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# Benefit and Celebration Performance

## SAVE THE MAPLE FOREST

Saturday, February 4, 2012, 7:30 p.m.

First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, Arlington, Massachusetts  
Address: 630 Massachusetts Avenue,  
(On the corner of Pleasant St. and Mass. Ave.)

\$18 on line: [www.belmontcoalition.org](http://www.belmontcoalition.org)  
\$20 door. Children \$2.00. Students \$10  
(617)-415-1884 for more information

### Featuring:

The Jim Scott Ensemble with former "Winter Consort"  
composer and guitarist Jim Scott:  
Jose Pienasoia, bass; and Mark Kohler, percussion.

Special Guests: Jazzman Extraordinaire Stan Strickland, sax, flute.  
Celebrated Songwriter Rev. Fred Small.  
Native American Flautist Elke Jahns.  
Eco-stilt dancer Maya Apfelbaum.

### Benefit Purpose

Internationally renowned musicians and performers extraordinaire Jim Scott, Stan Strickland, Fred Small, Maya Apfelbaum and Elke Jahns recognize an American natural treasure when seeing one: a small river floodplain forest in the midst of Boston's densely developed western corridor between Cambridge, Belmont and Arlington, MA. The invaluable Silver Maple Forest, also known as the "Belmont Uplands, is the ecological core buffer of the Department of Conservation and Recreation's (DCR's) Alewife Reservation with its river, streams and ponds. These features benefit the area with natural storm water storage which mitigates flooding and will be needed as a "climate adaptation center" in the future, say its protectors. The 7 acre Silver Maple forested area is also a rich and unique habitat for rare animals and birds including otter, deer, coyote, fox and nearly a hundred bird species, many nesting, and some of which require uplands and wetlands to sustain their life cycles. The concert will celebrate these resources and our efforts to protect them for local communities and for future generations.

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