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For immediate release: Claudia Russell performs at First Methodist Church of Point Richmond

Acclaimed singer/songwriter Claudia Russell performs at the First United Methodist Church in Pt. Richmond on Sunday, March 28, joined by her band, the Folk Unlimited Orchestra. The 75 minute concert starts at 5 pm.

Russell is an award-winning singer/songwriter and was named Best Musician in the 2006 East Bay Express Reader's Poll and named Best New Artist by Boston Radio station WUMB in 2001. She and her band play an eclectic blend of folk that is woven from blues, country, pop, swing and traditional music to form Russell's unique and compelling sound. She has a remarkably expressive voice that is as much at home on a whispery ballad as a full-tilt Buddy Holly-styled romp. Her songs deal with the classic themes of songwriting: love, longing and loss – in a distinctive voice.

Russell is a resident of Pt. Richmond, and, as a musician that tours all across the country, is excited to perform close to home. "The Pt. Richmond Methodist church is a beautiful church that makes music a central part of its program. It'll be really nice to get to play in our home town."

Russell's band consists of her husband Bruce Kaplan on mandolin and guitar, Mark Petrella on acoustic bass with Russell on acoustic guitar and vocals. They'll be joined by Kit Eackle on fiddle. Eackle plays in a number of groups and also lives in Pt. Richmond.

The late afternoon show promises to be an entertaining one. In a review of her recent *Live Band Tonight* CD (recorded in part at Berkeley's Freight and Salvage), *Sing Out* magazine had this to say:

"Claudia Russell is a great performer and this CD proves it. She can really sing. And her band - let's just say they're hot. Connect them to the power grid and they'd light up a medium-sized town."

Russell is a third generation singer and has shared stages with Peter Rowan, Tish Hinojosa, Wille Nelson, Dave Alvin and Rosalie Sorrel. Her father, Val Rosing, sang with the San Francisco Opera Company and was

most noted as the original vocalist on such BBC Orchestra 1930s hits such as "Teddy Bears Picnic" and "Try a Little Tenderness." Russell and Kaplan were recently featured on NPR's All Things Considered for an interview about Rosing.

Russell and her band can be heard online at www.claudiarussell.com or on YouTube for by searching "Claudia Russell."

See Claudia Russell and the Folk Unlimited Orchestra, Sunday, March 28 at 5 pm.at the First United Methodist Church in Point Richmond, 201 Martina Street at Washington. Admission is \$10.

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[Russell is available for interviews via phone or in person. For more biographical information or to listen online visit www.claudiarussell.com or contact Bruce Kaplan at brucekaplan@mac.com]

Selected Press Quotes

"Berkeley's own Claudia Russell is a smoky-voiced thrush able to deliver a cosmopolitan lounge blues or a bluegrass romp with equal aplomb. She also is a fine guitar picker and songwriter, with tunes like "Oh California" and "Just Like You" sounding like ready-made Americana hits. *Her* impressive melding of pop, country, folk, bluegrass, swing and classical American songwriting mark Russell as an original talent with an impressively eclectic vision. – **j. poet, East Bay Express**

"Claudia Russell and the Folk Unlimited Orchestra traverse the vast American musical landscape, stopping at wondrous landmarks along the way—from the Smoky Mountains to Smokey Robinson. Lesser singers might stumble, or sound fake and uninspired. But Russell and her band possess an uncanny ability to get behind each song and make it their own." – **Mike Rossney, Coat to Coast Arts, Sargentsville, Maine**

"Singer-songwriter Claudia Russell is a vocalist in the old-fashioned sense. She can really sing. Not only does she have an impressive set of pipes, she interprets songs rather than merely convey the lyrics. {Her 2nd CD,} *Ready to Receive* is a professional work of strong musicality delivered by a superior voice in the crowded field of singer-songwriters." – **Rich Warren, Sing Out Fall 2005**

Claudia Russell is a great live performer and [*Live Band Tonight*] proves that. Her band -- let's just say they're hot. Connect them to the power grid and they'd light up a medium-sized town. *Live Band Tonight* is as musically solid as they come and in the world of obligatory live CDs, it shines. – **Rich Warren, Sing Out Fall 2007**

"Russell has a voice that is made for folk music. She breaks hearts..." **Elaine Schmidt, Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel**