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Fall Concert Series, a musical attraction for all ages

SPRINGFIELD, Vt. - Join the Springfield Community Players as they embark on a musical journey through local talent. Each Saturday during the month of October the Springfield Community Players will host unique musical acts that highlight local musicians. Totalling four performances, the Fall Concert Series aims to introduce different experiences and sounds to the community.

Starting off with a bang, on Saturday Oct. 7, the first musicians will be Carling and Will, a traditional folk band based out of Southern Vermont. Carling and Will is comprised of two local multi-instrumentalists, Carling Berkhout and William Seeders Mosheim. Carling and Will's musical styling's combine unique melodic instrumentation with an old-time sound, creating an enjoyable folk music experience.

On Saturday Oct. 14, audiences can swing into the Players studio to enjoy the first of two solo performances. Carl Brogan will join the players from Newport, N.H. to demonstrate his unique mixture of country and rock & roll music. Brogan plays locally to various

groups and organizations. He has been performing and entertaining for over 50 years in the local community.

On Saturday Oct. 21, Kenneth Rokicki, the second solo performance will take center stage. Rokicki's musical styles bring audiences elegant, professional quality live jazz and cabaret style music. Rokicki has been a professional musician for over 40 years, playing all the large music venues across the United States. He has been a recording artist on several albums, both as a solo artist and with various groups. He spent many years playing and recording in the Los Angeles area.

The final performance will be Strangled Darlings on October 28. Musicians George Veech and Jessica Anderly came together in 2009 to form a band around a principle of originality and ruthless editing of their work. The name of the band draws inspiration from southern author William Faulkner who would tell his writing students "sometimes in writing you must strangle your darlings."

Anderly is a trained classical violinist but picked up cello and discovered that she was actually a bass

player. Veech found his degree in English Literature pays better as an indie musician and so learned the mandolin. They have written and toured as a full band. Their music is built on deep sense of rhythm and groove. In between touring, they live in S. Londonderry, Vt.

"The purpose of our concert series was to expand on our mission statement focusing on the music aspect and by expanding our fan base and introducing them to live community theater and music," said John MacDonald, the concert coordinator and president of the Springfield Community Players. MacDonald has a vision of attracting all age groups and giving audiences a feel of what the Springfield Community Players can offer.

The performances will be hosted at the Springfield Community Players Studio on 165 South Street in Springfield, VT. Doors for these performances open at 1:30 p.m. for 2 p.m. show times. Tickets can be purchased at the door, and reservations can be made in advance by visiting the Springfield Community Players website at: www.springfieldcommunityplayer.org or by calling the studio at 802-885-4098.