



MUSIC at the MANSION

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The Friends of Crawford Park are pleased to announce the next **Music at the Mansion** benefit concert to raise funds for the park.

Appearing on **Saturday, November 7, 2015, at 8PM** will be blues musician **Guy Davis**. Jazz vocalist **Wendy Martin** will open the show. Venue location: **122 North Ridge St., Rye Brook, NY 10573**. Tickets are \$24 in advance and \$30 at the door. Doors open at 7PM. Refreshments are available at the show, including beer and wine.

Whether Guy Davis is appearing on “Late Night With Conan O’Brien” or nationally syndicated radio programs such as Garrison Keillor’s “A Prairie Home Companion,” or in front of 15,000 people on the Main Stage of a major festival, or teaching an intimate gathering of students at a Music Camp, Guy feels the instinctive desire to give each listener his ‘all’.

His ‘all’ is the Blues. His influences are as varied as the days. Musically, he enjoyed such great blues musicians as Blind Willie McTell (and his way of story telling), Skip James, Manse Lipscomb, Mississippi John Hurt, Elizabeth Cotton, and Buddy Guy, among others. It was through Taj Mahal that he found his way to the old time blues. He also loved such diverse musicians as Fats Waller and Harry Belafonte.

Throughout his life, Davis has had overlapping interests in music and acting. Early acting roles included the film “Beat Street” and television’s “One Life to Live”. He made his Broadway musical debut in 1991 in “Mulebone” which featured the music of Taj Mahal, and in 1993 he performed Off-Broadway as legendary blues player Robert Johnson in “Robert Johnson: Trick the Devil”. Davis has also performed on stage with his parents, the late actors/writers Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis.

Opening the show will be jazz vocalist Wendy Martin, who has performed at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival and has played sold out shows at New York’s Blue Note Jazz Club.

Print quality photos of Guy Davis are available for download at <http://www.friendsofcrawfordpark.org/publicity/>.

Music at the Mansion is presented by Friends of Crawford Park. Crawford Park is a 36-acre preserve located in Rye Brook, NY. Originally the estate of the Crawford family, the grounds and mansion were donated to the Town of Rye in 1971. The park contains an early 20th century mansion, hundreds of mature trees, an expansive lawn, a playground, a large picnic pavilion and a sunken garden. Friends of Crawford Park was established in 1996 and is a nonprofit organization dedicated to beautification of the park grounds and preservation of the Crawfords’ legacy. Concerts take place in the historic Crawford Park mansion and happen approximately bimonthly.

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