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Woodstock Folk Festival Celebrates Its 25th Year Claudia Nygaard in Concert

The **Woodstock Folk Festival celebrates its 25th year** a concert showcasing contemporary singer-songwriter Claudia Nygaard on April 18 at the Stage Left Café. The concert starts at 2 pm, with doors open for seating at 1:30 pm. Admission to the concert is a suggested donation of \$10/adults and \$7/seniors and students.

The Woodstock Folk Festival is delighted to welcome contemporary singer-songwriter Claudia Nygaard for this special concert to benefit the summer festival. Claudia's legs hang over both sides of that same fence between country and folk music that Guy Clark and John Prine have straddled. While her songs find their roots and rhythms in the Americana storytelling tradition, the melodies are passionate and emotional and the lyrics are vivid and descriptive. Claudia is a winner of the 2004 Kerrville Folk Festival "New Folk" Songwriting Contest. In 2009 Claudia performed on the mainstage at Kerrville. She was also chosen as one of the Emerging Artists showcased at the Falcon Ridge Folk Festival, and performed on Rich Warren's WFMT "Folkstage" radio show, which also airs on Sirius XM Satellite Radio. Her new CD, Let the Storm Roll In, will be released this year.

Dalis Allen, producer of the Kerrville Folk Festival, said, "Claudia has a talent for finding in a simple phrase the most excellent songs, where anyone else might hear nothing. I am continually amazed by the emotions she can evoke; from heart wrenching I cry every time, to a social statement, which could be a call to action or at least some inner searching, to sexy and funny that leaves everyone in the room delightfully, joyfully heated." Paul Barker of Barker House Concerts in Austin, Texas said, "I have been hosting concerts for 40 years and house concerts for the last twelve. I would have to say that Claudia Nygaard's house concert was one of the most personal and engaging of the audience that I have ever seen." And Nelson Slayman of "Folk at the Cannery" House Concerts in South Carolina said, "Claudia was a smash hit with our audience. Her songs, her stories, her charming wit, and her engaging personality combined to provide all of us with a wonderful evening of entertainment."

Come see this outstanding performer at Stage Left Cafe, 125 VanBuren Street, on the historic Square in Woodstock, Illinois 60098. Admission to the concert is a suggested donation of \$10/adults and \$7/seniors and students. Reservations are not required but they are suggested. To make a reservation call 815-479-9WFF(9933) or e-mail woodstockfolkfest@sbcglobal.net. Or, visit us on the web at www.woodstockfolkfestival.org.

Then, the celebration continues in July, when the Woodstock Opera House will present **Chicago folk legend Bonnie Koloc** on Saturday night, **July 17, Festival eve**, in honor of the Festival's 25th year. Tickets for the Bonnie Koloc concert will be available by calling the Opera House box office at 815-338-5300. Additional information will also be available on the Opera House web site, www.woodstockoperahouse.com. On **Sunday afternoon, July 18**, the Festival will present its **Ninth Annual Lifetime Achievement Award to Ms. Koloc**.

All of the events take place on historic Woodstock Square: the concert takes place at the Stage Left Café, which is located next to the Woodstock Opera House at 125 Van Buren Street, and the summer Festival is held in the park on the Square. Woodstock Square is located a few blocks West of Illinois Route 47, and is easily accessible from Routes I-90, 14 and 120. There is parking around the perimeter of the Square. Woodstock is also accessible via the Union Pacific/Northwest Metra Line, running between Chicago and Harvard; the train station is one block from Woodstock Square.

Woodstock Folk Festival, Inc. is a non-profit organization based in Woodstock, Illinois, about 60 miles northwest of Chicago. Its purpose is to bring quality folk music – local, national and international – to the McHenry County area. It is held on the third Sunday in July. The Woodstock Folk Festival is supported in part by grants from the Illinois Arts Council and Target.

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