

Nelson T. French, President Rocky Wall Productions

## An Idea for Live Music in Silver Bay

The purpose of Rocky Wall Productions is:

- To present affordable, educational, and entertaining musical events to adults and children in the City of Silver Bay, on Lake Superior's North Shore and in the North Country;
- 2. To produce high quality live music concerts and events in the City of Silver Bay, on Lake Superior's North Shore and in the North Country featuring the best of Americana Music;
- 3. To produce annual free outdoor summer music series in the City of Silver Bay, MN; and,
- 4. To provide resources to assist in the design and construction of an outdoor performance stage in Silver Bay, MN.

# Rocky Wall Productions

Appreciation of fine Americana artists and live music performance.

2021 Music In the Park Concert Series

Free Concerts - Open To The Public

City Center Park Silver Bay Municipal Liquor Lounge William Kelley High School Auditorium



Rocky Wall Productions Music In The Park Concerts

In Appreciation of Live Music

2021 5 Concerts

1,500 Total Attendance

Bringing Regional and National Musicians To Silver Bay

Free Public Events

Putting Silver Bay On The Entertainment Map on the North Shore

enough to just play the notes, Or sing the words. Or hear the song for it to Mean Something, You have to feel the Music Because if you don't feel it... How (an anyone else???



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### Sam Miltich - Clearwater Hot Club August 13, 2021 City Center Park

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### am Miltich and The Clearwater Hot lub kick off 2021 Silver Bay Music in le Park Concert Series

bcky Wall Productions is pleased to annce that Grand Rapids, MN based Sam tich and the Clearwater Hot Club will kick the 2021 Silver Bay Music In The Park cert Series on Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at City ter Park in downtown Silver Bay (near er Bay City Hall) with a FREE outdoor cert. The music will start promptly at 7 pm.

he Clearwater Hot Club is a dedicated to erving the repertoire and instrumentation le Jazz Manouche style pioneered by Roma guitarist Django Reinhardt. Much of the rtoire played in this group are songs eiperformed or written by Django hardt, though other styles of music such rench Musette, Brazilian choro, and East-European folk music are interpreted ugh the musical lens and technique of the Manouche style. In recent years Sam ich has written original works of music in jazz manouche style, giving credence to roots and traditions of the music while ging a fresh new voice to it.

he instrumentation typically consists of ei-Macaferri style-acoustic (a uniquely concted French style guitar employed by ngo Reinhardt) or arch-top lead guitar, astic rhythm guitar, lead violin or clarinet on some occasion's saxophone, and ns. The group typically plays with an all-

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acoustic string ensemble, of guitar, violin, upright bass. When clarinet is a featured l instrument, the group may also incorpor drums into the ensemble, much like what known as Django Reinhardt's "War-Ti Quintet" during the 1940's when he used cl net in the group emulating the sounds com from Benny Goodman in America, while and his musical companion, violinist, Steph Grappelli were separated during World VI

Sam Miltich is a self-taught jazz guita born and raised in the woods of northern N nesota. Sam burst on the scene in his teem a young lion of gypsy jazz, joining P Mehling's Hot Club of San Francisco and to ing internationally with the world-renow Robin Nolan Trio. Sam's fluid and instinct sound has graced hundreds of stages, fi small town bars on the Iron Range to Linc Center.

Rocky Wall Productions was formed in June and has hit the ground running. The 20 SILVER BAY MUSIC IN THE PARK CC CERT SERIES is sponsored by a gener grant from Lovin' Lake County and assista from Best of the North Shore.

Bring a chair or a blanket and enjoy Mu In The Park!



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350 folks attended the 2021 Silver Bay Music In The Park Concert Series kick-off event



Monroe Crossing August 20, 2021 City Center Park





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In 2007, Monroe Crossing was inducted into the Minnesota Music ed, their Hall of Fame. They have twice been selected to showcase at the ce for a e original annual World of Bluegrass convention hosted by the International dle & lead Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) and they have appeared twice at Carnegie Hall in New vocals). & lead vo-York City. In 2016, Monroe Crossing had the honor of being & backthe first Minnesota bluegrass band 12 and to perform in South Korea.

