VERDI CLUB

Newsletter | February 2023



Upcoming Events

Verdi Club Events

Saturday, February 11

<u>Verdi Club Dinner Dance</u> <u>w/ Halsey & The Hi-Hats</u>

Saturday, March 11

Verdi Club Dinner Dance w/ Eammon Flynn Tickets on Sale February 1

Public Events

Sunday, February 26

SF Salon Music Presents
Tradition and Celebration:
The Way of Tea with Alphorn
Music

<u>Tuesdays</u>

Woodchopper's Ball

Thursdays

<u>Milonga Malevaje - Tango</u>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Benvenuti a tutti!

The beginning of the New Year is an important time to show your Verdi Club pride – by now you should have received an email message inviting you to pay your dues for 2023. We had a prosperous 2022, especially so because this was our first year of full operation since the pandemic, but we still rely on our annual membership renewals. Pay your dues at: https://www.verdiclub.net/2023-member-dues/. And don't forget to contribute to the Building Fund – do your part to maintain The Verdi Club as the precious jewel of San Francisco culture that it is.

More about service at The Verdi Club: The New Year brings with it a new administration of The Verdi Club, and you can be an active part of it – just volunteer! Ask any Officer or Board Member for opportunities to participate. Our Board members and our Officers are all volunteers themselves. Step-up, roll up your sleeves and start rubbing elbows with your fellow Verdi Club volunteers!

Also, please join us for the February 11 Dinner Dance, featuring the incomparable Halsey and The Hi-Hats. Get your tickets for the February 11 Dinner Dance, and for all of The Verdi Club's public events, at https://www.verdiclub.net/events-calendar/ and just click on the event you want to attend.

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MEMBER NEWS

2023 Membership Dues Deadline

The deadline for annual dues to be paid is by February 15, 2023. Thank you to all who have paid to date. If your payment is not received by the deadline, a \$20 late fee will be assessed.

Annual dues are \$100 per year for both associate and vested members.

There are several convenient ways to pay your dues.

Electronic Payment: You can pay your \$100 dues electronically. Just click on this link (https://www.verdiclub.net/2023-member-dues/) and follow the directions. You will receive an acknowledgment that your payment has been received.

Payment by Check: Send your \$100 dues payment to the Verdi Club. Your cancelled check will constitute acknowledgment that your dues have been paid.

Mail your payment to: Verdi Club Attn: Membership, 2424 Mariposa St., San Francisco. CA 94110

DINNER DANCE CALENDAR

Upcoming Dinner Dances

Date	Band	Style	Menu
February 11, 2023	Halsey & The Hi-Hats	Mid-Century Jazz and Ballroom	Smoked Pork Chops w/ Tomato Marmalade or Creamy Gorgonzola Polenta w/ Roasted Root Vegetables
March 11, 2023	Eammon Flynn	Irish	Menu TBD
April 8, 2023	Vintage Jukebox	Jazz and Contemporary	Menu TBD
May 13, 2023	Cocuzzi Quartet	Swing and Ballroom	Menu TBD



Birthdays

Rahn Anderson Caroline Anzur James Broussard Cristina Gaspari Joseph La Sala James Lewis, Jr. Gloria McGoldrick John Peterson Stephen Tedesco

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If you would like to help out at the Club, on the day of the dinner dance we meet at 8am and are usually finished by 10am.

To join the crew contact:

Dennis Davison at:

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BAND SPOTLIGHT

February 11: Halsey & The Hi-Hats

Verdi Club is thrilled to welcome back Halsey and the Hi-Hats! They performed at one of the most memorable Dinner Dances of 2022 and are not to be missed.

Halsey & The Hi-Hats presents: Midcentury Madness!

Swing and jazz of the 40s, 50s and 60s in the style of Betty Hutton, Vera Lynn, Doris Day, and the rat pack. With a top secret special guest!

Drums: Karen Stoneham

Horn: Jeff Sanford Guitar: Stu Rosenberg Bass: Andrew Higgins Vocals: Halsey Varady

Tickets available **HERE**



March 11: Eammon Flynn



Irish keyboardist, singer and songwriter Eamonn Flynn forges his own kind of Irish soul. Growing up in Dublin, he was steeped in rock 'n' roll as well as Irish songs sung around his home. He draws from both, his deftly written songs and Dublin humor buoyed by his soulful vocals and formidable piano and Hammond organ chops.

