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Of late, the Garde Arts Center in New London has been running a sort of “two for one coupon,” if you will, for some pretty spectacular evenings of music.

There was the astounding Sam Bush/Joe Bonamassa bill, the Ruthie Foster and Madeleine Peyroux show, and also the Ricky Skaggs and Bruce Hornsby tandem. And folks are already looking ahead to February for the stunning pairing of the subdudes and Beausoleil.

In the meantime, tonight, add to this impressive Gardean trend a show featuring jazzers Jane Monheit and John Pizzarelli.

The Grammy-nominated Monheit, Long Island's inimitable song stylist, is touring behind her seventh album, “Surrender.” In addition to tackling such tunes as “Moon River,” “A Time for Love” and Stevie Wonder's “Overjoyed” with her typically inventive but affectionate arrangements, Monheit also showcases her fascination with Brazilian and Portuguese music on, respectively, “Caminhos Cruzados” and “Rio de Maio.”

Pizzarelli is perhaps *too* famous in these parts — at least to the extent that he's mostly known for

a series of amusing commercials he did as spokes-vocalist for the Foxwoods Resort Casino featuring their “Wonder of It All” theme song. But elsewhere Pizzarelli is the highly renowned leader of a trio most often compared to the famous Nat King Cole unit. But while he's certainly done a fine job with versions of Cole's hits, he's also experimented with a variety of inspirational sources, from Erroll Garner and Django Reinhardt to the Beatles.

Jane Monheit and John Pizzarelli, 8 tonight, Garde Arts Center, 325 State St., New London; \$32-\$60; 444-7373, [gardearts.org](#).

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• *Things get jazzy at the Garde Arts Center in New London Thursday night with the Grammy-nominated Jane Monheit, above, and John Pizzarelli, below right.*

