

Samuel Slater EXPERIENCE

A NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: POPULAR SINGER SONGWRITERS MARK MANDEVILLE & RAIANNE RICHARDS TO PERFORM IN CONCERT AT SAMUEL SLATER EXPERIENCE OCTOBER 14 ALONG MAIN STREET

[Webster, MA, September 12, 2022] – **A Night at the Museum: Music with Mark & Raianne**, brings the beloved Massachusetts singer-songwriters to perform in concert at **Samuel Slater Experience** on Friday, October 14. This community event is free to the public with the support of the Webster Cultural Council.



Based out of Webster, Mark Mandeville & Raianne Richards are known for their unmistakable vocal harmonies, poetic lyrics, and down-to-earth personae. These prolific and hardworking artists have contributed over seventeen albums within their first decade and toured consistently throughout the US and Canada.

Their songs poetically reflect personal experiences as factory workers, teachers, community organizers, and natives of post-industrial mill towns in central Massachusetts. The memories of days gone by and toils of history can be better remembered through songs such as “That Old Machine” or “Winds of Change.”

“Having **Mark & Raianne** inaugurate our music series, with their beautifully crafted tunes conjuring images of our history, is perfect.” said **Samuel Slater Experience** Director Barbara Van Reed. “Hearing live acoustic music along our re-creation of Webster’s Main Street circa 1915 will be a special treat. Thanks to the generous support of the Webster Cultural Council, this program is free to the public.”

Accompanying the duo will be their studio band of Doug Williamson (piano, guitar), Peter Hart (pedal steel, Dobro) and Zack Ciras (upright bass). Popular Webster establishment [Andy’s Neighborhood Canteen](#) will provide a cash bar in the lobby of the Maanexit Hotel, one of the reconstructed buildings along “Main Street.”

Described as “Disney-like,” **Samuel Slater Experience** employs state-of-the-art 4-D digital technology to tell the story of Samuel Slater, the beginnings of the American Industrial Revolution, and the founding of Webster, Massachusetts in the early 19th century. “Half the museum is dedicated to the life of Samuel Slater, whose pioneering work built up the US textile industry in the early 1800s,” said Director Barbara Van Reed. “The other half is dedicated to the town of Webster, which he helped found, and recreates the commercially successful mill community a century later.”

The Samuel Slater Experience is supported by the Janet Malser Humanities Trust, the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and individual donations.

Night at the Museum with Mark & Raianne, Friday October 14 at 6pm, is a free community event sponsored by the Webster Cultural Council. Due to limited capacity, advance reservations are encouraged and can be made at [Night at the Museum](#) .

Hours of Operation

Samuel Slater Experience is located in the former National Guard Webster Armory at 31 Ray Street, Webster, Massachusetts, and open to the public year-round. Daily Schedule: Fridays & Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday: Noon to 4 p.m.

Additional information and tickets to visit the museum are at samuel Slater Experience.org

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