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Jowonio Presents Loren Barrigar and Jowonio Friends

November 14 concert to benefit Jowonio School

Syracuse, NY – On [November 14, 2009](#), central New York's favorite guitarist, Loren Barrigar, will headline a [benefit concert for Jowonio School](#). Held at [May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society](#), the concert will also feature [performances by eleven of the school's musically talented staff and friends](#). Designed to be a [family-friendly event](#), the concert will begin at [7:00 pm](#), with Jowonio performances in the first part of the program, followed by Barrigar's performance. Tickets are [\\$25 for general admission seating](#), and [all proceeds will benefit Jowonio School](#). Tickets may be purchased at Jowonio School, 3049 East Genesee Street, Syracuse, or online at www.jowonio.org.

Loren Barrigar

[Loren Barrigar is known as the premiere fingerstyle guitarist in central New York](#). In great demand locally as a soloist, and as a duo act with his brother Kevin, Loren also [tours throughout the Northeast](#). He is an accomplished vocalist, recording artist and songwriter, and his work appears on CDs of many of the regions' finest musicians. As a youngster in Nashville, Loren studied with Chet Atkins' older brother, Jimmy, who played in the Les Paul Trio. [Loren still holds the record of being the youngest performer on the Grand Old Opry](#), playing "Yakety Ax" at age six on a Gretsch Country Gentleman guitar that was bigger than he was! Loren is a long time devotee of fingerstyle guitar in the mold of Chet Atkins, Merle Travis, and Australian phenomenon, Tommy Emmanuel, himself a Chet protégé. [He has played on stage with Emmanuel in Nashville](#) and has worked with him in workshops and seminars around the country. As [one of the founders of the Syracuse-based Guitar League](#), Loren has been instrumental in bringing the joy of guitar playing to hundreds of amateur musicians.

Jowonio Musicians

Music is heard constantly in the classrooms and hallways of Jowonio School. Children respond well to musical cues, and Jowonio teachers sing, chant and use rhythms to enhance learning and social skills development. Many staff members have formal music training, and use their talents both in and out of the classroom. Jowonio performers for the November 14 concert include [Scott Bianchi, harmonica](#); [Carol Bryant, vocals](#); [Jenny O'Hara Callaghan, vocals](#); [Mike](#)

Callaghan, guitar; Jennifer Van Ry Capozzi, piano; Meredith Dunn, vocals; Greg Halpen, vocals; Peter Irwin, vocals; Gen Pandori, guitar and vocals; Zeke Smuckler, guitar and vocals; Dick Ward, guitar and vocals.

Sponsors

Loren Barrigar's performance is sponsored by Guitar League. Additional support for this event comes from The Edge, Jody Brown Suzuki Piano and Music Together.

Jowonio School

Currently celebrating its 40th Anniversary Year, Jowonio School is a non-profit school enrolling children with a wide range of abilities both in home and school-based programs. The school was founded in 1969 by a small group of visionary parents who wanted an individualized educational approach for their children. From the beginning, Jowonio accepted a wide range of children, operating an inclusive educational program where typical children and children with special needs learn together in the same classrooms. Jowonio embraces ethnic, social, and economic diversity, welcoming families from all backgrounds and cultures. Today, with a dedicated staff that includes certified teachers, therapists, and social workers, Jowonio serves 170 young children and their families each year, and is nationally recognized as a model for inclusive education.

For more information on Jowonio School, please visit www.jowonio.org.

Calendar Listing

November 14, 2009

7:00 pm

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A concert to benefit Jowonio School

Featuring Guitarist Loren Barrigar and musicians from Jowonio School

May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society, 3800 East Genesee Street, Syracuse

Tickets: \$25.00, available at Jowonio School or online at www.jowonio.org.

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Jowonio's mission is to provide model inclusive programs for young children, where diversity is celebrated and all are free to learn and grow.

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