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Hope and Healing Through Live Music

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Sensational Irish Singer-songwriter Hozier to Headline Rockin' The Roses Benefit: Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real with HoneyHoney on Triple All-Star Bill



Photo Courtesy of Hozier

In an intimate acoustic performance, sensational Irish musician [Hozier](#) will headline Bread & Roses Presents annual spring benefit concert on Thursday May 18 at the [Great American Music Hall](#) with rockin' trio [Lukas Nelson & Promise of the Real](#) rounding out the triple bill with Americana duo [HoneyHoney](#). Master of Ceremonies [Jonny Fritz](#) will anchor the evening of support for Bread & Roses programs that bring hope and healing through live music for isolated Bay

Area audiences. [General Admission and VIP Tickets](#) are still available for this very special evening of exceptional contemporary music, brought to you by Jeff & Laurie Ubben.

The twenty-seven-year-old Irish musician Hozier is a multi-instrumentalist, Grammy nominated, award-winning multi-platinum singer-songwriter.

Bread & Roses Presents: A Record-breaking Year in 2016 Marin County agency presents over 600 shows to more than 30,000 isolated people



Bread & Roses Presents produced a record-breaking **626 shows** in 2016 to isolated people in Bay Area senior day care centers, convalescent hospitals, juvenile detention facilities and other institutional settings where residents have few opportunities to experience live entertainment by professional performers.

"The number of shows last year is the most the organization has ever produced since its founding in 1974 by the late Mimi Fariña," said Executive Director Dave

Perron. In 2016, **127 facilities** were served in eight Bay Area counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Sonoma. Nearly **34,000 people** were entertained across all age and demographic groups.

A total of **1,018 volunteers** were engaged including performers, hosts, board, event, office and other in-kind contributors. Active volunteers included **833 individual performers and performing groups**. **Forty-one active volunteers** hosted 350 shows in 2016.

Innovative Partnership Between Bank of Marin, Fantasy Studios & Graham Nash Helps Support Our Program



[Bank of Marin](#) sponsored a private event at [Fantasy Studios](#) in Berkeley on Tues. March 21 to benefit Bread & Roses Presents. Rock icon [Graham Nash](#) with guitarist [Shane Fontayne](#) performed a retrospective of his amazing songs beginning with his days in The Hollies, through Crosby Stills Nash & Young and including a song from his recent CD "This Path Tonight." After the concert, he shared anecdotes from his recent memoir *Wild Tales*. Journalist and rock historian [Paul Liberatore](#) moderated a Q&A with Graham followed by an encore of *Teach Your Children* that he dedicated to Bread & Roses volunteer host Lynn Colombo. This innovative partnership helps support our ongoing program of live music for isolated audiences in over 600 annual Bay Area shows.

Thanks to **Russ Colombo**, President & CEO of Bank of Marin, our sponsoring partner. Great appreciation to all the wonderful staff at Bank of Marin, as well as to **Jeffrey Wood** and **Allison Gomer** from Fantasy Studios who facilitated the production of this special evening to benefit Bread & Roses.

Bread & Roses Advisory Circle member Paul Liberatore, wrote an article about the event for the *Marin Independent Journal*. ([Read more](#))

Volunteers Share Why Hosting Shows Makes A Difference

Volunteer hosts are an essential part of sustaining our program throughout the year at Bread & Roses Presents. With the help of our hosts, we presented a record-breaking 626 shows in 2016, the most ever. Forty-one active volunteers hosted 350 of these shows last year, a whopping fifty-six percent. We are so grateful for our many volunteers, hosts as well as performers, who bring hope and healing through live music throughout the year to those in the Bay Area who are isolated and need uplifting.



Photo by Caitlin Albritton

Once a year we gather our volunteer hosts together and ask them to share how Bread & Roses has made a difference in their lives as well as the lives of our audiences. Here are a few highlights from the testimonials they shared. ([Read More](#))

The California Honeydrops Bring Joy to Audience at HealthRIGHT 360 Walden House



The classic **Wilson Pickett** song *Don't Let the Green Grass Fool You* was an apt message from [The California Honeydrops](#) for the men at [HealthRIGHT 360 Walden House](#) who are working so hard to turn their lives around.

With a lot of soul, Delta Blues, Bay Area R&B and a big dash of New Orleans style, The California Honeydrops came out of the recording studio last week to play a stellar show for **Bread & Roses Presents** at this drug and alcohol recovery program

for men in San Francisco. The audience responded with great enthusiasm to the uplifting songs and incredible musicianship of this vibrant band, an inspiration with their amazing chops and rapport with the audience as well as each other. Much appreciation to their manager **Heather Newman**, a Bread & Roses volunteer who facilitated this special concert. ([Read More](#))

Brotherhood for Bread & Roses: The Legendary Mighty O'Town Passions at Crossroads in Oakland

As the name implies, [The Legendary Mighty O'Town Passions](#) are a musical force to be reckoned with. More than a performing group, they

are a musical ministry for good. They take their uplifting songs to the streets, to the stage and to the shelters - as they did for Bread & Roses Presents.

The residents at [Crossroads East Oakland Community Project](#), a homeless shelter for diverse adults, slowly filled the room as the group started singing. [\(Read More\)](#)



Joan Baez at 2015 B&R Benefit Concert.
Photo by Ken Friedman

The San Francisco Sound: Concert on July 22 at Nourse Theatre in SF: a portion of the proceeds to benefit Bread & Roses

On the 50th anniversary of the **Summer of Love**, the music that took Haight Ashbury's message of peace and love and sent it around the world will be celebrated in "[The San Francisco Sound](#)," a multi-media musical history tour at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 22, in the beautifully restored **Nourse Theater** in San Francisco.

[Joan Baez](#), inducted this year into the [Rock & Roll Hall of Fame](#), heads a cast of rising young Bay Area singers putting a fresh new sheen on great old songs from the era. [Caroline Sky](#), [The T Sisters](#) and many others will re-interpret

some of the classic songs from the time. Music Director [Jimmy Dillon](#) leads the Summer of Love Band. **Paul Liberatore** brings some rock history into the mix with photos, videos and stories from the Summer of Love. Tickets are \$67 and \$49.99 at City Box Office and a portion of the proceeds will benefit Bread & Roses. [\(Learn more\)](#)

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