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Monroe Crossing has recorded

17 CDs to date. The band's disin bluegra cography consists of: traditional & original bluegrass, three bluegrass gospel recordings, a tribute to Bill Monroe, a collection of Classic Country, two Christmas recordings, and two collaborations with the award winning choir Vocal Essence.

City Center Park (next to City Hall) in Silver Bay, 7:00 PM - 8:30

Whether playing traditional bluegrass, original bluegrass or some surprising songs outside the bluegrass genre, Monroe Crossing is one of the most entertaining acts

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Monroe Crossing scheduled to perform Friday, August 20th at Music in the Park F

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Over 550 folks attended the 2021 Silver Bay Music In The Park Monroe Crossing Concert



Sarah Burton Concert September 10, 2021 City Center Park

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Sarah Burton continues a strong tradition of pop songwriting infused with a heatty dose of folk, and Americana... her music carries a "New Age West" label. She posesses a strong vocal instrument, capable of a wide range from breathy and silky smooth to rough around the edges and back again.

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SEPTEMBER 10 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

SARAH BUR



Photo courtesy Donald J. Olson ky Wall Productions is Want, Sarah premiers a to announce that Canavignette of new age wild orn and Terlingua, TX west songs about internet singer-songwriter Sarah dating, crazy exes, getting n will be performing a older and feeling like evlive concert on Friday, Seperyone around you is in 10th, at City Center Park love and you're not. pm in Silver Bay City While Canadian-born Park near City Hall. singer-songwriter Sarah Burton originally reloon's career started in 2006 broken heart, a brokencated to the US for exvan, and a haphazard tour panded career opportuni-Canada in a van named ties, she says she had an This set the tone for an ulterior motive. "All of us ife driven by adventure, Canadians who go south neity, and a desire to conhave a warm spot for ith people from all walks of warmth" she laughs. Burton embraces the Minivans, and several greytrips later, Sarah has heat in Terlingua, TX. The on average, 150 shows a

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far-flung desert town celebrates eccentricity; in the recent past, a beer-swilling goat was elected mayor. "It's pretty wild" Burton says. This weird juxtaposition of a small town with a vibrant nightlife, filled with music, culture, art and crafts.' Burton notes that in alternative

eets along the way. Her rock and pop music, female reprehave made their way to the sentation is on the rise. She is diseen, earned college radio mayed that country music and the g in US and Canada and Americana genre remain malercial radio play in Canada dominated, "1 went to the Americana Fest last year and there were Burton, who draws her a lot of great female nominees and representation on stage, but they

tion from the likes of Tom and Loretta Lynn, is no didn't win." she says. "They were mer to the world of recordnominated, but the Americana votperforming. With her fifth ers chose more men. It sucks that album, Give Me What 1 it has to be the women's music

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many festivals across

rock and country -

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Rooted in folk, and skirt-

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See Sarah Burton on Stage Friday, September 10, Silver Bay City Center Stage. (Submitted photo)

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scene versus the men's music scene. I wish there was a music scene where people were represented according to skill and awesomeness, Awesomeness indeed: An au-

thentic, inspired artist, Burton has clearly paid her proverbial dues. On her title track, "Give Me What I Want." to the reverberant accompaniment of a plaintive steel guitar, she sings a droll plea to the heavens for a romantic reward. "It's taken me all of these years to realize that if you want something you have to ask for it" she concludes Burton is no stranger to Silver

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Over 250 folks attended the 2021 Silver Bay Music In The Park Sarah Burton Concert



Courtney Yasmineh Band September 24, 2021 Silver Bay Municipal Liquor Lounge





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### **Courtney Yasmineh Band - Red Roses and Cowgirl Dreams** Tour Descends on Silver Bay

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, pop and soul. It's a deep, oned well she urgently draws

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cert on Friday, September , at 7:00 pm in Silver Bay's

"I am thrilled and grateful to be invited up for such a special Music In The Park Concert in Silver Bay," said Courtney Yasmineh, "I'll be playing as a trio with Rob Genadek and Chad Mittag, we are all very psyched for the show."

