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3RFS Welcomes Bridges Home Concert

Saturday, 19 April, 7:30 PM

Bridges Home is Tami and Dave Gunter - dual lead vocalists, multi-instrumentalists, songwriters, and purveyors of tasty folk, Americana, Celtic, roots, rock and indie music. Their music sparkles with richly textured vocal harmonies, accompanied by guitar, tenor ukulele, clawhammer-style banjo, octave mandolin, Celtic harp, Irish whistle, bodhran, stompbox and resonator guitar. Their concerts feature an engaging blend of musical styles, from high-energy Celtic to low-down Delta Blues, served up with classic singer/songwriter rock, stirring American Folk melodies, hauntingly beautiful ballads, original songs and finely crafted instrumental duets.

The duo is based in Sandpoint, ID, and performs regularly in concert at small theaters, music festivals and wineries. They have performed at Northwest Folklife in Seattle, The

Festival and Mountain Music festival in Idaho, along with the Huckleberry Festival and The Irish Festival in Montana. On their Facebook page they say, "We love to travel around the U.S. and abroad to gather stories, play with local musicians and learn songs from around the world as we share our own. Musical adventures have taken us to Ireland, Hawaii, the Northwest and Great Plains, Yucatan Peninsula, England, France and Italy.

Carlos Alden, host on Spokane Public Radio, KPBX-FM, heard Bridges Home at the 2013 Fall Folk Festival. In his review, Carlos wrote, "Dave and Tami Gunter draw on a much deeper source of musicianship, vocal technique, and performing experience. When they sing harmony and smile at each other, it's as if they just met backstage, fell in love, decided to perform together, and magically created this arrangement just a few minutes ago, and they are incredibly excited at sharing

this new-found connection with the listener. It's that immediate.

...They also bring this level of musicianship to the different instruments they use....On "Shenandoah" for example, they alternate between the bouzouki and ukulele for harmony, melody and unison lines, letting each sing with its own voice."

The Gunters have this to say about "Legacy of Love," the title track from their new CD. "This song celebrates the joys of family and the stages of life. What kind of legacy do we want to leave? One of love sounds like the way to go."

Bridges Home will perform at the Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., in Pasco. Tickets are \$11 general admission/\$9 seniors and students if purchased in advance at Bookworm stores and Octopus' Garden and are \$1 more at the door. 3RFS members receive a \$3 discount.

Steve Wacker Entertains at the Coffeehouse

Friday, 11 April, 7:30 PM

Seattle-based Steve Wacker is a songwriter with a poet's heart and a poet's presence. A dynamic performer and skilled guitarist, Steve is also an interpreter of other songs, both classic and obscure. His own songs are a mixture of folk music, rock'n'roll and the blues, crafted with an appreciation for melody and harmonic structure as well as an ear for the innate poetry and rhythms of language. Steve also exhibits a refreshing playfulness with the language—he's not above using a pun or

two on occasion to get his point across.

Steve's song topics range from the personal to the universal, and numerous songs from his second CD, "Shadows and Grace" (2011), are receiving airplay on radio stations around the country. Favorites include "Software Blues Stomp," a hilarious crowd-pleasing statement of frustration that's only partly tongue-in-cheek; "Ballad of Nathan Wood," inspired by a young Seattle-area Marine's death in Iraq; and "Down On the Farm," a nostalgic biography of a mid-20th century American mother.

Steve's roots are in the American Midwest, and his influences are many. He grew up in Wisconsin where he learned from and absorbed many different styles of music. One of his earliest musical memories is hearing "Cool Water" by the Sons of the Pioneers, and there was Motown, the Beatles, and the blues in his home. There were also the ethnic sounds of his German heritage, such as polkas and waltzes, and Broadway show tune sing-alongs around the family piano.

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A lifelong student of music, Steve has been interested in the craft of songwriting for about as long as he can remember. "I like to think my music reflects the fact that I grew up in almost exactly the center of the country and absorbed music from every direction. I'm still influenced by many different styles of music today."

A slightly off-kilter sense of humor and an easygoing performance style help keep things breezy on stage. In venues that range from clubs to music festivals to house concerts, Steve connects with his audiences through his stories, his warm and soulful singing and his growing catalog of well-crafted songs.

