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# THE HOT SARDINES

**Elizabeth Bougerol**, *vocals and frontwoman*

**Evan Palazzo**, *piano and bandleader*

**J. Walter Hawkes**, *trombone and ukulele*

**Gordon Au**, *trumpet*

**Ben Golder-Novick**, *reeds*

**Rob Garcia**, *drums*

**Chris Van Voorst**, *bass*

**John Manzari**, *tap dance*

Program to be announced from the stage

This performance will last approximately 90 minutes  
with no intermission.

This performance is supported in part by gifts from Ed Spencer  
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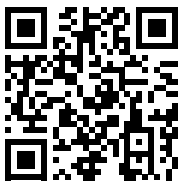
## BIOGRAPHY

### The Hot Sardines

Over the last several years, the Hot Sardines has emerged from the Brooklyn neo-speakeasies where the group got its start to make a global name for itself, playing hot jazz as it was in the era when live music was king, bridging generations, and captivating 21<sup>st</sup>-century audiences. The group, led by frontwoman Elizabeth Bougerol and pianist Evan Palazzo, has been described as “potent and assured” (*The New York Times*) and “simply phenomenal” (*The Times of London*), notching more than a year on the Billboard Jazz chart and 60 million streams on Spotify (over 90 countries). They’ve guested on *Later... With Jools Holland*, NPR’s *Weekend Edition*, *CBS Saturday Morning*, NPR’s *Soundcheck*, *Live at WFUV*, and appeared at major jazz festivals, including Newport, Montreal, Toronto, London, and Blue Note in Japan, in addition to sold-out shows at more than 400 venues worldwide. They’ve performed their Boston Pops-debuted symphony show with orchestras throughout North America. Their three major albums have landed on best-of lists in the jazz press (*Downbeat*, *JazzTimes*) but also crossed over to the mainstream, with *Rolling Stone* noting that “100-year-old jazz standards get reborn” in the hands of the Hot Sardines.

*This is the Hot Sardines’ first performance at the Center for the Arts.*

# TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!



We'd love your feedback on this performance. If you complete the short survey, you can enter for a chance to win two tickets to La Santa Cecilia on Thursday, October 30, 2025.

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**Through Sat., Nov. 22, 2025**

**Clare Grill and Margaux Ogden**

***Things I Had No Words For***

*Ruth C. Horton Gallery*

**Dana Frankfort and Josephine Halvorson**

***Seeing and Reading***

*Miles C. Horton Jr. Gallery and*

*Sherwood Payne Quillen '71 Reception Gallery*

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**Through July 2026**

**Mural: Clare Grill and Margaux Ogden**

*Turner Street exterior wall*

**Through July 2028**

**Mural: Brian Dettmer**

***Memories of the Mountains***

*Grand Lobby*

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## **Free Related Events**

***Beyond the Frame* Gallery Tours**

Thurs., Oct. 9 and Nov. 13, 12 PM

*Grand Lobby*

**Artist Talk: Brian Dettmer**

Thurs., Oct. 9, 3-4 PM

*Cube*



## PERFORMANCES

Sat., Sept. 27, 7:30 PM  
**Step Afrika!**

Thurs., Oct. 2, 7:30 PM  
**Abel Selacoe, cello and vocals**

Sat., Oct. 11, 7:30 PM  
**Chris Thile**

Tues., Oct. 14, 7:30 PM  
**Ballet BC**

Mon., Oct. 20, 7:30 PM  
**Gaelynn Lea and the Music Inclusion Ensemble**  
Co-presented with the School of Performing Arts

Wed., Oct. 22, 7:30 PM  
**An Evening with Roz Chast**

Thurs., Oct. 30, 7:30 PM  
**La Santa Cecilia**

Thurs., Nov. 6, and  
Fri., Nov. 7, 7:30 PM  
**Hotel Modern**  
**The Great War**

Sun., Nov. 9, 4 PM  
**360 ALLSTARS**

Mon., Nov. 17, 7:30 PM  
**Broadway in Blacksburg**  
**TINA – The Tina Turner Musical**

Sat., Dec. 6, 4 PM  
**Roanoke Symphony Orchestra**  
**Holiday Pops Spectacular**

Sun., Dec. 14, 4 PM  
**Blacksburg Master Chorale**  
**Handel's Messiah**

Thurs., Jan. 22, 7:30 PM  
**Royal Philharmonic Orchestra**  
**Benjamin Grosvenor, piano**  
**Vasily Petrenko, music director**

Wed., Jan. 28, 7:30 PM  
**Julia Bullock, soprano**  
**Seth Parker Woods, cello**  
**Conor Hanick, piano**  
**From Ordinary Things**

Fri., Jan. 30, and  
Sat., Jan. 31, 7:30 PM  
**Tim Etchells**  
**with Bert and Nasi**  
**L'Addition**

