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MUSIC CONCERT ANNOUNCEMENT

March 19, 2005 — 8:00 pm

The **Folk Music Society of Huntington's Hard Luck Café** will present two performers:

DAVE ISAACS

Dave Isaacs is the kind of versatile and idiosyncratic artist that drives purists mad. A classically-trained guitarist with an affinity for old-time mandolin, the stomp and groove of swamp blues, the electric energy of classic guitar rock and the lithe phrasing of flamenco and gypsy swing, Isaacs' kaleidoscope of influences swirl together into an instantly accessible style that defies easy categorization.

A 1993 graduate of New York City's prestigious Manhattan School of Music, Dave turned his attention to songwriting when repetitive strain injury derailed his plans for a career as a concert classical recitalist. Best-known as leader of Jackalope Junction, the acclaimed New York-based country rock group, Dave Isaacs has been called "a master musician" and "a natural-born storyteller."

Isaacs' 2003 solo CD *Prodigal Son* received an enthusiastic response from radio, and his 2004 CD *Flying* is ten instrumentals performed entirely on Parker Fly guitars that weave through jazz, rock, Latin, Celtic, and ambient sounds, tied together by Isaacs' diverse musical vision. His virtuoso abilities as a guitarist are anchored by finely developed songcraft, a classical musician's melodic sense and a jazzman's improvisational spirit.

His debut visit to the Hard Luck Café will anchor a terrific evening of music.



DAVE ISAACS

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WILLOW — *Women Singing!*

A Women's a Capella Group — Songs for all Occasions

In October of 1998, Willow was begun. A workshop sponsored by the Women's Group of the local UU church provided the impetus. By the end of a day together, they knew the time had come for them to sing out.

Over their six years they have grown into an interfaith ensemble — working together ... playing together ... and performing. Since their inception, they have discovered the joy of creating something beautiful — music and harmony — that is both empowering and life-affirming. They build a bridge of music and cross it with a song of joy; they carry this joy to concert venues. Their repertoire includes works from Michael Praetorius to the Beatles, from sacred music to folk, from African chants, to Hebrew rounds.

Their Director is Farah Chandu, one of their number who stepped forward to arrange much of their music and direct the efforts to perfect and perform it. Her expertise belies her youth and exuberance. Willow's members are drawn from several towns in the counties of Queens, Nassau and Suffolk; they range in age from 35 to 70 plus, and come from several faith traditions. Their love of singing brought them together — their joy in performing will be seen on this special night on our Hard Luck Café stage.

Concert at 8 pm, at the Congregational Church of Huntington, 30 Washington Drive, Centerport (just off 25A).

An "open mike" segment will precede the main concert. All are welcome at the open mike; with sign up before 7:50 p.m.

Refreshments, including home baked goods, will be available the entire evening.

General admission for this event is \$8, with \$6 for members and \$7 for seniors. For more information regarding this event please call **(631) 661-1278**.

More information about the Folk Music Society of Huntington and our concerts are available at: <http://fmshny.org>