

THE VILLAGE TRIP™

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AWARD WINNING SINGER-SONGWRITER CHRISTINE LAVIN HOSTS THE VILLAGE HOOT - A CELEBRATION OF THE NEW YORK FOLK REVIVAL AND ITS ENDURING HERITAGE, AT THE BITTER END

Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2021: A folk-rock concert showcasing some of the city's most beloved performers will close the third annual Village Trip arts festival (www.thevillagetrip.com) on Sunday, Sept. 26. Now something of a tradition, The Village Trip Hoot, as it's affectionately known, will be hosted by Christine Lavin and feature an array of musicians including Dave Buskin and Robin Batteau, David Massengill, and Hannah Reimann, with special guest David Amram, The Village Trip Artist Emeritus.

The concert will take place at The Bitter End, the legendary club where Stevie Wonder, Bob Dylan, Neil Diamond, Jackson Browne, Lady Gaga, and Nora Jones have performed. "Few of the other clubs that were crucial to the Village, part of its lifeblood – remain," says Liz Thomson, the British-born founder, and Executive Producer of The Village Trip, who fell in love with Greenwich Village through folk music. "It is an honor to close The Village Trip at Paul Rizzo's Bitter End, which this year marks its 60th birthday."

Christine Lavin, who has been called "wildly entertaining" by *The New Yorker* and "a fresh kick in the pants" by the late Paul Newman, will bring her usual humor to the task of emceeing the event. Lavin has released 25 albums and bridges generations of performers who have made Greenwich Village such an important creative hub. Grammy-winning singer Janis Ian has likened the Village to Florence during the Renaissance. Almost exactly 60 years ago, *New York Times* critic Robert Shelton wrote a review of a wannabe named Bob Dylan at Gerdes Folk City, launching a career and bringing the sounds of the folk revival into living rooms around the world.

The Bitter End concert celebrates the folk music continuum, the crisscrossing of many lives of singer-songwriters whose careers were made in Greenwich Village. Joni Mitchell was another emerging talent lauded by Shelton in *The New York Times*. Following the Village Hoot, Mitchell's creative legacy will be honored by Hannah Reimann, who will be joined by Michele Temple to perform music from Mitchell's album *Blue*, which was released 50 years ago.

This year's Village Trip includes some 30 events featuring more than 50 performers. In addition to folk, rock, jazz and classical concerts, The Village Trip features a rich

program of walks and talks exploring aspects of Greenwich Village history from LGBTQ figures such as Larry Kramer to the production design of *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*. David Amram himself will lead a walking tour through 65 years of Village history.

Here's a link to the full festival lineup: <https://www.thevillagetrip.com/program/>

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