Yasmineh is an accomplished songwriter, independent touring and recording artist, and published author. She has fourteen European tours under her belt and many more forays across America, including many appear ances in her adopted home state of Minnesota. She has released eight albums, mostly made in Minneapolis, with Grammynominated producer/engineer Rob Genadek. She has written one novel that tells the tale of her life journey, has been a successful mother with three grown children, and a lifetime that speaks through a unique voice in stories and songs. Fifty years a songwriter. A woman of sub-

stance. Rocky Wall Productions President Nelson French has known Yasmineh for more than 60 years. "We had neighboring cabins on Birch Point, Lake Vermilion, and spent many summers together with our siblings and oth-

n the north woods of Minnethrough a long cold winter, ers enjoying all that Lake Vermilssing over the recordings of ion had to offer," said French, "it countryman Bob Dylan. was a simple twist of fate that we uating from Tower-Soudan reconnected later in life through h School, and attending our respective love of music. It is alester College, she emerged very heartwarming to have the n those experiences as an ex-Courtney Yasmineh Band share

Courtney Yasmineh performing live in concert, Silver Bay Music in Park Concert Series. Friday, September 24th, 7:00 p.m.

their music with us in Silver Yasmineh and her band will feature the live roll out of much of her new work from her eighth album Red Roses and Cowgirl Dreams. Baptism Barbecue and Timber Coffee Company will be available before and during the concert. Bring a blanket (or two) and a lawn chair and come on down to enjoy the show.

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Over 125 folks attended the 2021 Silver Bay Music In The Park Courtney Yasmineh Band Concert

Scarlet Rivera and Fredy Argir October 1, 2021 William Kelley High School Auditorium









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### Scarlet Rivera and The Fredy Argir Band Rolling in to Silver Bay like thunder from LA and SW Texas

Rocky Wall Producions is thrilled to bring rammy nominated merican musician carlet Rivera and ibbing native and Ausin, TX based Fredy rgir to perform a REE live concert on riday, October 1st at :00 pm in William Kelley High School's uditorium. "Get ready for some

nazing music from the ery talented Scarlet ivera and Fredy Argir and," said Rocky Wall

roductions President Nelson rench, "This will be the first time was Scarlet's debut on the world hese two performers share the stage. ame stage - and we can't wait to ee what the chemistry produces." Grammy nominated American albums. She is known for her connusician Scarlet Rivera burned a ole in the fabric of rock history as tributions to countless recordings pioneer of electric violin. From a and performances with the most inlassical background she bent the fluential artists of our time. Her ccepted norms by experimenting abilities are wide ranging and have

ith all genres of music from Rock usion and Jazz to Latin most hallowed Carnegie Hall, with olvrhythms. She was a revolutionry from the start. Bob Dylan was the first to disover and acknowledge Scarlet, initing her as an integral part of the gendary album 'Desire' and Roll-

ng Thunder Revue tour. Dylan recthe world enized the genius of Scarlet's vion as a violinist who played much ke a lead guitarist. Scarlet's dymic presence led the way to the

clusion of other string players in Chapman, Eric Andersen, Keb Mo, ock music. 'Desire' was chosen Peter Maffay, David Johansen and from the 1970's and One-Man Bay. Time Magazine as one of the top Sylvia Tyson of 'Ian and Sylvia', Dancing from 2001, surface in in-

five albums of Dylan's career and and five time Grammy winner It's wrinkled, creased and disc Cindy Cashdollar. She has most re- ored in places and it's just got the cently been performing with Brandi character than an unworn, unus As the first female member of Carlisle and has performed for her Dylan's band Scarlet was featured good friend Joni Mitchell. on four additional multi-platinum Get ready for Scarlet and her vio-

Fredy Argir was born and raised in Hibbing, Minnesota, and for most of his life he has lived in and worked enjoyed the spotlight in music's out of Austin, Texas. When he got out of school he trav-The Duke Ellington Orchestra as eled for decades, wrote folk songs well as The Kennedy Center and the and toured on the college coffee-Carnival of Venice, Italy. Her curhouse circuit. Fredy lived and rent Grammy nominated vocal deworked in New York, San Franbut, 'All of Me', has been spotcisco, Austin, and Northern Minne-

lighted with stellar reviews around Scarlet continues her journey of few bands. expression and creativity having By his own reckoning, Argir has performed with such treasured legcut twenty-five albums and released ends as Indigo Girls, Tracy a dozen of them. Several of his re- from Best of the North Shore, Pa

record shop as Tom Waits, L

sota and drifted around for many on Lake Superior's North Sho years as a solo performer and had a The SILVER BAY MUSIC IN TH cordings, including Thistledew State Bank and the City of Silv

