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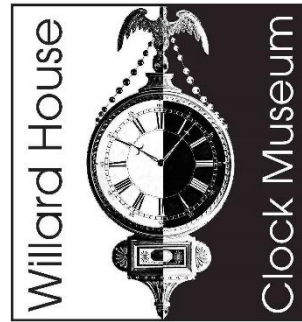
The Center of Early American Clockmaking

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3:00 to 5:00 PM



Willard House & Clock Museum Featuring Award-Winning Duet, Guy Van Duser and Billy Novick

North Grafton, MA – June 1, 2022. Willard House and Clock Museum (WHCM) is pleased to announce the arrival of Guy Van Duser and Billy Novick as part of its 2022 Music Series.

“Elegant.” “Riveting.” “Soulful.” “Classic Mastery.” “Virtuosic.” are a few of the terms used to describe the unique and stunning swing-jazz and Americana music of the acoustic guitarist, Guy Van Duser and clarinetist, Billy Novick.

This is a rare, not-to-be-missed performance. Tickets are \$10 for adults and Willard members are free.

Seating is extremely limited so the museum strongly encourages audience members to register as soon as possible at: <https://willardhouse.org/shop/guy-van-duser-bill-novick-concert>

“I’ve listened to Guy and Billy for decades and attended their performances. Their musicianship is outstanding”, says Robert C. Cheney, Willard’s Executive Director, “a great opportunity for the public to attend a rare performance in an intimate setting.”

The event was possible by support from the TJ Woods Insurance Agency of Worcester. “Our agency prides itself on supporting the arts in various ways”, states Walter Conlin, Vice President. “Great music is timeless, and the music series adds another interesting facet to the museum.”

About Guy Van Duser and Billy Novick

Together as a duo for more than forty years- longer than most marriages- Guy and Billy have performed in concerts, clubs and festivals all over North America and Europe. You also may have heard them as frequent guests of the Prairie Home Companion show, NPR's All Things Considered, or on one the numerous film and television soundtracks they have been featured on.

And like a good marriage, their music has wed together two perfectly suited musical personalities. Their music is based around Guy's innovative finger-style guitar wizardry, and his uncanny ability to play bass lines, chords, and melodies all at the same time. With

his daring imagination, breathtaking technique, and his wonderful musicality, Guy has become an inspiration for guitarists all over the world.

Novick's ever inventive and soulful clarinet playing provides the ideal complement to Guy's guitar. With his vast knowledge of the classic jazz era, his dazzling improvising skills, and his entertaining vocals, Novick is able to both add a melodic and dynamic spark to Guy's guitar. Their music sounds fresh and original yet is also deeply rooted in the rich legacy of the classic jazz age. The duo can play any piece from their huge repertoire- an obscure Ellington tune, a Gershwin classic, a complex Jelly Roll Morton arrangement, or perhaps one of their originals, and immediately have it sound their own.

And my, how they swing! The two of them together can create a pulse as driving as any big band. They have a musical telepathy and understanding that has been honed by more than forty years of playing together, a rhythmic drive that doesn't quit and a thorough mastery of their instruments. Add to all of this their relaxed and engaging stage manner, and you will be treated to a joyously entertaining and musically enchanting show that, indeed, has already stood the test of time.

Website: <http://billynovick.com/guy-billy.html>

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About Willard House and Clock Museum - Celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

Located at 11 Willard Street in North Grafton, MA, Willard House and Clock Museum exhibits more than 80 Willard clocks in the birthplace and original workshop of the Willard clockmakers, along with family portraits, furnishings and other family heirlooms. Works by all three generations of Willard clockmakers, and the famed clockmakers Simon Willard Jr. and Benjamin Franklin Willard, are also displayed. The Museum tour includes the original Willard House, built in 1740, the original clock-making workshop, and three modern galleries. Visit the Willard House and Clock Museum website at www.willardhouse.org

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