

[Hudost Returns to Woodstock](#)

I'm wrestling in my head between the amazing two weekends of programs that made me proud and joyous and the profound sadness and anger over the senseless loss of life in El Paso and Dayton. In the end I realize we must continue to celebrate life, our connectedness and our community despite the horrors that occur daily. We are blessed to have places such as the [Town Hall Theatre](#), area churches, and other venues that bring people together for shared experiences that allow expressions of empathy, joy and even sadness.

Greeting the over 300 people (90% of whom I've know for years) who attended the live stream of Phil Swanson's service in the [theatre](#) reminded me of how connected I am personally to this community and how I cherish those such shared experiences.

The day before the service, on a much lighter side, was the culminating performance of our 15th Annual Theatre Camp, attended by nearly 100 parents, family members and friends. The kids did an amazing job learning songs and lines from Fiddler on the Roof, the Music Man and The Sound of Music all in one week! That evening 300 patrons enjoyed the live radio show Says You! Watching and listening to audience laughter and applause, greeting proud parents, and meeting the cast and crew of Says You made the hours of work well worth it. A huge shout out to Craig Mowery, our technical director, who was by my side the entire weekend ensuring each event ran smoothly!

This past weekend over 150 people enjoyed our 6th [Music by The River](#) concert featuring Daby Touré Trio. The BBC accurately captured Daby's music saying, "From the first time you hear it, prepare to hum along, tap your toes, and be mesmerized by Daby's infectious brand of global soul-tinged pop."

Saturday night we had a packed house enjoying Natalie Merchant and her longtime guitarist Erik Della Penna, who together performed brilliantly throughout the evening. Thank you to our amazing group of volunteers and staff who made the evening run smoothly from beginning to end.

This weekend things calm down. In fact, I'm taking a break and going on vacation with my family.

Out and About

This Friday's [Music By the River](#) concert features [Hudost](#) at 5:30 on the lawn at the North Chapel.

[HuDost's](#) core musicians are Moksha Sommer, from Montréal, and Jemal Wade Hines from Kentucky. Together they weave a seamless tapestry of Folk, World, and Rock.

The folks from the Worthy will provide an excellent concession featuring sweet and savory treats as well as beer and wine. There are only three concerts left in the series so if you've not done so come on down and enjoy world class music, excellent food and fare in a lovely setting. Concerts are free with donations graciously accepted.

On Sunday, August 25 at 4:00 the [Central Vermont Chamber Music Festival](#) returns to Woodstock for a concert at the [North Universalist Chapel](#).

The concert features an all Beethoven program that concludes the festival's 27th Season of Standards. It will include early, mid and late Beethoven with a Violin Sonata, Cello Sonata and the "Ghost" Piano Trio. Tickets are on sale at [pentanglearts.org](#).

On the Big Screen

[Yesterday \(PG-13\)](#)

Jack Malik is a struggling singer-songwriter in an English seaside town whose dreams of fame are rapidly fading, despite the fierce devotion and support of his childhood best friend, Ellie. After a freak bus accident during a mysterious global blackout, Jack wakes up to discover that The Beatles have never existed. Performing songs by the greatest band in history to a world that has never heard them, Jack becomes an overnight sensation with a little help from his agent.

[Friday, August 9 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Saturday, August 10 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Sunday, August 11 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Monday, August 12 at 7:30 pm](#)

[Tickets: \\$9 Adults | \\$8 Kids & Seniors | \\$7 Pentangle Members](#)

Up next: [Spider-Man: Far From Home](#)