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BAYSIDE – Progressive satirist Roy Zimmerman will present his “Blue Dot Tour,” a melting pot of music, comedy and powerful social critique, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 24 Fellowship Way.

For 20 years, Zimmerman has brought the sting of satire to the struggle for peace and social justice. He writes and sings satirical songs about class warfare, creationism, same-sex marriage, guns, marijuana, abstinence, ignorance, political stupidity, and war.

The Los Angeles Times says he “displays a lacerating wit and keen awareness of society's foibles that bring to mind Tom Lehrer.”

Tom Lehrer, noted singer-songwriter-satirist who rose to popularity in the 1950s and '60s, said, "I congratulate Roy Zimmerman on reintroducing literacy to comedy songs."

Joni Mitchell said of the performer, "Roy's lyrics move beyond poetry and achieve perfection."

Zimmerman's songs have been heard on HBO and Showtime, he has recorded for Warner/Reprise Records, and he is a featured blogger for the Huffington Post.

His latest release is the documentary DVD “Vote Republican: A fifty-state musical odyssey.” It follows Zimmerman and his wife and frequent co-writer, Melanie Harby, on their 2012 tour. In every state they visited, they wrote a new verse for their tongue-in-cheek song “Vote Republican.” The film weaves all 51 verses together with additional footage and music to create a funny, yet poignant portrait of election-year America.

For Zimmerman's Bayside performance, the suggested donation is \$20, but donations will be accepted on a sliding scale and no one will be turned away. A portion of the proceeds will benefit HUUF. For more information, contact the HUUF office at 822-3793 or office@huuf.org.

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