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1 Twilight Music presents John Gorka at Next Stage Arts

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4 | Twilight Music presents ~~acclaimed~~ singer-songwriter John  
5 Gorka in concert Sunday, May 17, at 7 p.m. at Next Stage Arts,  
6 15 Kimball Hill.

7 | ~~Described by Rolling Stone as “the leading~~  
8 ~~singer/songwriter of the New Folk movement,”~~ John Gorka has  
9 ~~spent decades captivating audiences~~ performed with his rich  
10 baritone voice, ~~evocative~~ songwriting, and ~~deeply human~~  
11 storytelling. ~~f~~From his early days at the legendary Godfrey

12 Daniels coffeehouse in Pennsylvania to ~~international~~ tours across  
13 the U.S. and Europe. ~~Organizers wrote in a news release that~~  
14 ~~“Gorka has built a career grounded in authenticity, craft, and~~  
15 ~~emotional resonance.”~~

16 With 11 ~~critically acclaimed~~ studio albums and  
17 collaborations with some of the most respected artists in folk  
18 music, Gorka’s songs ~~“explore themes of love, resilience, justice,~~  
19 ~~and hope,” said organizers.~~ His latest release, ~~unentitled-~~,  
20 continues this tradition.” Reflecting on the album, Gorka notes,  
21 “Writing songs is my way of trying to make some sense of the  
22 world. ~~[...] It is my desire that some of these songs will make you~~  
23 ~~feel that you aren’t the only one going through a rough patch [...]~~  
24 and that there are better days ahead.”

25 Gorka’s career has included performances on ~~Austin~~  
26 ~~City Limits, Mountain Stage,~~ and ~~eTown-~~, as well as  
27 collaborations and shared stages with artists such as Nanci  
28 Griffith and Mary Chapin Carpenter. His songs have been  
29 recorded by numerous musicians, ~~“further cementing his~~  
30 ~~influence within the folk canon.” said organizers.~~

31 ~~“Gorka is widely heralded for the sophisticated-~~  
32 ~~intelligence and provocative originality of his songs,” writes The~~  
33 ~~Boston Globe-~~With a reputation for weaving wry observations  
34 and poignant narratives, his live performances offer an intimate  
35 and moving experience.” ~~organizers said.~~

36 This concert is part of Twilight Music’s ongoing series  
37 highlighting exceptional roots and folk artists in an intimate  
38 setting. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are \$26 in advance, \$30  
39 at the door, and \$15 for livestream access. Tickets and  
40 information are available at [nextstagearts.org](http://nextstagearts.org).

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