## ROCKPORT ALWAYS SOUNDS GOOD

The picturesque fishing village of Rockport, just north of Boston, has a beauty and charm that beckons visitors from around the world.

But the town is equally renowned far and wide for Rockport Music, which has presented exceptional live performances over the past

four decades at the acoustically brilliant **Shalin Liu Performance Center**, a 330 seat venue where every seat has a spectacular view of the stage.

Classical, jazz, folk, pop, and world music all have a home at **Rockport Music**, and this summer brings some magical performances.

On June 3, China Forbes of Pink Martini gives a solo show with songs from her new album, *The Road*. On July 11-12, folk legend Tom Rush performs two nights, with a repertoire of iconic songs such as *Urge for Going* and *Circle Game*. On July 21, local



favorite David Coffin leads a night of maritime stories and songs that capture a distinctive New England oeuvre.

Legendary Blues guitarist Ronnie Earl returns to Rockport on August 17 with his sizzing band, the Broadcasters. In August, perennial crowd favorites

include Madeleine Peyroux on the 22nd,

Al Stewart on the 24th and Graham Nash on the 30th. Celtic Favorites Rachel Davis & Darren McMullen of the Canadian band Còig performs their distinctive Cape Breton music on August 31.

The highlight of the summer is the **Rockport Celtic Festival** on September 12-15, showcasing amazing music from across the Celtic world. Performers include the Jeremy Kittel Trio, Westbound from Sweden, harpist and festival director Maeve Gilchrist, From the Ground Up, and a variety of ceilis and sing-alongs.

A special feature of this year's Rockport Celtic Festival honors the late Brian O'Donovan, GBH Celtic Sojourn host and co-founder of the festival. Irish fiddler and composer Liz Carroll and the Rasa String Quartet this year perform a specially commissioned musical piece in Brian's honor.

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