



# Winterfest Live on Vine Kicks Off with a Musical Party

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## 9th Annual Long Island WINTERFEST - Live on the Vine KICKOFF PARTY

**Friday, February 19, 2016 at the Suffolk Theater, Riverhead, NY**

The award-winning Long Island Winterfest – Live on the Vine music festival returns for its ninth and most eclectic year ever. The music festival will open with its annual Winterfest Kickoff Party concert which will be held Friday, February 19, 2016 at the historic [Suffolk Theater](#) in Riverhead, NY. Doors will open at 6:30 PM.

Long Island rock favorites [Miles To Dayton](#), and internationally acclaimed roots-music guitar wizard [Toby Walker](#) will headline this evening of world-class Americana music, with special guest singer-songwriter [Andrew Fortier](#) opening the night.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets are limited and are now available online by clicking [here](#) or by calling the Box Office at 631-727-4343. The Suffolk Theater is located at 118 E Main Street, Riverhead, NY 11901. Ticket links and more information can be found at [www.liwinterfest.com](http://www.liwinterfest.com).

## Miles To Dayton

Having built a large grass roots following of fans young and old, Miles to Dayton (M2D) has headlined performances at the Patchogue Theater and sold out the Boulton Center, with notable gigs at the Paramount Theatre, Great South Bay Music Festival and the North Fork Rock and Folk Festival. Miles to Dayton's music happens at a personal level, blending elements of folk, rock, classical, and funk into an irresistible invitation. The M2D recipe is simple: four-part vocal harmony, clever songwriting, improvisational violin and cello, and an infectious rhythm section that stirs up the creative stew. M2D has shared the stage with the likes of The Subdudes, Leslie West, Jorma Kaukonen, Tom Paxton, Southside Johnny and the Asbury Jukes, and Richie Havens, to name a few.



Miles To Dayton.

## Toby Walker

"A real killer with fantastic technique. He just knocks me out." – John Hammond

Internationally and nationally acclaimed Toby Walker has been hailed as a roots music fingerstyle guitar wizard who has toured the US, England, Wales, France, Germany, Belgium and Holland. Walker has been featured in the New York Times, the London Sunday Times, the London BBC, Sirius-XM radio and was the 1st place recipient of the International Blues Challenge Award, Solo division, given out by the Blues Foundation in Memphis TN. Walker blends the styles of blues, ragtime, country, bluegrass, rock and old time jazz into his own unique style. Jorma Kaukonen of Hot Tuna and the Jefferson Airplane says "Flat out... you have to hear this great musician... I'm blown away" and has employed Walker to teach at his famous Fur Peace Ranch Guitar Camp for six years. In 2010 Walker won the New York Music Award for Best Instrumental CD, sharing the honors with Mariah Carey, Rufus Wainwright and Judy Collins among many others.

## Andrew Fortier

Archivist, storyteller, most importantly husband and dad: Andrew Fortier's music and words are reflections of life in progress. Major recording contracts came and went for Andrew, people say they can't believe he's "not all over the radio" or say "you're gonna make it"; his reply time after time is, I've already made it as far as my life has been, and the rest is just icing. The Upsidedown Sky is Andrews latest album he dedicates to all the life guards and guardian angels in his life. His glass is at least half full and every day a blank canvas awaits.

## 2016 Winterfest Live on the Vine music festival

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual [Winterfest Live on the Vine](#) is an award-winning festival that is presented over five-weeks. The mid-winter music and wine festival runs each weekend from February 19 through March 20, 2016 on Long Island's East End. Venues are located on the North Fork, Riverhead and The Hamptons.

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Bedell Vineyard at Dusk. Photo: W Studios NY.

Winterfest Live on the Vine will feature more than **70 concerts and wine events in over 40 unique venues throughout Long Island's scenic East End**. Vineyard tasting rooms, boutique hotels, and historic theaters provide the stages for **more than 30 emerging artists and**

**legendary Grammy-winning headliners** in a diverse menu of musical styles: jazz, rock, country, world, singer-songwriter and more, amidst the backdrop of one of the most charming regions in New York-Long Island's East End.



Wine Tasting at Winterfest 2015.

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**BASIC FACTS:** The 9th Annual Winterfest – Live on the Vine Festival takes place on weekends from February 19 to March 20, 2016 at venues across Long Island's East End. For tickets and schedules, visit [www.liwinterfest.com](http://www.liwinterfest.com).

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