

CASEY LIPKA PRESENTS

A Night of Unexpected Duos



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Bootleg Music Productions

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Casey Lipka here, producer of "A Night of Unexpected Duos". If we've never met before, hello and thank you for coming!

I wanted to give you a window into how this evening came to be...

It all started when I saw Grace Clark and Arielle Deem out at a concert. They didn't know each other well and I joked about how I wanted to see them perform a song together, especially because it was an unlikely pairing. I mean, what would prompt two amazing piano players, singers, and songwriters to get some music together?

It really got me thinking....

I suddenly felt very called to create a platform for artists to collaborate & foster new connections. I wanted to make space for creativity, ease and fun. As I was dreaming of seeing Arielle and Grace play together, this idea of "A Night of Unexpected Duos" came to me. The whole idea centers around bringing musicians together who haven't collaborated before, and giving them a stage to shine.

Tonight is close to my heart, because it marks my first concert as a producer. I hope this is the first of many more events! Enjoy an evening filled with some of my favorite musicians, it is so special to share this with you. <3

-Casey



The Program



Grace + Arielle: "I Can't Make You Love Me" - Bonnie Rait

Tim + Ryan: "Norwegian Wood" - Lennon and McCartney

Natalie + Grace: "Pin it Down" - Madison Cunningham

Casey + Brianna: "A Letter to Me" - Brianna Brock, Casey Lipka

Aaron + Tracy: "I Won't Change" - Tracy Walton

Ryan + Hannah: "Angel From Montgomery" - John Prine

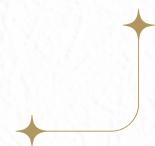
Tracy + Casey: "One Little Cloud" - Casey Lipka and Tracy Walton

Arielle + Aaron: "How Deep Is Your Love" - Bee Gees

Selena + Natalie: "Space for You" - Selena Delgadillo + Natalie Hagwood

Brianna + Selena: "Don't You Worry 'Bout A Thing" - Stevie Wonder

Hannah + Tim: "If I Only Had A Heart/Somewhere Over The Rainbow" - Stothart/Arlen



Meet The Team



Cassie Baugher, house concert host, and visionary of Bootleg Music Productions.

Her goal is to provide a space, warm in the glow of mutual appreciation, where the music is not one-on-one between electronic device and listener, but shared. Face-to-face, side-by-side connected by the magic of music.

"The Bootleg Music Cafe and Tiki Lounge exists for one reason really - to make me happy. I hope it does the same for you".



Mike Merchant, the emcee of the evening, is a multidisciplinary performer with a deep love for connection. Using music, theater, and poetry - Mike explores what makes people feel less alone.



Gia Hellwig, of Gia Hellwig Events, is the driving organizational force behind "A Night of Unexpected Duos".

Gia's purpose is to bring joy to others by creating memorable and extraordinary experiences through her love of event design, planning and organizing, as well as business systems for fellow entrepreneurs and clients.

Meet the Musicians



Arielle Deem, based in Sacramento CA, grew up with a passion for music, art and community. She has collaborated with artists across the US, toured her original music throughout the West Coast, Canada and Europe, and produced benefit concerts for local and global causes. In addition to pursuing her own creative works, Arielle enjoys teaching high school music and digital art classes, going on weekend road trips throughout the state and working on house projects with her fiancé, Jace.



Quincy native **Natalie Hagwood** may be the changing face of the modern-day cellist. Unbridled by past conventions of what her instrument could and should do, the 28-year-old Sacramento transplant, who began formal cello training at age seven, continues to blossom, as do her fellow musical bandmates, heralded Sacramento trio Dear Darling. As her ascent with Dear Darling continues, her desire to explore new musical horizons and expand the changing role of cello in contemporary music continues with solo releases that have helped her find her “true voice” and quench her self-professed “hunger for creativity.”

As a child, Natalie grew up with the music of the church, sang harmonies with her singer/songwriter father, and was encouraged to further her musical education by her mother. She fell in love with youth symphony in her junior high years, and during her high school years took cello lessons from a University of Nevada Reno cello teacher who encouraged her to pursue a degree in Classical Cello Performance, a degree she would eventually receive from the University of Nevada in 2017.

Meet the Musicians



Recognized for more than her considerable vocal skills, **Hannah Jane Kile's** proficiency as an acoustic and electric guitarist has been lauded by both peers and critics who have often called her "a player who sings, rather than a singer who plays." Follow that up with classical voice training and an enduring infatuation with the music of Steven Sondheim, and you have the genre-defying voice that is Hannah Jane Kile.



Selena Delgadillo is a pianist and singer based in the Sacramento area. Selena Delgadillo is a music major that started off her journey in the fall semester of 2020 at Cosumnes River College with a primary focus on piano and currently, she is now studying for a B.M. in Piano Performance at Sacramento State University! She has developed a fondness for performing, whether it would be playing piano at a wedding in the Sacramento area, performing at recitals and concerts, or performing at events with her jazz-fusion band, The Interlude.

