

## Elizabeth LaPrelle Concert and Discussion

Raised in Rural Retreat, Virginia, Elizabeth LaPrelle grew up in a community with many fine old-time musicians. She has developed her repertoire from neighbors like Jim Lloyd, under the tutelage of powerful female ballad singers Ginny Hawker and Sheila Kay Adams, and from a wealth of field recordings of legendary singers from the mountains. Elizabeth has performed at festivals and concerts all over the country; toured on the East and West coasts as part of the National Council for the Traditional Arts (NCTA) Music from the Crooked Road project; won prizes at countless Fiddler's Conventions. She was a guest on Garrison Kiehl's A Prairie Home Companion in 2005.

'Elizabeth attends to these time-honored ballads with a level of comfort and conviction rarely found these days...There is a real kind of chilling effect of her singing...Elizabeth is more than simply an "interpreter" of this genre...she is accessing those aspects of the songs that transcend place and historical time, and speak directly to the heart.' Jon Lohman, Virginia State Folklorist

"Anyone can learn the old ballads...But Elizabeth is interested in the feel, the sound, the ornamentation of the songs. She is, in my opinion, one of maybe a handful of young singers able to capture the rhythm, the intensity, the breaks and sighs, that make this style of singing authentic. The only problem I have while listening to Elizabeth is that I'm always listening through tears." Sheila Kay Adams, seventh-generation ballad-singer



Date: Thursday, April 8, 2021

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM Eastern DST

Zoom Virtual Presentation

Tickets: \$5 for this performance or \$12 for the 3 event series by reservation only (5CLIR members attend for free)

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