



Three Rivers Folklife Society

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# Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

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Thanks!

## Heidi Muller & Bob Webb, Dulcimers in Hand

Saturday, 19 April, 7:30 PM

Three Rivers Folklife Society, 3 Rivers Dulcimer Society and the Battelle Staff Association have joined together to bring Heidi Muller and Bob Webb back to the Tri-Cities. Their show will feature Heidi's songwriting and crystalline vocals backed by Appalachian dulcimer, guitar, and Bob's electric cello and mandolin. They are known for an eclectic mix of original songs, traditional tunes and contemporary instrumentals.

The two musicians currently call Charleston, West Virginia, home. Heidi was a well-known performer in the Pacific Northwest for two decades before moving east six years ago. She met Bob at a Northeast Regional Folk Alliance conference. His multi-instrumental talents at accompaniment and skills as a recording engineer led to their further collaboration, and they began performing together in 2003. Heidi and Bob have appeared at the NewSong Festival, Augusta Heritage Center, Great River Road Festival, Tumbleweed Music Festival and Seattle Folklore Society concerts.

They have also shared the stage with Bill Staines, Robin and Linda Williams, Crooked Still, Kate Campbell, Johnsmith and Small Potatoes.

They released their first CD, "Seeing Things," in late 2005. "Seeing Things" reflects a sense of place, with stories and roots stretching from the Pacific Northwest to the Appalachians in the east. "Muller's songs express down-to-earth sentiments in lovely poetry," writes Rich Warren of Sing Out! magazine. "She sounds like she truly loves singing and wants nothing more than to share that with you." The Victory Review describes the new songs as "created from true heart...sweeter, deeper and more meaningful than ever." Two tracks were written with the community of Big Ugly Creek, West Virginia, where Heidi has written songs and collected oral histories over the past two years for a book called "Patchwork Dreams." Described by Dulcimer Players' News as "one of the dulcimer community's best songwriters and performers," Heidi has shared her music across the country for over 25 years.

Bob Webb has played cello and gui-

tar since childhood, and dulcimer and mandolin for over 20 years. He was a founding member of Stark Raven, which became the house band for the public radio show "Mountain Stage." In his years on the show, he accompanied musical stars Odetta, Tom Paxton, Shawn Colvin, Arlo Guthrie and many others. Bob is a recording engineer and producer who saw his work with Ann Savoy included in the 2006 movie "All the King's Men."

Bob is also known at home for his work with children. He has directed the Great Oak Farm and Creative Capers kids' camps, taught over 700 children and adults to make and play his "boximer" cardboard dulcimers and is currently coordinator of the Music Mentors program that provides music lessons to low-income families in Charleston, West Virginia.

Heidi and Bob will be performing at Battelle Auditorium, on Battelle Blvd., in Richland. Tickets are \$12 gen./\$10 seniors and students in advance at Bookworm stores, BSA and Octopus' Garden. \$3 more at the door. 3RFS, BSA and TRDS members receive a \$3 discount.

### Local Folk Events

#### April

- 11** Michael Carlos Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 12** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table  
Pizza, Richland
- 14** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon BPABC
- 19** Heidi Muller & Bob Webb Concert 7:30 PM Sat Battelle
- 26** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat KSC
- 27** Last Sunday Song Circle 2:00 PM Sun Round Table  
Pizza, Richland
- 29** Tumbleweed Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Tue RCC

#### May

- 9** Barb Reyman Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 10** Badger Mountain Dry Band concert 7:30 PM Sat Battelle  
Tumbleweed Music Festival Benefit
- 10** Deadline for Tumbleweed Performer and Song Contest Applications
- 12** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon BPABC
- 17** Watch the Sky! Concert 7:30 PM Sat KSC  
and 3RFS annual meeting
- 27** Tumbleweed Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Tue RCC

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland  
Battelle = Battelle Auditorium, Battelle Blvd., Richland  
BPABC = Battelle Performing Arts Business Center, 716 Jadwin Ave., Richland  
KSC = Kennewick Senior Center, 500 South Auburn, east side of Keewaydin Park,  
across from the East Benton County Museum  
Round Table Pizza = 245 Torbett, Richland, 946-0667  
RCC = Richland Community Center, 500 Arnon Park Dr.,

For information, call 509 528-2215

## Michael Carlos Returns to Coffeehouse!

Friday, 11 April, 7:30 PM

Michael Carlos is a Coffeehouse and Tumbleweed Music Festival favorite. This will be the first time he has performed in the Tri-cities since his debilitating car accident. He has bounced back in style and we'll have the opportunity to show our appreciation at the April Coffeehouse.

