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Historic Ancient Future Reunion Concert just ahead!

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Ancient Future photo circa 1990. Pictured: Matthew Montfort (guitars), Jim Hurley (violin), Doug McKeehan (keys), Ian Dogole (percussion). Credits: Irene Young

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On June 7, 2011 a historic moment in music history will take place: the Ancient Future "World Without Walls" Reunion Concert!

The concert will take place at Yoshi's Jazz Club in San Francisco and features Matthew Montfort on scalloped fretboard guitar, Jim Hurley on violin, Doug McKeehan on keyboards, Ian Dogole on percussion, and special guests from the band's recordings including noted sitarist Pandit Habib Khan, who appears with this exact band lineup on the song "Socha Socha" on the Planet Passion recording.

Their uptempo virtuoso world fusion music is an exhilarating mix of jazz improvisation with the exciting rhythms, exotic sounds, and enchanting melodies of world music.

Formed in 1978, Ancient Future is the first and longest running musical organization dedicated exclusively to the mission of creating world fusion music.

The term was coined by bandleader Matthew Montfort to describe Ancient Future's unusual blend of musical traditions from around the world. BILLBOARD calls the group "trendsetters" for their early contributions to the movement, which seeks to show how people from different cultures can grow by learning from each other.

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According to band leader Matthew Montfort, over the years, Ancient Future has expanded its musical vision through collaborations with master musicians from more than two dozen countries, cultures, and musical traditions who are now an integral part of what is today more than just a band.

Ancient Future has grown to become a large multinational music ensemble with many smaller ensembles within it, enabling Ancient Future to realize its core mission of creating world fusion music. Through cross cultural exchange, Ancient Future has created a musical world without borders.

This is a one-time-only chance to catch this special reunion performance by the lineup that played over a hundred concerts together between their first appearance on August 21, 1988 at the Concert in the Forest, a benefit for the Friends of the Cathedral Forest near Breitenbush Hot Springs, Oregon, and their August 26, 1995, show for the Calaveras Arts Council. The band hasn't played in its original configuration since the show in 1995 so this is going to be a rare treat!

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Examiner.com has recently seen Matthew Montfort collaborating with Arabic musicians at city college and a tabla player at the Himalayan fair in Berkeley as well as fellow guitar pickers at the Freight and Salvage. He is in peak form and with the original band members that created groundbreaking recordings like "Asian Fusion" and "World Without Walls" joining him it is sure to be a stellar, dynamic concert that may sell out and is not to be missed!

Ancient Future "World Without Walls" Reunion Concert.

Tuesday, June 7, 8 pm

Yoshi's San Francisco

1330 Fillmore St.

San Francisco, CA 94115

Tickets: \$16 in advance, \$20 at the door.

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