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# Benefit Concert To Celebrate The Lives Of Local Elders In Song.

**Rosendale, NY**—On May 31, from 4 to 7 pm, SageArts will host a benefit concert to celebrate the lives and wisdom of our elders in song. SageArts is an intergenerational arts project that encourages social inclusion and dignity for elders in the Hudson Valley. It brings together songwriters and elders from local communities to collaboratively write an original song based on the elder's life experience.

Songwriters/Performers include Elizabeth Clark-Jerez, Elly Winger, Dave Kearney, Bonnie Meadow, and Jim Metzner who have originated songs about the lives of Elders Janet Fulmer, Rosalind Stark, Pauline Delson, Carlo Travaglia, Richard Geldard. The concert will include local youth who will participate in singing the songs, many of whom are members of the Vanaver Caravan. In addition, guest artists Peter Wetzler, Stephen Johnson, Eleni Reyes, Karen Levine and Elena Erber of Caprice Rouge, Vicki Russell, Sara Perrotta, Heather Masse, Sarah Kramer-Harrison and the band Mamalama will perform.

According to Colette Ruoff, founder of SageArts, " This process has been life changing for the elders and I think our audience will be moved by how we can celebrate and honor them through such a creative process." Lewis Mehl-Madrona, an MD specializing in Geriatrics and an advisor to SageArts says "If we re-integrate elders into our community, we have the opportunity to learn from them and to honor their wisdom. We all gain something from that because we are all connected."

The concert will be held at the Marbletown Community Center, 3564 Main Street in Stone Ridge. It is open to the public. Tickets are \$25, at the door, and \$20 in advance at Brown Paper Tickets. Proceeds will fund a SageArts effort at Thompson House, a local nursing home in the Hudson Valley, and the Governor Clinton senior housing complex in Kingston.

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