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**SHARP'S APPALACHIAN HARVEST**

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The Folk Music Society of NY presents *Sharp's Appalachian Harvest*, a multi-media folk music show, Friday 23 October, 8 - 10 pm, featuring Jeff Davis and Brian Peters at St. John's Church, 81 Christopher Street, Manhattan. Contribution: \$20; members: \$18; fulltime students and children under 15: \$10. Tickets are available at the door or online at: <http://sharp.bpt.me> (service charge applies).

*Sharp's Appalachian Harvest* is a special multi-media music performance by English folk musician Brian Peters and American old-time musician Jeff Davis. Their show is built around the astounding songs and music collected by Englishmen Cecil Sharp and Maud Karpeles. Traversing the Southern Appalachians over the summers of 1916 to 1918, the pair created one of the most extensive folk song collections ever made.

Brian Peters (<http://www.brian-peters.co.uk/>), a leading performer of English traditional songs and music, frequently tours the U.S. as a teacher and performer at such venues as the Swannanoa Gathering and Augusta Heritage Center, as well as festivals and concerts. He's also gaining a reputation as a researcher of song history.



Brian Peters



Jeff Davis

Jeff Davis (<http://www.jeffdavisoldmusic.com>), a protégé of Mike Seeger and Frank Warner, both collectors as well as musicians, plays banjo and fiddle and sings with a rare authenticity gained from personal contact with old time musicians.

Their multi-media show features the brightest gems from Cecil Sharp's harvest of old ballads, dance tunes, children's songs and gospel. They give readings from Sharp's diaries describing vividly the hardships and triumphs of song collecting, and show his evocative photographs of the singers and of mountain life.

This event is part of Daniel Pearl World Music Days <http://www.danielpearlworldmusicdays.org/index.php>

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