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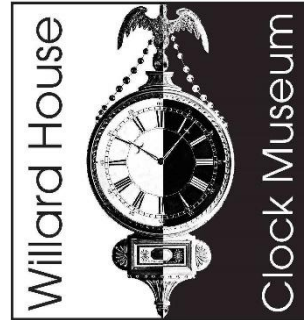
DATE: March 30, 2021

CONTACT: Beverly Snow, Program Coordinator

DATE OF EVENT: Sunday, April 11, 2021

TIME: 4:00 – 5:00 PM ET

COST: FREE : Live Streaming Event



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

“WHCM Concert Series Featuring Americana Quintet, Grain Thief”

A live streaming event from the Willard House gallery.

The Willard House and Clock Museum is delighted to announce the timely kickoff of its 2021 Concert Series featuring the Boston-based, award winning and recording Americana quintet, Grain Thief.

“The Willard House was the center of early American clockmaking and home to the multigenerational Willard family, says Executive Director and Curator, Robert C. Cheney. “We celebrate the museum and those who lived there, gathered, and celebrated via music. Grain Thief reinforces the enjoyment of wonderful music beautifully played.”

This performance will be live streamed on the museum’s [Facebook page](#) so you may enjoy it from the comfort of your home.

About Grain Thief

Grain Thief is a 5-piece string band from Boston MA, featuring Patrick Mulroy (guitar, vocals), Zach Meyer (mandolin, vocals), Michael Harmon (bass, vocals), Tom Farrell (lead guitar), and Alex Barstow (fiddle).

Formed in 2015, the group released their debut EP *Animal*, which showcases their roots in folk, bluegrass, and old-time music. They spent their formative years playing shows and residencies around New England before heading back into the studio to record their first full-length release, *Stardust Lodge*, in 2018.

The band spent much of 2018 and 2019 touring the material in the Northeast, Southwest, and Southeastern US, with performances at music festivals like Grey Fox Bluegrass Festival and Ossipee Valley Music Festival and opening for artists like Tim O’Brien and Town Mountain.

The record saw success on radio stations nationwide charting weeks in nationally-reporting music charts. In August 2020, the band released *Gasoline*, their latest full length. The new material,

recorded mostly live-in-the-studio around a few microphones, shows the band returning to their true live sound as a roots string band.

Website: <http://www.grainthief.com>

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/grainthief>

Instagram: @GrainThief

About Willard House and Clock Museum

Located at 11 Willard Street in North Grafton, MA, the 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, including famed clockmakers Simon Willard Jr. and Benjamin Franklin Willard, are also displayed. The Museum tour includes the original Willard House, built in 1740, the clock-making workshop, in addition to the galleries. Visit the Willard House and Clock Museum website at www.willardhouse.org

For more information about the program, please contact Beverly Snow, Program Coordinator, at 508-839-3500.

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