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**John & THE JAYBIRDS**



Friday, May 18, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.  
Northeastern Illinois University Auditorium  
The Jewel Box Series presents

## **John Reischman & the Jaybirds**

John Reischman - mandolin

Jim Nunally - guitar

Trisha Gagnon - bass

Nick Hornbuckle - banjo

Greg Spatz - fiddle

**Program to be announced from the stage**





## John Reischman & the Jaybirds

Contrary to a vicious rumor that has been circulating, the Jaybirds did not begin as a radical underground Western Canada political sect bent on relocating 49th parallel boundary monuments to claim the West Coast's finest bluegrass musicians for the Commonwealth. The simple fact is, it was always about music - the music of one man.

Fans of the Jaybirds know it is a shared love of John Reischman's mandolin work that brought together this select and accomplished group of players. And there is little doubt that when the Jaybirds get together musically, something special happens; some have noted that other kinds of boundaries are shifting. Few can traverse the disparate landscapes of bluegrass and old-time as expertly as Reischman and the Jaybirds have. With each new recorded offering, this stellar group furthers its exploration of a unique musical geography where our timeless string-band traditions are renewed, expanded, and enhanced.

Whether setting the tone for a mournful ballad, laying in fills for one of the group's unique original compositions, or providing essential rhythmic foundation to breakneck speed bluegrass, John Reischman's mandolin acts as the sonic heart and soul of the band and its conceptual touchstone. He is a mandolin master of the highest caliber, having garnered praise from every corner of the music world for his tasteful, classic, and versatile technique bar-none. After cutting his teeth with West Coast groups of now-legendary status (the Tony Rice Unit, the Good Ol' Persons) Reischman has once again reached new heights with the Jaybirds; this time, it is with a singular sound built around his musical tastes and fortified by the intrepid spirit of his musical partners.

With a fourth critically-acclaimed album and expanded touring schedule, John Reischman and the Jaybirds are a top-flight band delivering a truly fresh blend of original songs and instrumentals, old-time heritage, and bluegrass power.

## Jewel Box Series 2012-2013

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### Friday, September 21

#### **Cantus**

Hailed as "the premier men's vocal ensemble in the United States" Cantus is acknowledged around the world for their programmatic versatility, artistic excellence and charismatic personality.

### Friday, October 19

#### **Ruth Moody Band**

Ruth Moody is a Juno Award winning songwriter from Winnipeg, Manitoba. Although best known for her work with The Wailin' Jennys, Ruth is an artist of exceptional depth and grace.

### Friday, November 16

#### **Calefax Reed Quintet**

The Amsterdam based ensemble has won a number of prestigious prizes and can be heard frequently throughout Europe and further afield in Russia, China, India, Turkey, Japan and the USA.

### Friday, December 21

#### **Matt Ulery, jazz bassist**

Ulery has penned more than 200 compositions during the course of his still-young career. He leads his own septet, Loom, and is a contributing member of the Balkan-inspired group Eastern Blok. Matt performed with Grazyna Auguscik on the Jewel Box Series last season.

### Friday, January 18

#### **Susan Tang, piano**

NEIU piano faculty member Susan Tang has been described as a pianist with "technique to spare coupled with a lively intelligence".

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**Friday, February 15**

**Belfry Fellows**

Boasting timeless songs crafted in the tradition of American old-time and bluegrass, performed with the acoustic instrumental precision of chamber music.

**Friday, March 8**

**Boston Brass**

Boston Brass treats audiences to a unique brand of entertainment which captivates all ages.

**Friday, April 19**

**Jorge Montilla, clarinet**

Jorge Montilla is considered one of the best clarinetists in Latin-America and one of the world's finest E-flat clarinet players! He will present an eclectic program of contemporary repertoire for both Bb and Eb clarinets in collaboration with pianist Kay Kim.

**For more info call or email:**

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