Music has always been such a huge, fundamental base for her life and that has enabled her to spread the joy of playing and being involved with music. Selena teaches piano at a local music school in hopes of inspiring young musicians to pursue a path in music. Because of her involvement in music, she has also been able to take on great scholarship opportunities in the area, such as becoming a recipient for the Sacramento Saturday Club. She is truly grateful to be present and involved in her local music community.

You can find of her on her Instagram music page @selenadelgadillomusic

Meet the Musicians



Julian Cunningham is a singer, songwriter, performer, vocal coach, and director based in the Sacramento area. Julian honed his craft studying at both American River College and Sacramento state where he earned his degree in Jazz Studies and Vocal Performance. During his time in college, Julian earned 8 downbeat awards, including outstanding soloist awards from Monterrey, Reno,

and UNC jazz festivals. Julian is also the lead singer for the Sacramento funk and soul band Ideateam. Having performed at numerous venues throughout California, southwest tours to New Orleans jazz fest, and as far north as Seattle, Ideateam is where Julian continues to share his passion for performing. Julian is currently a voting member of the Grammy Recording Academy where he is able to honor music's history, while investing in its future, helping to foster a more diverse, inclusive, and inspiring world for creators.



Grace Clark is a Sacramento-based singer-songwriter, beginning piano teacher, and student pursuing a degree in music with an emphasis in songwriting. She is currently producing an EP of original works to be released in spring 2023.

Meet the Musicians



Vocalist **Brianna Brock** native to California, has been engulfed in music since a child. Her love for music began around the age of seven, performing in churches and youth choirs (2009-Present). Brianna devoted her time from then on to researching many musical styles and performances. She found inspiration in every genre she touched and went on to continue this interest

in music in high school. Brianna began exploring an orchestral background and studied the Viola and Cello, as well as conducting and performing in renowned high school ensembles (2017-2020). More recently, she has begun expanding to jazz music as a vocalist, performing professionally with the Sac Swing Collective and a new band on the scene, The Interlude.

Brianna is currently working to complete an associates degree in Music focusing on Vocal performance at Cosumnes River College. As well as transferring to complete a bachelor's degree in music to follow. She has been contributing to Cosumnes River College's music program as a cellist in addition to vocalist. She has been awarded four musical scholarships, which are the Mike Daly Music Award, The Midge & Kenneth Waddell Aspiring Vocalist Award, The Nina Simone Music in Action Scholarship award and lastly has gained recognition placing third from the Sacramento Master Singers. She is expanding her musical background and working with building a repertoire in Italian Arias and other genres of classical music for both vocal and orchestral performance. Find more of her @bria.nnasimonemusic and @wearetheinterlude

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Aaron Gayden is the bassist and primary singer of the Aaron Gayden Band. He lives in the most eclectic musical space possible with an emphasis on R&B, Jazz, Gospel and Mashups of whatever comes to mind from any genre at any moment...



Tim Tobias grew up in California but lived in some wonderful other places like New York City, Los Angeles and Amsterdam. He works as a therapist now but used to be an actor back in the day. He likes to write music, play old timey banjo and sing bluegrass songs. And he also loves wildflowers and mountains.



Ryan Hernandez is a singer and multi-instrumentalist delighting audiences professionally since 2009. From acoustic duos to full 8 piece dance bands and everything in between. You can always count on Ryan to be jumping from violin to saxophone or from steel guitar to piano. Let's see what he takes on next.

Meet the Musicians



Los Angeles native Casey Lipka has traversed a wide variety of sonic worlds.

Lipka's travels over the years have established herself as a musical chameleon. In the years since earning her master's in Music Education from Bard College, she's toured as a bassist with rock band CAKE, composed music for

ballet and museum installations, and fronted an 18-piece orchestra celebrating the music of Motown legends Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell.

An amalgam of pop, folk, and jazz wrapped in a neo-classical vibe, her ethereal sound exudes both vulnerability and strength. Fast forward to current day where the thirty-something Lipka's musical universe continues to expand with collaborative folk trio Dear Darling, while developing an emerging body of solo work under her own name. She is working on her debut EP set to release in Spring 2023.

"It's about reaching people and bringing them together to create a meaningful experience", Lipka says, "in hopes of sparking a conversation of some sort". Casey Lipka's heartfelt compositions and mellifluous voice may cause an occasional skipped heartbeat, but as the singer/songwriter might say, that's all part of the long journey home.



Thank You



Thank you to all the **musicians** for sharing your musical gifts and making this evening beautiful.

Thank you to **Cassie** for generously opening your home and providing a safe space for musical exploration.

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