



The Chapin Family presents: Harry Chapin at 80: A Retrospective

Remember these **Story Songs**? A taxi driver stops to pick up an old girlfriend in the rain, a DJ ruminates on his life and bad decisions, a baritone suffers tough reviews in his debut concert, a father regrets his not spending enough time with his child. These classic human stories still strongly resonate long after their creator and singer has gone.

Harry Chapin (1942 - 1981) was one of our most passionate, political, prolific and inspiring songwriters. This Long Island icon would have turned 80 in 2022, and **his musical family feels a celebration is in order!**

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, and The Chapin Sisters (Abigail Chapin and Lily Chapin)** are all award-winning musical artists with active careers and multiple recordings, who just happen to be related, and who love making music together.

Two generations of the musical **CHAPIN FAMILY** will gather to bring the songs of Harry Chapin to life. Backed by The Harry Chapin Band (including Big John Wallace and Howard Fields), the Family will perform Harry's classic songs, including *Taxi*, *W•O•L•D*, *Mr. Tanner*, *Cat's In The Cradle*, *Mail Order Annie*, and *Circle*.

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Harry Chapin (1942 - 1981) is remembered as a great humanitarian, public advocate and educator, fund-raiser, musician, writer, and filmmaker. Because of his extraordinary contributions, Harry Chapin was posthumously awarded the Special Congressional Gold Medal in 1987. Harry would be reaching a milestone birthday – his 80th – on December 7,

2022. Following the highly regarded documentary about his life and activism, "When In Doubt Do Something," released in 2021, there is renewed interest in Harry's life and work. Two generations of the musical Chapin Family will gather to commemorate the music and activism of Harry Chapin. Through music and story, the Family will perform Harry's best-known songs, including the iconic song "Taxi" which celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2023.

Harry Chapin at 80: A Retrospective features performances by Harry's brothers Tom & Steve, Harry's daughter Jen (and her trio), nieces Abigail and Lily (The Chapin Sisters), joined by members of Harry's Band: audience favorites Big John Wallace and Howard Fields.

TOM CHAPIN - After 60 years in the music industry, 27 albums, 3 Grammy® awards and many thousands of concerts, beloved Singer/Songwriter/Activist Tom Chapin has maintained two parallel musical careers, both as a respected contemporary folk artist and as a pioneer in the field of children's music. His newest CD, *Hold Our Ground*, features songs of community, inspiration, friendship and family. In addition to his work as a recording artist, concert performer, storyteller and activist, he's acted on Broadway and worked extensively in television, radio and film. Tom is on the Advisory Board of WhyHunger and remains active in a variety of environmental causes, issues of hunger and social justice, and a supporter of music and the arts in public schools.

STEVE CHAPIN, singer/songwriter and Clio award winner, and the multitasking 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 has been celebrated for writing "brilliant soulfully poetic urban folk music" (NPR) for more than two decades. As much as an artistic legacy, the roots of Jen's upbringing have inspired her "potent, jazzy, layered folk" (Newsday) songs and a lifetime of passionate activism, through ongoing work with WhyHunger (founded by her late father Harry Chapin), and teaching high school global history in Brooklyn. She has performed on stage with Bruce Springsteen, on bills with Aimee Mann, Bruce Hornsby, and The Neville Brothers, and her rendition of Van Morrison's "Into The Mystic" was featured in an episode of the SyFy TV series "Defiance". Her latest trio album *Desert or Sea* was released to fans in the summer of 2019. The Jen Chapin Trio includes her husband, Bassman extraordinaire **Stephan Crump** and guitar wizard **Jamie Fox**.

THE CHAPIN SISTERS, Lily and Abigail Chapin, are singing, songwriting sisters known for pristine harmonies and haunting melodies. These masters of “blood harmony” have been compared to sister-acts of old and Appalachian family groups, yet their original songs and arrangements have a contemporary feel. Making music that The New York Times praises as “*tantalizingly close to beauty*”, The Chapin Sisters carry on a proud family musical legacy: Father Tom Chapin is a Grammy-winning singer/songwriter, legendary late uncle Harry Chapin was a musical artist and activist, and grandfather Jim Chapin was an esteemed jazz drummer and author of seminal drum instructional books. Since 2005 the sisters have garnered critical acclaim by forging a distinctive musical imprint in which they “*wed lilting voices, dynamically complex vocal harmonies, and folk-influenced melodies to dark, wryly sarcastic lyrical content*” notes Amazon.com in an editorial review. They have toured the world on their own and as back-up singers.

THE HARRY CHAPIN BAND is led by **Steve Chapin** on piano and vocals, and features **Big John Wallace** on bass and vocals, powered by drummer **Howard Fields**, the only drummer Harry ever had. In true Chapin family tradition, the vintage trio's guitar section is completed with second generation talent: **Clark Wallace** on electric and **Jonathan Chapin** on acoustic.

Don't miss out on this limited tour!

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