

A Music & Poetry
Cafe at
Waltz-Astoria
Presented by
Astorians for Peace and
Justice



Thursday, Oct. 25th, 2007, 8pm
\$10

at Waltz-Astoria Cafe
23-14 Ditmars Blvd, Astoria
www.waltz-astoria.com
(718-95-MUSIC)

Featuring:

Eli Yamin--Jazz composer and keyboardist, Eli Yamin, has just returned from touring Mali, India, and China with Jazz At Lincoln Center's Rhythm Road All-Stars. He has played and recorded with numerous bands through the years (including Illinois Jacquet's big band, Solar, and The Eli Yamin Quartet), and has produced and hosted jazz and blues programs for WBGO/Jazz 88, Sirius Satellite Radio, and National Public Radio.

Stephan Said--Iraqi-American singer-songwriter and activist Stephan Said (who has also recorded as Stephan Smith) has been praised by *The Village Voice* as an "heir apparent to Woody Guthrie" and by Jam TV as "the clearest voice of the protest movement rising up out of Seattle." His CDs include *Slash and Burn* (Artemis Records), *Now's the Time* (Rounder/Universal), and *New World Worder* (Universal Hobo).

Christine Hamm-- Poet Christine Hamm is the author of *The Transparent Dinner*, published in 2006 by Mayapple Press. She has also published three chapbooks: *Children Having Trouble with Meat*, *The Animal Husband*, and *The Salt Daughter*. She teaches English at Rutgers University and poetry writing at Women's Studio Center in Queens.

Betty Smith--A long time peace and justice activist, Betty Smith is a member of Astorians for Peace and Justice, and will talk about AFPJ's upcoming work.

Russell Branca and Eliot Katz will be performing a bass/poetry collaboration. Jazz bassist and composer Russell Branca is the leader of The Russell Branca Quartet and recently organized a Jazz Means Peace series at Bowery Poetry Club. Eliot Katz is the author of *Unlocking the Exits* and *When the Skyline Crumbles: Poems for the Bush Years*.

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