Tues., Feb. 10, and  
Wed., Feb. 11, 7:30 PM  
**Cirque Mechanics**  
**Tilt! A Circus Thrill Ride**

Fri., Feb. 20, 7:30 PM  
**Danish Radio Big Band**  
**with Cécile McLorin Salvant**

Mon., Feb. 23, 7:30 PM  
**Broadway in Blacksburg**  
**Chicago**

Tues., March 17, 7:30 PM  
**Irish Baroque Orchestra**  
**The Trials of Tenucci**

Sat., March 28, 7:30 PM  
**Stephanie Lake Company**  
**Manifesto**

Fri., April 3, 7:30 PM  
**Bill Frisell**  
**In My Dreams**  
**Featuring Jenny Scheinman,**  
**Eyvind Kang, Hank Roberts,**  
**Thomas Morgan, and**  
**Rudy Royston**

Tues., April 7, 7:30 PM  
**National Geographic Live**  
**Beauty Beyond the Frontlines**  
**Muhammed Muheisen,**  
**photojournalist**

Wed., April 15, 7:30 PM  
**The Takács Quartet**  
**with Jordan Bak, viola**

Thurs., April 23, 7:30 PM  
**Algeria Moves!**  
**Music, Dance,**  
**and Women's Resilience**

Sat., May 9, 7:30 PM  
**An Evening with Kelli O'Hara**  
**Season Closer**

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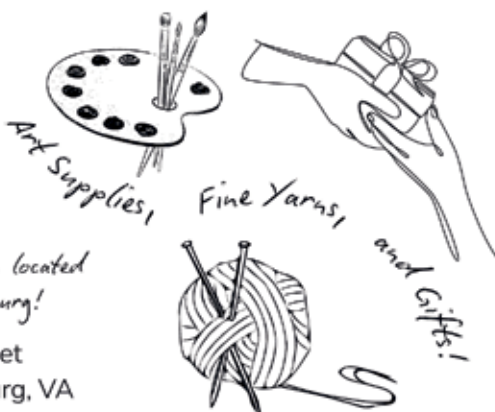
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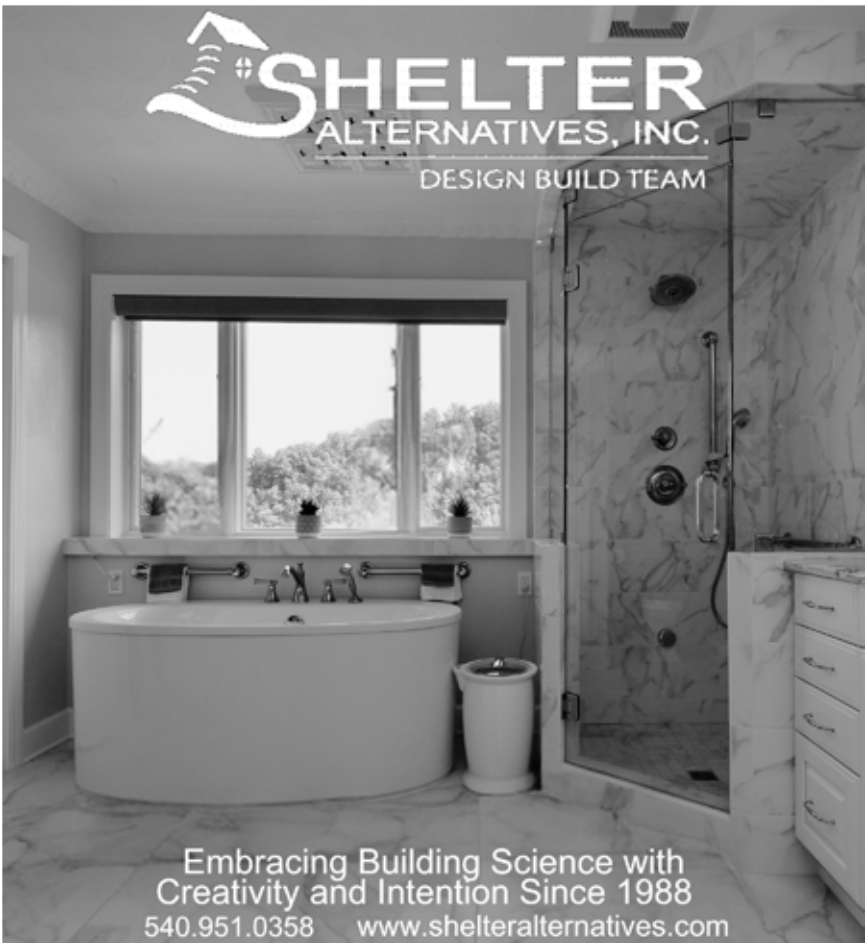
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