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Esly Escobar is seen on one of his previous visits to work with children in Guatemala. Courtesy of the Artist

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**Songs of Love**

In anticipation of Valentine's Day, the Hamptons Festival of Music will present "Amor: Songs of Love and Longing" today at 6 p.m. at Hoie Hall, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in East Hampton. The concert will feature Greer Lyle, a Metropolitan Opera award-winning soprano, and Logan Souther, a pianist and the festival's associate conductor and orchestra manager.

The program will include songs by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Johannes Brahms, and Franz Schubert, as well as classic American love songs. Tickets are \$75 and available from the festival's website.

**Eclectic Concert**

Shelter Island Friends of Music will open its 2026 concert season on Sunday afternoon at 3 with a free performance by the Grammy-nominated PUBLIQuartet at the island's Presbyterian Church.

Known for their boundary-crossing programs, the quartet's rhythm-driven concert will bridge classical, jazz, hip-hop, and contemporary traditions, including works by Daniel Bernard Roumain, Marvin Gaye, Jeff Scott, Henry Threadgill, Mazzy Star, Janet Jackson, and others.

The group has appeared at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, the Library of Congress, and jazz festivals in Montreal, Newport, Detroit, and Melbourne. Its members are Curtis Stewart and Jannina Norpoth, violinists; Nick Revel, violist, and Hamilton Berry, cellist.

### **International Music**

Yacouba Sissoko, a master kora player, and Mehrnam Rastegari, a kamancheh player, will perform at the Bridgehampton Museum's Nathaniel Rogers House on Sunday at 4 p.m. Presented with Hamptons JazzFest, the concert brings together two artists working within distinct but historically rich musical traditions.

Mr. Sissoko began learning the kora, a 21-stringed harp-lute, from his grandfather at age 9. He has built a career spanning traditional Malian music as well as collaborations with jazz and pop artists, and has performed at museums, concert halls, and major festivals across the United States. He is known for presenting the kora both as a solo instrument and in collaborative settings.

Ms. Rastegari is an Iranian composer and kamancheh player based in New York. Her work draws from Persian classical music while engaging with contemporary composition and cross-cultural collaboration. She performs internationally as a soloist and ensemble musician, and her practice emphasizes both the historical role of the kamancheh and its evolving place in modern performance.

Tickets are \$20.

### **Support for Artists**

LTV Studios has announced the opening of its fiscal sponsorship process to local creators, writers, filmmakers, and artists. Fiscal sponsorship is a system that enables a registered 501(c)(3) organization, such as LTV, to support and administer projects that serve a public benefit but are not independently organized as nonprofits.

Esly Escobar, an artist, D.J., and LTV crew member from Westhampton, will travel to Guatemala City this month to teach art and take needed supplies to approximately 100 economically disadvantaged children.

Born in Guatemala, Mr. Escobar hopes to improve the children's lives but he can't do it alone. Through the LTV fiscal sponsorship program, people can make donations to his teaching trip that will be fully tax-deductible, with receipts provided to donors. The donation page can be accessed at [bit.ly/4pSB38I](https://bit.ly/4pSB38I).

Those interested in taking advantage of the same service can contact Josh Gladstone, LTV's executive director, at [josh@ltveh.org](mailto:josh@ltveh.org) (<mailto:josh@ltveh.org>). LTV retains a small processing fee to help cover the program's administrative costs.

### **Horticultural Icons**

In celebration of its 40th anniversary, the Horticultural Alliance of Hamptons will hold a special program, "In the Footsteps of Giants," on Saturday at noon at Sag Harbor's Bay Street Theater.

A panel moderated by Annie Guilfoyle, co-director of Garden Masterclass, will include Julia Boulton, Rebecca Lemonius, and Clara Greenslade. Ms. Boulton, the chairwoman of Beth Chatto's Plants & Gardens, is Beth Chatto's granddaughter.

Ms. Lemonius is the custodian of Long Barn, the precursor to Sissinghurst, where Vita Sackville-West and Harold Nicolson cut their "horticultural teeth."

Ms. Greenslade is the former head gardener at Hestercombe Garden. Her collaboration with Gertrude Jekyll's collaboration with Edwin Lutyens, which is much acclaimed for its design and artistry.

Tickets are \$10, free for members. The doors will open at 11:30.



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Hopefully Forgiven will bring its blend of roots rock and reggae to the Masonic Temple. Photo courtesy of the Artists

### **Hopefully Forgiven**

The music series at Sag Harbor's Masonic Temple will feature a performance by Hopefully Forgiven on Saturday at 8 p.m. The band promises to "harmonize and bastardize everything from traditional folk to country, rock, reggae, and blues . . . a cocktail of American music and spirits."

The current lineup includes Telly Karoussos, vocals and guitar; Fre Trumpy, drums, and Benjamin Goodale, bass. Tickets are \$20.

*This article has been changed from its print edition because the date given for the Hamptons Festival of Music concert was incorrect. The concert is happening today.*