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The Cabot Announces New Shows For The Porch Sessions

Chris Smither, Mark Erelli, Stephen Kellogg to perform at Hale Farm

(Beverly, MA – August 19, 2020) The Cabot is excited to announce new performances for ‘The Porch Sessions at Hale Farm’ series: Chris Smither will be performing on Friday, September 4th at 6:00pm; Mark Erelli will be performing on Friday, September 11th at 6:00pm; and Stephen Kellogg will be performing on Friday, September 18th at 5:30pm. Tickets are on sale on Friday, August 21st at 10:00am.

The Porch Sessions presented by The Cabot at Hale Farm is located at 39 Hale Street in downtown Beverly. Hale Farm was home to many generations of the Hale family and was once 100 acres that reached the ocean. It now stands as a one acre green space just steps from Cabot Street and the waterfront, and is owned and operated by Historic Beverly. The series is sponsored by the Loring Family, friends of The Cabot and Historic Beverly. Proceeds from the Porch Sessions concerts will go to support The Cabot's reopening and Historic Beverly.

Social distancing measures will be in place and ticketing will be limited to 40 people, with tables spaced over six feet apart. Patrons will be required to complete a COVID questionnaire and wear a mask when entering and exiting the venue, as well as when not at their table. The Cabot will be serving summer beer selections from Newburyport’s Riverwalk Brewing Co, as well as wine and bottled water. Boxed dinners and appetizers will be served by Root, a North Shore non-profit whose mission is to help young adults create a pathway to independence through food service training and employment.

Honing a synthesis of folk and blues for 50 years, Chris Smither is truly an American original. Reviewers and fans from around the world, including Rolling Stone and The New York Times, agree that Chris continues to be a profound songwriter, a blistering guitarist, and intense performer as he draws deeply from the blues, American folk music, modern poets and humanist philosophers.

New England-based multi-instrumentalist Mark Erelli’s two decade career highlights include 11 solo albums, stints accompanying Josh Ritter, Paula Cole and Anais Mitchell, and a pair of
records he produced for GRAMMY-winning songwriter Lori McKenna. His newest album *Blindsided* was released in March of this year.

Over the last decade, New England native Stephen Kellogg has performed more than 2,000 concerts around the world, raised thousands of dollars for causes close to his heart, been named Armed Forces Entertainer of the Year, and penned singles for artists like platinum selling rock band O.A.R and American Idol winner Nick Fradiani.

Tom Rush and comedian Juston McKinney have performed as part of The Porch Sessions this month; Jacyn Tremblay and Scott Tarulli will be exploring some of the best female voices and songwriters in the pop style with “A Celebration of Women in Popular Music,” this Friday to a sold out crowd. Jesse Dee will be performing next Friday, August 28th to another sold out crowd.

More artists will be announced for The Porch Sessions in the coming weeks. More information about The Porch Sessions can be found at thecabot.org/porchsessions. A full schedule can be found below:

**A Celebration of Women in Popular Music Featuring Jacyn Tremblay & Scott Tarulli**
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*SOLD OUT*

**Jesse Dee**
Friday, August 28th at 6:00pm
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**About The Cabot**
For a century, The Cabot in Beverly has been a local treasure, a dream palace at the heart of the downtown, and a welcoming gathering place for generations of North Shore residents. Originally known as The Ware, this opulent,
neoclassical-style theater was built in 1920 by the renowned architectural firm Funk & Wilcox. Originally used for vaudeville shows and silent movies, it was later owned by the movie chain E.M. Loews. In 1976, The Cabot was purchased by Le Grand David and his own Spectacular Magic Company, and for the next 36 years was home to this world-famous magic show. The Cabot is now being transformed into a 21st century venue for audiences of all ages, with nationally recognized live performers, current and classic movies and community events. Since its reopening in November 2014, The Cabot is once again a vital part of the North Shore’s artistic life. The Cabot is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2020. visit https://thecabot.org.