



## **Sharon Knight and Winter in Concert** **at Kuumbwa Jazz Center**

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On Friday, April 26, Community Seed will present acclaimed musicians **Sharon Knight and Winter** in an intimate concert at Kuumbwa Jazz Center. The internationally-touring duo will bring their Celtic-infused "Neofolk Romantique" sound to the popular Santa Cruz venue as part of a special springtime performance. Also appearing will be bellydancer Faelan Shiva and percussionist Angus McMahan. Tickets are \$20-\$40, with discounts available, and can be purchased at <https://sharonknightandwinter.brownpapertickets.com>.

Bay Area songstress Sharon Knight is a Celtic folk singer in leather armbands. She plays octave mandolin as if it were an electric guitar and sings as though she means to summon a storm. With the nimble artistry of longtime collaborator Winter on acoustic guitar, the duo casts a musical enchantment that is both delicate and fierce. More information about the artists can be found at <https://sharonknight.net>.

"Sharon and Winter have built a loyal following on the Pagan festival circuit across the US," says Skot Colacicco, President of Community Seed's Board of Directors, "but their music has a much broader appeal. We're excited to showcase them for the public in a professional venue as part of our spring festivities."

As a duo acoustic act, Oakland-based musicians Sharon Knight and Winter have released "Incantation" (1996), "Song of the Sea" (2005), and "Neofolk Romantique" (2013). As the core of a progressive folk metal band they have released the self-titled "Pandemonaeon" (2001), "Temple of Dreams" (2003), and "Dangerous Beauty" (2010). Their most recent album, "Portals" (2016), includes a full-length video for its featured song, "Porcelain Princess". In addition, the team produces HEXENFEST, Northern California's only outdoor Pagan performing arts festival.

Also appearing will be **Faelan Shiva**, a dynamic belly dance fusion artist and teacher. She is the founder of Trillium Belly Dance Studio in Santa Cruz and leads the Satinka Belly Dance troupe. Her work honors the roots of belly dance with traditionally-inspired movement, while also embracing modern artistic interpretation with new, original choreography. **Angus McMahan** will join the performers on congas and percussion. Bay Area music fans may remember him from the "sorta-blues" band Quazimojo; more recently, he appeared with Faelan Shiva, and with Sharon Knight and Winter, at PantheaCon in San Jose.

This one-night-only concert is presented by Community Seed as part of its annual Beltane celebration. Community Seed is a Santa Cruz-based nonprofit organization that provides the local Pagan community with opportunities to gather, learn and celebrate.

<b>WHAT:</b>	<b>Sharon Knight and Winter in Concert</b>
<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>Friday, April 26, 2019. Doors open at 7:00 pm; performance at 7:30 pm.</b>
<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>Kuumbwa Jazz Center, 320-2 Cedar Street, Santa Cruz, CA</b>
<b>HOW MUCH:</b>	<b>\$20-\$40. Discounts available for students, educators, seniors, and groups.</b>
<b>FOR TICKETS:</b>	<b>Online at <a href="https://sharonknightandwinter.brownpapertickets.com">https://sharonknightandwinter.brownpapertickets.com</a>, by phone at 1-800-838-3006, or purchase at the door. Seating is limited.</b>

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