



## Jazz up your Sunday afternoon

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Sunday afternoons are heating up at the Howland Cultural Center in Beacon with a new concert series that starts early and features jazz.

Sunday Afternoon Jazz kicks off this weekend with vocalist Kelley Suttentfield, who will perform songs from her debut CD, "Where is Love?" (Rhombus Records).

Suttentfield's repertoire of jazz is tinged with country, American Songbook, Brazilian and folk genres.

Mike Jurkovic, vice president of Howland's board of directors who runs some of the music shows at the center, said there will be two afternoon programs this year, the second slated for June 6. "Depending on how it works out, we'll do it again in the fall," he said.

Jurkovic said organizers wanted to try something a little different for the series.

"We wanted to try and get the folks to come out a little earlier and then enjoy dinner afterward, rather than eating too quickly and rushing out to get to the show," he said.

Jurkovic, a performing poet, said Suttentfield is an up-and-coming vocalist who performs in New York City and the tri-state area.

"What Kelley does is standard jazz repertoire and takes rock 'n' roll songs and does them in a jazz style," he said.

"She does The Beatles and a great version of 'Ode To Billie Joe' by Bobbie Gentry."

Sunday's performance in Beacon will be recorded live for a new CD and DVD.

"If the audience wants to come out, they'll be part of something special," he said.

Backed by her five-piece jazz ensemble, Suttentfield, who hails from Virginia, layers global influences upon her Southern roots and mixes genres to establish a sound that is based in storytelling.

A review in JazzTimes said, "Performing an array of tunes with a torchlight glister including Stanley Turpentine's 'Sugar,' Betty Carter's 'Open The Door' and Henry Mancini's 'Charade,' Suttentfield encourages the listener to delve into an imaginary sanctuary filled with tender arias and angelic hues."



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Suttonfield.

**When:** 3 p.m., Sunday.

**Where:** The Howland Cultural Center, 477 Main St., Beacon.

**Tickets:** \$12.

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