

Jun 07, 2014

Live on Locke returns



BETTYE LAVETTE

Bettye LaVette is one of the headliners for this year's Live On Locke concert series.

Hamilton Spectator

By [Graham Rockingham](#)

Bettye LaVette, 54-40, Hawksley Workman and Whitehorse are the headliners for this fall's third annual Live On Locke concert series.

Tickets for the four concerts go on sale Saturday at Epic Books and Picks And Sticks Music on Locke Street, or on line at liveonlocke.com.

"Last year the entire series sold out in four hours," said publicist Tricia Hellingman.

The popular concert series will open at the Melrose United Church on Friday, Sept. 19 with LaVette, a widely respected Detroit soul singer who performed at the inaugural concert for President Barack Obama in 2009, as well as the Kennedy Center Honors in 2008.

- On Friday, Oct. 3, the series will feature 54-40, a Vancouver-based alt-rock band with more than two decades of hits and a reputation for its live performances.
- On Friday, Nov. 21, singer-songwriter Hawksley Workman, a two-time Juno winner from Toronto, will take the stage at Melrose United. Workman has headlined prestigious theatres around the world including Toronto's Massey Hall and The Olympia in Paris.
- On Friday, Dec. 5, the series winds up with Whitehorse, the husband-and-wife duo of Melissa McClelland and Luke Doucet. Both have successful solo careers, as well as recording two albums together under the name Whitehorse. The couple's 2012 album,

The Fate of the World Depends on This Kiss, was short listed for the Polaris Prize for best Canadian album.

McClelland and Doucet, who are now based in Toronto, lived in Hamilton for several years. McClelland, who is expecting the couple's first child in August, was raised in Burlington.

"A lot of people who've attended previous concerts have been asking for months if the series will continue, and when tickets will go on sale," said Hamilton rocker Tom Wilson (Blackie and the Rodeo Kings, LeE HARVeY OsMOND), who helped book the four acts. "There's a tremendous interest out there."

All four concerts will be held at Melrose United, at the corner of Locke St. South and Homewood Avenue with performances beginning at 7:30. The church can hold 550 people for each show. Tickets are \$150 for the complete series.

Series sponsors include Coldwell Banker pinnacle Real Estate Brokerage and sales representative Diane J. Brown.

grockingham@thespec.com

905-526-3331 | @RockatTheSpec