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5 Next Stage Arts and Twilight Music present an evening of  
6 contemporary folk music Saturday, May 2, at Next Stage, 15  
7 Kimball Hill. The concert begins at 7:30 p.m., with doors opening  
8 at 6:45 p.m.

9 This singer-songwriter showcase brings together four  
10 artists — Alice Howe, Freebo, Sam Robbins, and Halley Neal —

11 for an in-the-round performance that organizers say will highlight  
12 both individual artistry and collaborative spirit.

13 In this shared-concert format, performers will take turns  
14 presenting original songs while also joining one another onstage,  
15 offering audiences a dynamic and spontaneous musical  
16 experience.

17 Howe, winner of Best Female Artist at the International  
18 Acoustic Music Awards, 2023 release, *Circumstance*, was  
19 produced by Freebo and recorded at the legendary FAME  
20 (Florence Alabama Music Enterprises) Studios in Muscle Shoals,  
21 Alabama. It “showcases her poetic lyricism and melodic depth,”  
22 said organizers in a news release.

23 Freebo (Daniel Freeborg), a folk, rock, and blues  
24 musician, is widely known for his decade-long tenure as bassist  
25 with Bonnie Raitt. Over the last forty years, his fretless bass  
26 playing has been featured on recordings by artists such as John  
27 Mayall, Ringo Starr, Neil Young, Aaron Neville, and Maria  
28 Muldaur. A multi-award-winning songwriter, Freebo has  
29 appeared on *Saturday Night Live*, *The Muppet Show*, *The*  
30 *Midnight Special*, and in concert with the legendary Spinal Tap.

31 Robbins is an emerging voice in contemporary folk, “an  
32 ‘old soul’ troubadour whose thoughtful songwriting has earned  
33 national attention,” said organizers. Touring widely behind his  
34 2025 album *So Much I Still Don’t See*, Robbins has been named  
35 one of Atwood Magazine’s “Artists to Watch,” has appeared on  
36 *The Voice*, and has shared stages with artists including Jason Mraz  
37 and Liz Longley. He has also performed at major festivals such as  
38 Kerrville, Falcon Ridge, and Wheatland.

39 Neal, a Boston-based singer-songwriter originally from  
40 Nashville, brings award-winning vocals and “uplifting, peace-  
41 centered themes” to her music. She has received national  
42 recognition for her performances at leading folk festivals,  
43 including Kerrville, Rocky Mountain, and the Telluride Bluegrass  
44 Festival.

45 Tickets are \$24 in advance, \$28 at the door, and \$10 for  
46 the livestream. Tickets and more information are available at  
47 [nextstagearts.org](http://nextstagearts.org).

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