Michael can't be put into a box -

musically or personally. He was born to Spanish and Latin American immigrants then adopted by Czech and Lithuanian immigrants, by whom he was given the name Karl/Carlos Michael Polivka. The two-first-name combination represents his very American "melting-pot" experience, which is evident in his music. He draws on experience ranging from solo acoustic folksinging to playing in a series of

bar bands to creating an eclectic mix of rock, jazz/blues, Spanish/Latin, alternative/country, and modern indie-rock.

Michael was recently praised by jambands.com as a "reincarnation of Warren Zevon (minus the chemical self-destructiveness)" for the brutally observant perspective on life reflected in his songwriting. The debut album, **Continued on Page 2.**

Coffeehouse continued.

"Yesterday's Icons" was released in 2004. Despite modest exposure and a recent move to the Northwest from Chicago, The Illinois Entertainer, praised the "sincere, light-hearted" approach to political subject matter.

Michael and band were voted North Central Washington's Favorite Musician/Band of 2005 in a Wenatchee World Readers Poll. They have performed on some of Seattle's big stages including the Northwest Folklife Festival, the University District Street Fair and a few of the small clubs around town.

As usual the coffeehouse will start with an open mic. We have to warn you, though, open mic performers have been turned away because so many are responding. So, come early or call Alan in advance, if you want a slot, because we might fill up. The Coffeehouse is held at the All Saints' Episcopal Church at 1322 Kimball, Ave., in Richland. Suggested donation at the door is \$8 general/\$6 senior and students. For more information contact Alan Page at 943-5662.

## Cowboys are Gathering in April

Friday through Sunday, 11-13 April

If you've dreamt of being a cowboy or cowgirl, here's an event for you - the 5th Annual Columbia River Cowboy Gathering. You'll find over 25 cowboy singers, poets, and entertainers. There will be big names as well as old geezers and young upstarts.

The cowboys will gather at the TRAC, 6600 Burden Blvd., Pasco. Advanced tickets, through April 10th, are \$10 per day. Tickets will cost \$20 a day at the door. Tickets are available in advance at Kennewick Ranch & Home. For more info call (509) 947-5785 or go to <http://www.cowboygettogether.com>.

**Wanted!**  
Seeking an accordion or guitar player to play back up for Jewish tunes--mostly in D minor, E minor. Fiddle, singer, oud, mando and bass already in place. Call Edna at 946-1618.

## Tumbleweed Planning

Tuesday, 29 April, 7:00 PM

The 12th annual Tumbleweed Music Festival will be Labor Day weekend, August 30-31, Howard Amon Park, in Richland. Performer applications are currently being accepted, so spread the word to any good musicians or dancers you know. Applications are available from our website, 3rfs.org. We'll be happy to mail you one if you prefer.

It's never too early to volunteer! We can use help now with publicity, fund-raising, outreach, and planning children's activities. For more info, call Mary at 943-0327. Or just come to our meeting at the Richland Richland Community Center conference room.

## Dulcimer Day in the Wallowas

Saturday, 12 April

Dulcimer teacher and musician, Heidi Muller is hosting "Dulcimer Day," in Joseph, OR. Music workshops for all abilities featuring the Appalachian (lap) dulcimer will be from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM topped off by a 7:00 PM concert.

Classes will be available for beginners, advanced beginners and intermediate/advanced levels. It is not necessary to read music. Some loaner dulcimers will be available, if reserved in advance.

The concert will be open to the public, with music by the instructors, Susan Howell, Niels Andersen, Bob Webb and Heidi Muller. All workshops and the concert will be held at the Joseph Methodist Church, located at 301 S. Lake Street.

Cost for the day, including all events is \$50 if paid by April 5, or \$55 at the door. For concert only, the cost is \$5.00.

For registration in advance, go to [www.heidimuller.com](http://www.heidimuller.com) and click on the Dulcimer Day link, or call (304) 382-9422 for more information.

