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1 John Gorka, Patty Larkin, Cliff Eberhardt, and Lucy  
2 Kaplansky featured in 'On A Winters Night' at BF Opera House

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5 Four contemporary singer-songwriters — John Gorka,  
6 Patty Larkin, Cliff Eberhardt, and Lucy Kaplansky — will perform  
7 an evening of music, "On a Winter's Night," Thursday, Jan. 8, at  
8 the Bellows Falls Opera House.

9 "In 1994, folk-music den-mother, Christine Lavin, first  
10 gathered a group for a songwriting and performing retreat under  
11 that monicker," wrote organizers in a news release. From what

12 became a series of concerts, a best-selling Rounder Records disc  
13 appeared in 2004, then a tour, then another.

14         Thirty years after that first concert, “On a Winter’s  
15 Night,” is “like a mini folk festival all-star lineup on stage,” says  
16 Charlie Hunter, one of the presenters of the event, “except  
17 without the mosquitoes and tick bites, and you’re in a  
18 comfortable seat, and you don’t have to use a port-a-potty.

19         “Seriously, though,” Hunter added, “this is just a really  
20 great lineup of writers and performers whose work has stood the  
21 test of time.”

22         The Jan. 8 date marks the first of the 2026 Ray Massucco  
23 Concert Series, named after the late Bellows Falls booster,  
24 attorney, part-time concert promoter, and full-time music lover.  
25 After Massucco’s death in 2022, a group of Vermont friends who  
26 had worked with him on the 20-year trajectory of the Roots on  
27 the River music festival coalesced around the idea of a concert  
28 series.

29         “Ray loved music,” says Ezra Veitch, production manager  
30 of Ray’s the Roof, presenter of the series, “And Ray loved Bellows  
31 Falls. I think he’d be thrilled to see how successful the series has  
32 been, and continues to be.”

33         The 2026 series continues April 17 with the return of  
34 Garrison Keillor, this time accompanied by long-time Prairie  
35 Home Companion pianist Richard Dworsky; features the return of  
36 Fred Eaglesmith on Oct. 17; and concludes with Dar Williams on  
37 Dec. 4.

38         The Bellows Falls Opera House is at 7 Village Square,  
39 Bellows Falls, VT. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., showtime is 7:30  
40 p.m. Tickets, which range from \$32.00 to \$57.00, and more  
41 information can be found at [bellowsfallsoperahouse.com/special-](https://bellowsfallsoperahouse.com/special-events)  
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