

New Zeitgeist continues popular live-music series

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As part of the Note-to-Note music series, the Highland Park Public Library welcomed Jen Reilly and Eddy Bluma of The New Zeitgeist, presenting their innovative folk roots music with a twist of classic country, on Saturday afternoon, May 5.

Film and Music Manager Sylvana Osorio expressed her gratitude to the Highland Park Cultural Arts Commission, The Illinois Arts Council and a grant from Yea! Highland Park for affording the library the opportunity to bring music to the community throughout the year.

“We are very lucky to receive funding so that we may accomplish our goal of providing a wide variety of music for the whole family to enjoy, particularly during the winter months, before the outdoor music season once again begins.” Osorio explained.

Since February, the library

has kept guests entertained with tunes from Chicago classic jazz band The Fat Babies, Chicago’s Funkadesi, and even a guest appearance from the principal cellist from the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, all of which have been wildly popular.

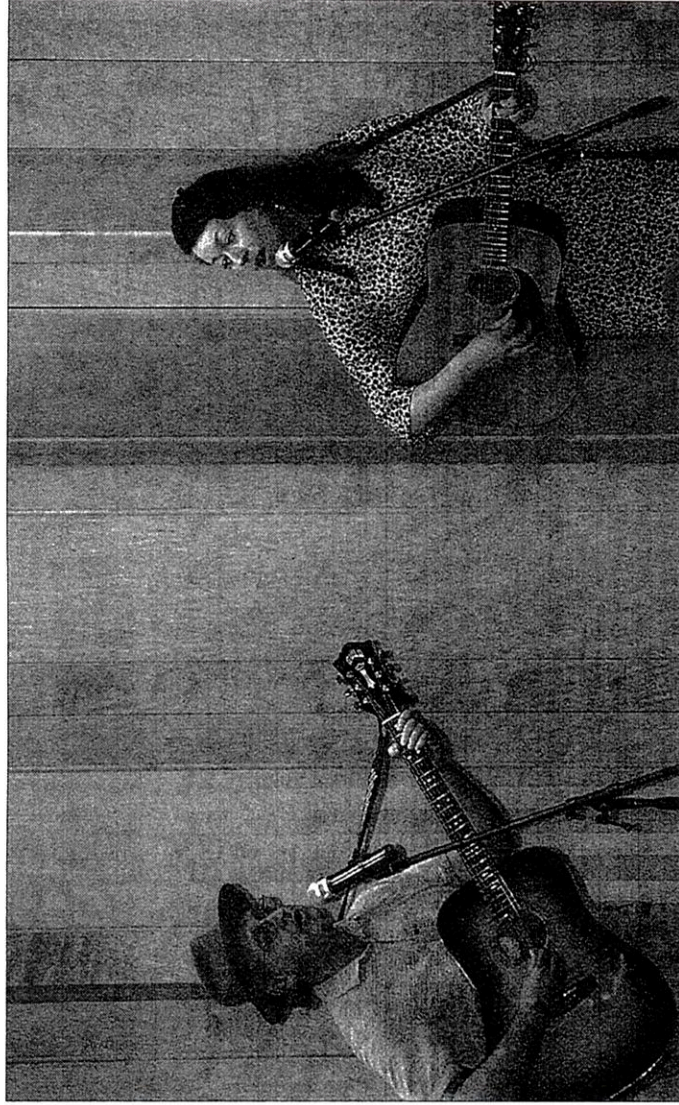
“The programs have been packed with families; people just can’t resist getting up and dancing in the aisles,” Osorio said.

After a warm introduction by Osorio, The New Zeitgeist took to the stage, continuing the musical tradition of the previous months.

Reilly expressed her delight in being at the Highland Park library, then explained the inspiration for their work.

“Today we are focusing on examining the mystical and beyond,” Reilly said. “Fairy tales and ghost stories are infused into our music; we also explore the tension between the need to work and the desire to play.”

As the audience settled in to



Eddy Bluma (left) and Jen Reilly, of The New Zeitgeist, play for a full audience Saturday, May 5, at the Highland Park Library. ALEXA BURNELL/22ND CENTURY MEDIA

their seats, ready to enjoy the show, Osorio’s fellow Film and Music Manager Kris Harrison exposed a style of music they may not otherwise be familiar with, then we’ve done our job.”