## April Brings Final Contra Dance

Saturday, 26 April, 7:30 PM

For the last contra dance of the 07-08 season we couldn't ask for a sweeter finale than one featuring the band from La Grande, HouseBlend. This Oregon band is a frequent visitor to the Tri-Cities and always a delight. Our own Cindy Rakowski will be calling the tunes for everyone's dancing pleasure. Join us for a high-energy evening and a relaxing break from your springtime chores.

It's not too late to learn! All dances will be taught - no experience is necessary. Bring your friends, family, and snacks to share for an evening of music, dancing, and fun. Admission at the door is \$8 gen./\$5 seniors and teens. Kids under 12 are free. 3RFS members get a \$1 discount. The dance will be held at our temporary home, the Kennewick Senior Center, 500 S. Auburn, across from the East Benton Country Museum, east end of Keewaydin Park.

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**Deadline for the May newsletter is April 15th.**

## Out of Town

April

**4** Big Sandy & His Fly Rite Boys (swingabilly) 7:30 PM, Fri, Yakima Valley Museum, 2105 Tieton Drive, Yakima, 509-248-0747

**19** Walla Walla Contra Dance, Sat, 7:00 PM instruction; 7:30 PM dance, Stateline Grange, <http://fam.bmi.net/fsch1.html>

**22** Heidi Muller & Bob Webb concert 7:00 PM, Tue, John Day, OR, United Methodist Church

**24** Heidi Muller & Bob Webb at Ten Depot St., 8:00 PM, Thu, La Grande, OR

**25** Heidi Muller & Bob Webb concert 7:30 PM. Fri. 1912 Building, Moscow, ID

**25** Humphrey, Hartman & Cameron, 7:00 PM, Fri, George Community Hall, 401 W. Montmorency, George, WA

**26** Benefit Concert for Community Radio with Bryan Bowers, Dan Maher, Heidi Muller & Bob Webb and Janis Carper, 7:30 PM. Sat, Odd Fellows Hall, Enterprise, OR

## Is There a Song in Your Heart to Keep the Song Circle Going?

Sunday, 27 April, 2:00 PM

The Last Sunday Singalong sessions have been so poorly attended recently that we did not have enough folks to sing along with. If there is not enough community interest to keep LSS going we may call it quits. Here are options:

- 1) Change the time to 4:00-6:00 PM,
- 2) Change the venue to volunteers' homes with a new leadership. Harry

# Yes! I want to help the 2008 Tumbleweed Music Festival succeed!

I would like to contribute \_\_\_\_\_ **Bronze, \$50.00**  
at this level \_\_\_\_\_ **Silver, \$100.00**  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Gold, \$250.00**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Send to: 3RFS Tumbleweed Music Festival, P.O. Box 1098, Richland, WA 99352



## 2008 Membership Application

Your membership gives you voting rights in folklife elections, \$3 off most concerts, and is tax deductible! You'll even get a nifty membership card to show your friends and neighbors!

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual (\$15) or \_\_\_\_\_ Family (\$20) Is this a renewal? Y N

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### I can help 3RFS with:

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|--|----------------------------|-------------------|
| ___ Providing refreshments at concerts | ___ Setting up chairs      | ___ Fund raising  |
| ___ Taking admission at events         | ___ Folding the newsletter | ___ Coffeehouses  |
| ___ Serving on Board of Directors      | ___ Publicity              | ___ Song circles  |
| ___ Demonstrating folk arts            | ___ Membership             | ___ Contra dances |
| ___ Tumbleweed Music Festival          | ___ Other _____            |                   |

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## Global Warming: SSSSS Friend?

Saturday, 12 April, 7:00 PM

When those glaciers melt, there'll be a whole lot more water and we all may be taking to the high seas for a living! So, bring on those April showers and join us for a little chantey practice with friends and family. Your favorite food and beverage are also available at Richland Roundtable Pizza. Be there!

would still do the reaching out.  
4) Find a new song leader who has lots of singing friends and sings in key.  
3) Cancel LSS, till interest reawakens  
We'll discuss it this month at Round Table Pizza in Richland. Join us, with a tuned or untuned voice, instruments, songbooks, and friends. If you can't come but are interested in future song circles, please e-mail Harry at [hbabad@owt.com](mailto:hbabad@owt.com).