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Renowned Soundscape Guitarist Jeff Pearce at long last returns to The Gatherings Concert Series and the remarkable setting of St. Mary's Hamilton Village for a rare east coast performance on Saturday 7 October 2017. Ambient multi-instrumentalist Eyes Cast Down is set to open.

Jeff Pearce creates smooth and beautiful sound textures using (and mis-using) electric guitars. Producing tones that rarely betray their origin notes are processed, delayed, distorted and looped to create complex harmonies and timbres. Pearce's music is compelling and moody, traversing the Space, Ambient, Experimental and New Age genres. Whether playing intimate acoustic music or crafting deep-space drifts, Jeff Pearce composes a work which combines melody and mystery in a unique way.

Often cited as being among the masters of Ambient guitar (and Touch guitar) the range of tones and textures that Pearce coaxes out of his six strings and electronic circuitry is a tribute to his craft. There are few who possess the creativity, skills, and vision to visit this rarified sonic terrain.

Jeff Pearce is also an active live performer. His concerts are memorable events, mixing songs from his albums with storytelling and surprising musical improvisations.

Jeff Pearce's five prior performances at The Gatherings (which remain highlights of the series) were each followed by live in-studio on-air radio concerts for STAR'S END Ambient Radio - one of which has been released as the album *The Light Beyond* (2001). Pearce has also played at the ECHOES affiliated Summer Solstice Spacemusic Spectacular held in Harrisburg, PA in June of 2003 as well as at the STAR'S END 30th Anniversary Spacemusic Festival held in Philadelphia in June of 2007. More recently Pearce joined an impressive line-up of artists as part of the HEARTS OF SPACE affiliated Ambicon 2013 in California.

Please view the Jeff Pearce concert video: <https://youtu.be/sys-OrcXY1g>

Eyes Cast Down is the ethereal music project by Greg Moorcroft. Using various guitars, synthesizers, computer programs and acoustic sources, Moorcroft produces fascinating sustained atmospheres. Measure upon measure of slowly changing, undulating chords advance and recede along a musical arc of vague dimensions. The slowly breathing tones summon interesting variations in mood and space. Yet these dark sonic clouds cannot keep the sacred from shining through. There are areas of minimal sound, which move on to a thick density of contrasting timbres and emanations in a striking drama of dynamic range. His intelligently directed soundscapes also offer restful sonic colors, luxuriant in their repose.

The Gatherings Concert Series presents Jeff Pearce plus Eyes Cast Down live in concert on Saturday 7 October 2017 at 8:00PM (doors open at 7:30pm) in the church sanctuary of St. Mary's Hamilton Village 3916 Locust Walk (just east of 40th & Locust) on the Penn campus in West Philadelphia. Admission: Free! No reservation necessary. Donations Gratefully Accepted!

Marking its 25th anniversary in 2017, The Gatherings Concert Series is presented by the all-volunteer staff of The Corporation for Innovative Music and Arts of PA, an IRS recognized 501(c)3 charity.

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