fairly well. Plus, it was just cool to see and hear Mike Mills, who, of course, hails from the greatest American rock band of all time -- R.E.M.

The festival continues through Sunday, offering such recommended acts as legendary gospel troupe Blind Boys of Alabama, Oakland R&B-soul vocalist Fantastic Negrito and singer-songwriter Neko Case.

As usual, a good time was had by all.



## Review... Rosanne Cash and John Leventhal



**at the WFCFA / aka LBC, from Steve Hogle**

What a pleasant surprise!

When my wife suggested that we go and see Rosanne Cash at the WFC, I immediately had in my mind a full country band with all electric guitars, drums, back-up singers and a need for earplugs to help soften the blow.

Don't get me wrong, I do love country music-the country music we used to know, anyhow-and I have always liked Rosanne's music. As with many modern country singers, who knows where she could have taken her act by now? Was this going to be a crossing-over into the country-pop genre? The surprise was to come.

She was sharing the bill with John Leventhal, who I thought was an opening act. Never heard of this guy before. The surprise was still to come.

We took our seats in the hall and looking at the stage, there was one amp, a stool, two microphones and that was it. We figured John would open with a simple set and a change over at intermission to the big guns.

Not so, what a surprise when Bill Bower from the KRSH came out and announced that Rosanne and John would play one long set, no intermission. And the surprise got even better! The two of them and two guitars only. And it turned out that John Leventhal is Rosanne's husband.

To us it was a most magical and satisfying evening of being entertained by two talented and very audience friendly folks. Rosanne was warm, kind and at the top of her music. I never thought someone could make so much fine music out of one guitar as John did.

This was one of those rare live performances that we left afterwards with full appreciation and being truly entertained.

### More on the Tellabration...

#### Tellabration Storytelling Performance



**Saturday November 21, 2015, 7 pm**

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# The winners have now been announced for 2015 Unsigned Only Music Competition.



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Mark Rafferty passed away suddenly in August. He was a much-enjoyed and much appreciated co-manager for West Coast Songwriters Petaluma Chapter for 3 years, and was an accomplished singer/songwriter himself, having won many contests and accolades for his often wry and slightly bent songs. Writing and singing since the mid 70's, Mark was also known for his deeply moving songs. He was a well-known figure amongst many performers in and around the north bay, and a strong supporter of most of the local Sonoma County folk music scenes. He had an infectious laugh and a heart as big as all outdoors. He will be sorely missed.

## Occidental Center for the Arts presents:

Saturday Nov. 7 - 5 to 8 pm.

Jacob Green's Harvest Celebration Show. Acoustic blues singer/songwriter Jacob Green brings his One Man Blues Band and his fresh approach to old-school roots and blues to a farewell concert that will launch his latest Harvest-themed album. Eco-groovy performers Jon Gonzales, Coyote Slim, and the Traveling Marimba Busker will be sharing the stag



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From Colleen Hogan



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- 2 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups old fashioned rolled oats
- 1 1/2 cup all purpose flour
- 1 teas. baking soda
- 1 teas. salt
- 1 1/2 cup sweetened dried cranberries
- 2/3 cup white chocolate chips

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat together butter & sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs; mix well. Combine oats, flour, baking soda and salt in a separate bowl. Mix with creamed butter mixture in stages. Stir in cranberries and chocolate. Drop by rounded teaspoonfuls on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake for 10 minutes until golden brown. Cool and enjoy!



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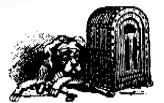
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