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## Support the Arts You Love

A concert series that brings Doc Watson to town, a school that teaches everything from banjo to belly dancing, and an organization devoted to teaching acoustic music traditions to the next generation through outreach and workshops - Calliope needs your support to keep juggling so many musical events.

Ticket sales, school tuition and devoted volunteers can't do it all. If you value what we do and how we do it, we need you to give generously NOW, whatever the amount. Our fiscal year begins in July. It's the perfect time to show your support for a new subscription series full of musical gems (see p.3), as well as an exciting fall term at the Calliope School. It's easy to give. Just log onto the homepage at [www.calliopehouse.org](http://www.calliopehouse.org) and click on the donation link, or send your check to: Calliope, 10 Bedford Sq. Pittsburgh, PA 15203.



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## Appalachian Spring

Calliope board member, Wilburn Hayden, will be featured in the PBS documentary *The Appalachians* this June on WQED. The film will air in three parts on consecutive Thursdays- June 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 PM.

According to Wilburn, also Professor and Director of the MSW Program at California University of Pennsylvania, *The Appalachians* presents a dramatically human overview of the Appalachian Region. Along with comments from historians, the program features artists such as the late Johnny Cash, Roseanne Cash, Ricky Skaggs, Loretta Lynn, and a host of others who help tell this remarkable story through word and song. The series was written and produced by Phylis Geller. The Executive Producer is Mari-Lynn C. Evans who was born and grew up in West Virginia.

See [www.wnpt.net/appalachians/](http://www.wnpt.net/appalachians/) for more details on the film, and to purchase the companion CD, DVD, and book: There will be a Pittsburgh Opening and Reception on June 9<sup>th</sup>. For more information contact Wilburn at [hayden@cup.edu](mailto:hayden@cup.edu).



## And Now for the News...

Calliope's Managing Director, Tricia Tanner, and past board president Phil Smith were invited panelists at the 2005 Nonprofit Summit sponsored by Grantmakers of Western Pennsylvania on April 26 at the Pittsburgh Convention Center. Tricia and Phil presented Calliope's example of good management and leadership practices in two sessions on Leaders of Change: The Critical Role of Board Chairs and Trustees, moderated by Michael Kumer, the Director of Duquesne University's Nonprofit Leadership Institute. Each session was attended by more than 70 people, including board members, managing directors, staff, and consultants for arts and social-service nonprofit organizations.



## Mark this date on Your Calendar...

Songwriter Rachel Allen is coming to Pittsburgh!

Saturday, June 4

First Unitarian Church, 605 Morewood Ave, Shadyside

Concert: 8:00 PM \$15/\$5 students

Workshop 2:00-5:00 PM \$25.00

[www.auntpappy.com](http://www.auntpappy.com)

## Calliope Announces 05-06 Calliope Concerts Series

<b>October 15</b>	<b>Tommy Emmanuel</b> fingerstyle guitar virtuoso
<b>November 19</b>	<b>Andy Statman group</b> ear-opening innovations in bluegrass, newgrass, & klezmer
<b>December 10</b>	<b>Del McCoury Band</b> the most decorated band in bluegrass history
<b>January 21</b>	<b>Odetta</b> “Queen of American Folk” (NY Times)
<b>February 25</b>	<b>Paul Rishell &amp; Annie Raines</b> '05 best acoustic blues recording (WC Handy Award)
<b>March 18</b>	<b>Flook</b> dazzling Celtic flutes over a driving rhythm section
<b>April 22</b>	<b>Tom Rush</b> classic singer-songwriter with three decades of hits

Subscriptions will be on sale soon through ProArts Tickets. Flex-packages and tickets for individual concerts will go on sale later in August or September. Keep an eye on [www.calliopehouse.org](http://www.calliopehouse.org) for information on the artists and more details about the series.



### Bluegrass is in the Air



*Photo:Eric Rosen*

Spring can only mean one thing in western Pennsylvania – it’s the start of the bluegrass season! There’s plenty to choose from if you’re a fan of bluegrass music (and who isn’t?). The list below is just a small sampling. And if you’ve always had a hankering to learn how to play bluegrass, it’s never too late. Learn from real bluegrass musicians at the Calliope School of Folk Music. For more information on classes, instruments and level of instruction, visit [www.calliopehouse.org](http://www.calliopehouse.org)

June 1 - 5  
Mountain Top Bluegrass Festival  
Tarentum, PA

June - August, 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of each month  
Bluegrass In The Hills  
Mickey’s Mountain, Hopedale Ohio

June 10 - 11  
Mountain Vista Bluegrass Festival  
Blue Knob State Park, Pavia PA

June 17 - 18  
Laurel Highlands Bluegrass Festival  
near Ligonier, PA

June 30 - July 2  
Mountain Heir Bluegrass Festival  
Old Washington, OH

July 15  
Alison Brown  
Saint Clair Park, Greensburg PA

August 13  
Ricky Skaggs and Kentucky Thunder  
Seven Springs Bluegrass Festival

August 18 - 21  
Hickory Fest  
Wellsboro, PA



## **Almost Homegrown Talent Profile: Jack Erdie**

By Robert Wagner

From his wide and powerful vocal-range to his compelling rhythms and sophisticated use of imagery, Jack Erdie's songs cover the map from traditional blues-forms to the kind of melodicism you find in pop music from groups like XTC, The Beatles or Petula Clark.

His lyrics are peppered with the kind of realistically joyous and violent images one could only find in the real lives of real people. Jack describes his boyhood in Fairmont, WV as “a pleasant, sleepy mix of Christian love and racism, patriotism as Americans and self-denigration as West Virginians, fanatical family loyalty and violence—both to animals and fellow men. . . .”

He appears regularly in the region with standing-room-only shows at places like Morgantown's Blue Moose Café, various Borders and Starbucks in Pittsburgh, Café Bliss and The Three Penny Opry. Jack has recently completed work on a new solo CD, “*Pumpkin*,” which includes some of his recent fan-favorites like “I'm Sorry, Jesus” and “Let Their Heads Roll.”

—*Robert Wagner is a performing songwriter and organizes The Threepenny Opry.*



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