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1 Singer/songwriter showcase at Next Stage

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4 Next Stage Arts and Twilight Music present a singer-
5 songwriter showcase featuring Andrea von Kampen, Early Risers
6 (Putnam Smith and Ashley Storrow), Jake Klar, and Lizzy Mandell
7 at Next Stage Friday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m.

8 The Early Risers, Klar, and Mandell will open the concert
9 with an in-the-round set, followed by von Kampen’s debut
10 performance at Next Stage.

11 Andrea von Kampen is a Nebraska-born singer-
12 songwriter known for her “introspective storytelling and
13 captivating melodies,” organizers wrote in a news release. She
14 has shared the stage with Watchhouse, Punch Brothers, The
15 Wood Brothers, and Anaïs Mitchell’s Bonny Light Horseman,
16 released three studio albums, and performed at the Newport Folk
17 Festival and Rocky Mountain Folks Festival.

18 Headlining tours across North America and Europe, she
19 says her music has reached a global audience with over 55
20 million Spotify streams.

21 In 2022, von Kampen made her acting debut in the
22 independent film *A Chance Encounter*, distributed by Samuel
23 Goldwyn, starring and contributing to its soundtrack. This fall, she
24 will release a protest EP addressing the resurgence of hateful
25 rhetoric in American politics.

26 The Early Risers combine rootsy, lyric-driven songwriting
27 with harmonies and multi-instrumental arrangements, including
28 banjo, guitar, mandolin, piano, and shruti-box. After pursuing
29 solo careers, Storrow and Smith joined forces in 2015 and have
30 toured nationwide from Maine to California and Vancouver, B.C.

31 They say their debut album, *Making Life Sweet*, reached
32 No. 1 on the Folk DJ Charts, with four songs in the top 10 most-
33 played tracks.

34 Jake Klar “blends rhythm, groove, grit, and honesty into a
35 fresh Americana sound that fuses folk sincerity with rock and pop
36 sensibilities, crafting music that connects listeners to meaningful
37 stories and emotions,” said organizers.

38 Lizzy Mandell has released two albums: *Made for Flying*
39 (2012), which won the *Times Argus/Rutland Herald* Tammie
40 Awards for Best Singer-Songwriter and Best Album, and *To the*
41 *Moon* (2025), created in collaboration with Vermont multi-
42 instrumentalist Colin McCaffrey.

43 Next Stage is at 15 Kimball Hill. Tickets are \$22
44 Advance, \$25 at the door, and \$10 for access to the livestream. A
45 beer, wine, and cocktail cash bar will be available. Advance

46 tickets are available at nextstagearts.org. For more information,
47 call 802-387-0102.

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