

# Jazz & Pop Classics

With:

Carmen Nickerson and Kostia Efimov

**Thursday, March 19, 2026**

Carmen Nickerson and Kostia Efimov bring together two powerful musical journeys. Carmen's Iowa-grown roots and expressive vocal style shine through songs from her acclaimed debut solo album *Room to Grow*, praised by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel for her "shimmering voice that seizes the spotlight." Her songwriting reflects themes of growth, hope, and life's everyday beauty. Pianist Kostia Efimov is classically trained in St. Petersburg and came to the United States to record with Narada Records. His rich musical background adds depth and elegance to every performance. Together, they create a dynamic blend of voice and piano. Their music spans classical, jazz, and pop styles, resulting in a sound that is both heartfelt and exhilarating. *Room to Grow* has been called "quite the gem" by Americana Highways, highlighting Carmen's remarkable talent and promise. Audiences can expect an intimate, engaging, and emotionally rich musical experience.



## *Luncheon Details:*

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Socialization begins at 11:30 A.M.,  
Lunch at Noon, Program at 1:00pm  
at COMMUNITY United Methodist  
Church in Elm Grove WI.

Maximum Participants is 112.

Cost: OWLS Members: \$23  
OWLS Guests: \$28  
Program Only: \$10

**Reservation Deadline: Monday,  
March 9, 2026**

# Wisconsin POW Camps

Presented by: Bob Block

## Thursday, February 19, 2026

Did you know that during WWII the United States in general established 175 Prisoners-of-War (POW) camps? Most notable camps include Fort McCoy and Camp Fort Sheridan. In Wisconsin, alone, there were 38 camps that housed a total of 20,000 POW's. This presentation is an overview of US POW camps and specific information regarding Wisconsin POW camps. We will hear the stories of those contained, those who worked alongside them, and those that might have lived in their community.



Thursday, February 19, 2026

Socialization begins at 11:30 A.M., Lunch at Noon, Program at 1:00pm  
at COMMUNITY United Methodist Church in Elm Grove WI.

Cost: OWLS Members: \$19 - OWLS Guests: \$24 - Program Only: \$10

Reservation Deadline: Friday, February 9, 2026



**CANCELLATIONS:** If you have reservations for any OWLS event and determine that you will not be able to attend, even at the last minute, please notify our Membership Chairperson, Anne Harberg (262-501-1821).

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS** are open to all OWLS members. If you would like to attend this meeting, please advise Mary Millard, mmillard28@gmail.com, (phone or text 414-771-4668) Membership enrollment is at: 180

**Notice of Passing:** Don Van Buskirk passed away on Nov. 15, 2025. He and his wife Judy were President of OWLS in 2011.