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The Woodstock Invitational Luthiers Showcase and La Bella Strings Present:

Friday, October 23, 2009, 8:00 PM

Ara Dinkjian and Trio

Plus **Sharon Klein**

In Concert

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At

The Colony Café

22 Rock City Road

Woodstock, NY 12498

845-679-5342

<http://www.colonycafe.com>

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An evening of Middle Eastern Oud and World Folk Music with international recording artist, master musician and composer **ARA DINKJIAN**, considered one of the top oud players in the world. Dinkjian's compositions have been recorded in 13 different languages, including the multi-platinum hit "Dinata" which was performed at the closing ceremonies at the 2004 Olympic games in Athens. In 2002, Dinkjian was chosen to represent Armenia in the First International Meeting Of The Oud in Thessaloniki, Greece. His newest album and first solo CD, "An Armenian in America", was recorded live at the 2005 International Oud Festival in Jerusalem. Dinkjian will perform with his trio, which includes oud, percussion, and kanoun, the marvelous Turkish 88-string plucked zither.

<http://www.aradinkjian.com>

Ara Dinkjian's appearance is being made possible with generous support from **La Bella Strings** (E. & O. Mari, Inc., Newburgh, NY). Ara Dinkjian uses La Bella Strings.

<http://www.labella.com>

Sharon Klein, finger style guitarist, composer and producer, is a multi faceted artist, whose style spans the many musical and cultural worlds she has traveled in. Drawing influences from Middle Eastern music, flamenco, jazz and Americana, she has composed over 200 songs and musical pieces. Her music has appeared in documentary films and television, and she has produced albums featuring Ara Dinkjian and Vicki Genfan. She is an avid collector and player of fine handmade instruments, a passion that started in the early days of the Golden Age of Lutherie, when she lived around the corner from workshops of such guitar legends as Michael Gurian, Tom Humphrey and Lucien Barnes, who built her first hand made guitar. <http://www.sharonkleinmusic.com>

Ara Dinkjian will also be presenting a Middle Eastern Oud Workshop, Saturday October 24, 10:00 to 11:30 AM at the Alchemy Café <http://www.alchemyofwoodstock.com>, 297 Tinker Street (in the Bearsville Theater complex), Woodstock, NY, as a part of the **Woodstock Invitational Luthiers Showcase**, a two-day show and sale of fine handmade acoustic guitars and stringed musical instruments exhibited by their makers, 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM., Saturday and Sunday October 24 & 25, 2009, at the Bearsville Theater. For details and full schedule of music and events, please visit <http://www.woodstockinvitational.com>

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