

The Chapin Family



live in concert

In the long rich history of Family Groups in American Roots Music, THE CHAPIN FAMILY has a special place. When these singers, songwriters and extraordinary live performers come together, magic happens. Tom Chapin, Steve Chapin, Jen Chapin, Abigail Chapin and Lily Chapin are all powerful musical artists who have active careers and multiple recordings, who just happen to be related, and who love making music together.

The Chapin Family presents Harry Chapin: A Celebration In Song

featuring:

Tom Chapin, The Harry Chapin Band (with Steve Chapin, “Big” John Wallace, and Howard Fields), Jen Chapin and The Chapin Sisters

TOM CHAPIN, The 3 time Grammy award winning singer / songwriter has maintained two long and productive parallel musical careers, both as a respected contemporary folk artist and as a pioneer in the field of children's music. His newest CD, *Threads*, features songs of hope, possibility, love and family. He is on the Board of WhyHunger and remains active in a variety of environmental causes, as well as efforts on behalf of music and the arts in our public schools.

STEVE CHAPIN, singer/songwriter and Clio award winner, and the multitalented producer, director, pianist, and vocalist who arranged and led Harry's Band. The enduring legacy of Harry's music is alive and well each time Steve and his band take the stage to perform their stunning recreations of Harry's most well-loved songs as well as Steve's own beautiful tunes.

JEN CHAPIN's music is urban folk soul — story songs that search for community and shared meaning, powered by the funk and improvisation of the city. Critics have hailed her work as “brilliant.. soulfully poetic” (NPR), “thoughtful ... worth-savoring” (*People*), “addictive” (*Boston Globe*), “smart, observant, lyrically deft, politically aware and emotionally intuitive” (*Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*). *JazzTimes* has called her “a first-rate storyteller” while *Relix* regards her as “one of the freshest voices singing today.”

THE CHAPIN SISTERS, Lily and Abigail Chapin, are singing, songwriting sisters known for pristine harmonies and haunting melodies. They've been compared to sister-acts of old and Appalachian family groups, yet their original songs and arrangements have a contemporary feel. Their most recent album, "Today's Not Yesterday," written mostly in New York, is as much about the sisters' past, and the eight years they spent living in Los Angeles, as they are about their present lives on the East Coast. They explore break-ups, leaving California, accepting change, reinventing oneself and returning home to the things that matter most. They have toured the world on their own and as back-up singers.

Harry Chapin (1942 - 1981) was one of our most passionate, political, prolific and inspiring songwriters. Author and singer of classic songs like "Taxi," "Mr. Tanner," "Mail Order Annie" and "W•O•L•D." A devastating auto accident in 1981 cut Harry's life short, yet he left behind a body of work that his fans continue to treasure decades after his death. He is also remembered as a great humanitarian: public advocate and educator, fund-raiser, musician, writer, filmmaker, Harry believed in believing. Because of his extraordinary contributions, Harry Chapin was posthumously awarded the Special Congressional Gold Medal in 1987.

The Chapin Family has been working to fight hunger since Harry Chapin founded WhyHunger in 1975.