



Fall Music Concerts at the Vanderbilt

Live Grateful Dead Music Outdoors – Grateful Fest IV

The fourth annual Grateful Fest, the popular outdoor Grateful Dead tribute-band concert, will be held Sunday, September 27, from 12:00 to 6:30 p.m. on the Great Lawn, west of the Vanderbilt Mansion, overlooking Northport Bay and Long Island Sound.

Proceeds from this event benefit Vanderbilt Museum education programs. (Rain date: October 4).

Thirty artists will perform to live music by Half Step, The Electrix, Reckoning and Unbroken Chain. Concert-goers bring beach chairs, blankets and picnic lunches. Tickets: adults \$25 on-line, \$35 at door; children 5–15 \$10 on-line or at door; children under 5 free.

Rich Rivkin – who produces the event and the annual Woodstock Revival concert – says “Grateful Fest is where the vibe attracts the tribe! Your eyes and ears will thank your brain.”



Grateful Fest

Toby Tobias’ Musical ‘Journey from Johannesburg’

Toby Tobias, a native of South Africa, is a local singer-songwriter who grew up in Johannesburg during the Apartheid era in a traditional Jewish household. His new show, *Journey from Johannesburg*, features theatrical vignettes and songs based on his life there and later in Israel, before he settled in America.



Toby Tobias in concert

Tobias will perform the new show in the Vanderbilt Reichert Planetarium on Saturday, October 10, at 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. His show includes photos and video projected onto the planetarium dome, with the backing of a four-piece band. Tickets: \$20 on-line pre-purchase and \$25 at the door. Early purchase is suggested. Tickets can be purchased at vanderbiltmuseum.org.

“I lived through the tumult of minority rule and witnessed first-hand the brutality of the white South African regime,” Tobias said.

“I was unwilling to live in a country with such stark differences among the various races.” At 19, he moved to Israel, where he met his American-born wife. They moved to the United States in 1988 and live in Northport, New York, where he continues his musical journey.

“The show is the story of my journey through three continents and three countries,” he said, “original songs interspersed with small vignettes about my life in Johannesburg and Jerusalem.” Tobias plays his brand of world, roots, jazz and folk at numerous venues on Long Island and in New York City with his band, The Toby Tobias Ensemble.

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