

## GLOBAL HARMONY SEASON OF OFFERINGS



# Kitka Women's Vocal Ensemble



SATURDAY, MARCH 29 AT 7:00 P.M.

*"Kitka's songs are hauntingly beautiful, simple, yet otherworldly. The rich sound these women produce resonates as if energized by the universe itself, as if it were calling all live beings and still matter into togetherness and unity."*

- Ching Chang, San Francisco Chronicle

The Gualala Arts Global Harmony Season of Offerings is pleased to welcome back the Kitka Women's Vocal Ensemble on Saturday, March 29 at 7 p.m. in the Coleman Auditorium.

A Gualala Arts favorite since their Winter 2012 performance, this group encourages Global Harmony by exposing the listener to the traditional songs and vocal techniques of Eastern Europe, where a distinctive folk tradition has existed for thousands of years. This way of sharing cultures through the musical arts is a perfect complement to the Global Harmony mission.

Kitka began as an Oakland based group of amateur singers with a passion for the dissonances, asymmetrical rhythms, intricate ornamentation and lush harmonies rooted in rural Balkan, Slavic and Caucasian women's vocal traditions. Today it is an internationally recognized professional ensemble with eleven critically acclaimed recordings. *Cradle Songs*, a 2009 release, was named "One of the Top Ten CDs of 2009" by National Public Radio.

Their repertoire includes not only traditional and contemporary music researched during tours in the Ukraine, Hungary, Georgia, Macedonia, Russia, Turkey, Bulgaria and other locations, but also contains original arrangements based on material collected in the field. Kitka has collaborated with Hollywood composers and independent film makers on movie soundtracks



including *Braveheart*, *Jacob's Ladder*, and *Queen of the Damned*.

Public Radio's "The World" and "Prairie Home Companion" have featured Kitka. In recent years their live concerts have been broadcast on 80 public television stations in the United States, on CBC / Radio-Canada, and on Ukrainian and German radio and television. A complete listing of their projects can be found at [www.kitka.org](http://www.kitka.org).

One member of the group, Kelly Atkins, is the daughter of Phil and Lynne Atkins, Gualala residents and active members of Gualala Arts.

**\$22 in advance, Youth 17 & under; admitted free  
\$5 more day of performance**

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