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teresting ways every often. Argir's music cording career spa from his first album '! Yet Home' in 1968, the latest 'Southwe due out later this year 2021 In a 2011 review of 'Last Time Around' bum, Duluth music cr John Ziegler had the f lowing observati about Fredy, "Fr Argir's music is lik battered leather jac that's seen miles und the sun, wind and ra

shiny new one doesn't have ... (I comes from the school; of arti whose vocal qualities don't cen lin to carry you to a different world. on impressing an audience wit huge range and a palette of pre timbres. He belongs in the sa record bin at the mom-and-p

> Reed and Warren Zevon. It a pretty, but it's got balls and i loaded with depth and emotion. Rocky Wall Productions is a S ver Bay nonprofit organization cused on producing and promoti live music events in Silver Bay a PARK CONCERT SERIES

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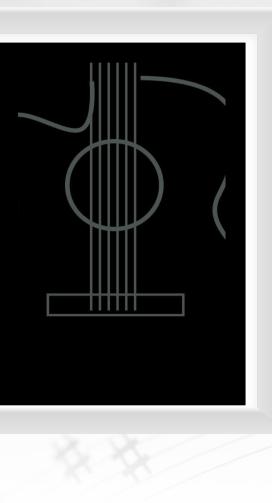




Over 225 folks attended the 2021 Silver Bay Music In The Park Scarlet Rivera with the Fredy Argir Band Concert

Musicians	Attendance
Sam Miltich & Clearwater Hot Club	350
Monroe Crossing	550
Sarah Burton	250
Courtney Yasmineh Band	125
Scarlet Rivera and the Fredy Argir Band	225

An estimated 1,500 individuals attended the 5 Music In The Park Concerts in 2021. An assessment of the audience conducted by Monroe Crossing indicated that more than 60% of the attendees were from out of town.





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### Jerry Lavigne provided high quality sound for our shows.

If you've ever been to a large music event on the North Shore, chances are the sound you were hearing was at the control of Jerry Lavigne, a Silver Bay based sound mixer known most as the live music engineer at Papa Charlie's in Lutsen. Rocky Wall Productions is blessed to have Jerry on our team he knows what it takes to make a live performance sound great.



### Thanks to our Board of Directors



Gene LaFond



Lisa Berg



Nelson French



### Rocky Joins Fredy in the Recording Studio in Austin, TX

To Rocky Wall Productions.

First of all, I've got to say that my time in Silver Bay was nothing short of spectacular. Your production values and promotion skills are first class and your attention to detail is what sets you aside. And the Rocky Wall folks are something special. That was not my first rodeo but this one was as enjoyable as any I've experienced in quite some time.

Fredy Argir, Austin, TX







2022 SILVER BAY MUSIC IN THE PARK CONCERT SERIES			
DATE	ARTIST/BAND		
7/15/2022	Charlie Parr	SBMIP	
7/22/2022	Sam Miltich and the Clearwater Hot Club	SBMIP	
7/29/2022	Lolos Ghost	SBMIP	
8/19/2022	Fredy Argir	SBMIP	
8/19/2022	Sarah Burton	SBMIP	
8/26/2022	Alexander Craig	SBMIP	
9/2/2022	Dusty Heart	SBMIP	
9/9/2022	Paul Metsa & Sonny Earl	SBMIP	
9/16/2022	Robby Vee and His Rock & Roll Caravan	SBMIP	

2022 BUDGET TOTAL 8 CONCERTS Expense Budget \$75,938.00

Funds Raised as of May 18, 2022				
	IN KIND DONATION	\$43,678.00		
	Lovin' Lake County	\$27,000.00		
2	LIFFS NORTHSHORE	\$1,000.00		

We would like to raise a minimum of an additional \$5,000 or more this spring.

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- Modest amphitheater performance stage

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# PRODUCTIONS

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