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Subject: House Concert: Moira Smiley, April 14
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You Are Invited To...

What: Moira Smiley House Concert

When: Sunday afternoon, April 14

Time: Doors Open 3:30 PM. Music Begins 4:00 PM. Two 45-minute sets with a 20-minute intermission.

Where: Seattle's Capitol Hill neighborhood. Address provided when your reservation is confirmed.

Potluck: Finger Food/ Dessert. Bring something to share with the community, if you'd like. Contributions always appreciated.

RSVP: Click on the RSVP link under "Reservations Required" below.

Covid: Masks optional.

The Artist. On Sunday, April 14th we'll be welcoming back Vermont-based artist [Moira Smiley](#) for the third time. In her previous two shows Moira performed with her award-winning vocal group VOCO. This time around Moira will be solo, backing herself on banjo and keyboard. Her performances draw on a very large and varied repertoire of songs, stories and Americana/Eastern European sounds - foreign folksongs sung in their native language, songs about the refugee's experience seeded by Moira's time volunteering in European refugee camps, and songs addressing a wide range of themes, including forgiveness, the power of family and justice and equality. The two constants in all of Moira's shows are her powerful, lush vocals and visceral emotional delivery. Check her out: "[Ja Izlezi](#)", "[Dressed In Yellow](#)", "[Sing About It](#)"

Moira is a multifaceted artist (an understatement!) - singer, lyricist, composer, musical director for dance and theatre productions, teacher and a multi-instrumentalist on banjo, piano, accordion and her signature hand and body percussion. She began writing music at the age of six, taught at the Village Harmony Summer Camps while a teenager and following graduation entered Indiana University's School of Music to study piano performance, earning her degree in Early Music Vocal Performance. While at IU Moira was represented by IMGArtists Agency and toured extensively with her vocal group, VIDA, singing a cappella Eastern European folk songs. Described as a "vocal polyglot", Moira's vocals and compositions have been featured in TED conferences and featured films, on television (BBC, PBS), NPR and live at Lincoln Center, Carnegie Hall, the Walt Disney Concert Hall, England's Royal Festival Hall, and music festivals internationally. She has multiple awards and has appeared on late night TV (Jimmy Kimmel, Stephen Colbert, Conan O'Brien, UK's Jools Holland) with the indie-pop artist Tune-Yards. As a folksinger, Moira has fronted the Irish-American supergroup, SOLAS, and Jayme Stone's Lomax/Folklife Project, and continues to perform both solo and lead her own vocal groups, VOCO and The Voice Is A Traveler. As a composer, Moira is regularly commissioned to write large-scale choral and chamber music works for ensembles around the world.

Reservations Required

- RSVP. Click on [RSVP](#) to request seats. Reply to this email with your seat request if the link doesn't work. I will send an email confirmation or let you know you've been placed on a wait list if the show is full. You won't hear from me for several days so please be patient.
- Donation. A donation of \$30-\$40/person is requested. Of course, more if you can within your means. Your entire donation goes to Moira. I'm trying to provide a living wage to touring musicians who still have a lot of mileage to make up and struggle with the high costs of car rental and gasoline.
- Cancellations. Out of consideration for artists I ask that people "Commit" to their reservation. If you cancel and I'm unable to fill your place(s) from a wait list I'll request that you make a good will donation to cover the empty seats and potential loss of revenue to the artist, revenue that the artists depend on when planning and budgeting a tour. Touring musicians live by these performances - this is their livelihood - so please honor your reservation.

Upcoming Shows

- April 14 - Moira Smiley
- May 11, 12 - Beth Nielsen Chapman
- June 1 - Ana Egge
- September 21, 22 - Antje Duvekot
- October 26 - Peter Mulvey

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