"A fusion of R&B, gospel and Irish music that sounds so natural and obvious it makes you wonder where this music has been all this time," says Keyboard Magazine.

VERDI (LUB DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11



Wine Served with Dinner

Halsey & The Hi-Hats

BUFFET MENU

Smoked Pork Chop w/ Tomato Marmalade

5:30 DRINKS 6:30 DINNER 7:30 BAND or

Creamy Gorgonzola Polenta

w/ Roasted Root Vegetable

Garlic Parmesan Mashed Potatœs, Green Beans Almandine

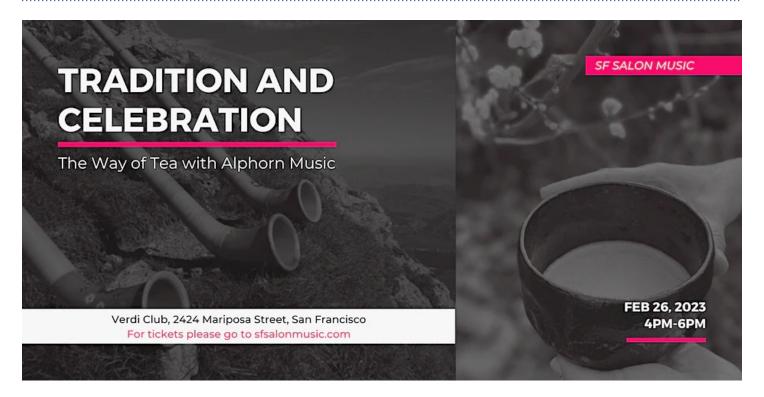
Mixed Green Salad

Dessert

Tickets available at <u>verdiclub.net</u> RSVP by email: rsvp@verdiclub.net

Sales End February 9

EVENT SPOTLIGHT



Sunday, February 26 4-6pm

Ring in the new year with a celebration and explore the music and traditions of two unique cultures. You'll be whisked away to the snowy hills of the Swiss Alps to hear the sound of the alpine horn. Then, experience a traditional Japanese tea ceremony from an experienced tea practitioner.

Drinks and hors d'eouvres will be served prior to the performance, followed by dessert after the program, and opportunities for the audience and artists to mingle and exchange. You will definitely walk away entertained, having learned something new, and perhaps even with a new friendship or connection!

This intimate performance is unlike any other performed in the Bay Area, and we invite you to spread the word to friends and family to let them know about this rare experience.

About SF Salon Music

It can be hard to connect with other music lovers and artists in a larger concert hall - that's why SF Salon Music does things differently.

SF Salon Music was founded to bring artists and audiences together in a new and more intimate setting, inspired by the tradition of 18th-century French "salons", where ordinary people could interact with high society, and experience culture and art usually only accessible at the royal court.

Purchase tickets HERE



VERDI (LUB INNER DANCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

Featuring



Wine Served with Dinner

Eammon Flynn

BUFFET MENU

Sales End March 9

5:30 DRINKS 6:30 DINNER 7:30 BAND Corned Beef and Cabbage or

Butternut Squash Baked Pasta Served with Salad, Vegtable, Dessert

Tickets on Sale February 1

HOUSEKEEPING

In an effort to offer transparency we want the Membership to better understand our challenges with the monthly Dinner Dance.

One of the Membership benefits is the Club's underwriting of the monthly event. To break-even we need a full house of 100+ and robust bar sales. As you are all very much aware, labor and food costs have skyrocketed. Many of our long-term servers moved on after the height of COVID; we are rebuilding staff, and compensation City-wide has increased. On numerous occasions we have needed to hire servers through agencies which increases costs further.

Melissa Mooney, our Entertainment Chair, has worked tirelessly at presenting a cavalcade of brilliant bands this past year. While garnering the attention of the Bay Area dance community and Membership alike, the new bands come with a higher price point. Musicians endured a long, lean pandemic, resulting in raised charges across-the-board.

The Board supports our continued underwriting and discounting of bar selections as a way to thank you for your important Membership support. As we continue to rebuild post-pandemic, we extend heartfelt gratitude for all the ways in which your Membership supports our historic Verdi Club.

The Verdi Club Officers and Board Members



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