The Coffeehouse will start with an open mic session. Come early to sign up for a slot. You'll find us at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1312 Kimball Ave., in Richland (drive around to the lower parking lot in the back). Suggested donations are \$8 general admission or \$6 teens and seniors at the door.

Didgeridoo and Banjos too!

Friday, 11 April, 9:00 PM

From Australia and New Zealand, to the United States, Blake Noble has spent much of the last few years touring while developing his incredible, unique guitar style mixed with the Yidaki (Didgeridoo). He expands his enthusiastic fan base everywhere he goes. A self-taught guitarist, gifted composer and energetic live performer, Blake is constantly exploring new musical opportunities. Blake will be at Emerald of Siam on April 11th.

At the end of April, on the 26th, you'll find a 3RFS favorite - The Badger Mountain Dry Band - performing their special brand of bluegrass music also at the Emerald Of Siam in Richland.

Farewell Kathy Dodson

3RFS Board Member Kathleen (Kathy) Wells Dodson died of a heart attack on Monday, March 3rd, 2014. She was 61 years old. She was born in Bend, Oregon, raised in Connell, Washington, and had lived in the Tri-Cities most of her later years. She attended college at Marylhurst and earned a degree in social work, the field in which she worked most of her career.

After Kathy retired she devoted herself to spending time with her grandchildren and family and was a volunteer in many organizations, including Three Rivers Folklife Society. She especially enjoyed folding newsletters and taking admission at concerts. She faithfully attended contra dances even though she couldn't dance and often brought her granddaughters Emma and Jackie to 3RFS events. This past year she was a 3RFS board member. She was active in both St. Patrick's and Holy Spirit Catholic churches and sang in the choir at both churches. She also was a former member of the Growling Old Women contra dance band and a faithful member of Serendipity Strings, an all woman string band that played at the Pasco Farmers' Market, nursing homes and retirement centers and many community events.

Kathy will be greatly missed in all the extended families and communities she was a part of. We will miss her smiling face and gentle manner and her loving concern for those whose lives she impacted.

Kathy Kehl, one of our contra dance coordinators, will be taking Kathy Dodson's place on the 3RFS board until the May election of new board members, even though Kathy D. was truly irreplaceable.



Tumbleweed 2014

29-31 August, 2014

Plans have begun for the 2014 Tumbleweed Festival. The theme for the festival and songwriting contest is "Kindred Spirits" and the planning committee is now welcoming proposals and suggestions for a festival logo.

Planning meetings are scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month at festival chair Gene Carbaugh's home at 803 Birch, Richland. The next meeting will be April 15, 7:00 PM. Call Gene at 946-0504 if you have questions.

Applications for performers, songwriters and vendors are currently posted on the festival website. Performer and songwriter applications are due by May 17. Artist, craft and food vendor applications are due by July 1.

Membership Cards

If you have paid your 2014 dues but have not received your membership card, please contact Gene Carbaugh at ecarbaugh2b@charter.net or 946-0504. Gene will make sure you get your card as soon as possible.

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3RFS Info: www.3rfs.org 509 528-2215
Deadline for the May newsletter is April 15th.

Out of Town

April

19 Walla Walla Contra Dance
7:30 PM, Sat., Unity Church of Peace, 810 C Street at the Walla Walla Regional Airport

First Friday Folkie Free-For-All

Friday, 4 April, 7:00 PM

Each month we gather at Micki Perry's house to play and sing together. You can bring an instrument if you play one, a voice if you have one, and perhaps a snack to share. Micki lives at 1011 S. Dawes St., in Kennewick. For more information call 528-2215.



Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong

Saturday, 12 April, 7:00 PM

April showers bring May flowers, and as we all know, the Mayflower was a ship, therefore, April brings a perfect time for singing sea chanteys! Our monthly sea song singalong continues, beginning around 7:00 PM at Round Table Pizza in Richland at the corner of George Washington Way and Torbett. Everyone is welcome and there is no cost except for the food and beverages.

Local Folk Events

April

4 First Friday Folkie Free For All	7:30 PM - Fri, Micki Perry's Kennewick
11 Steve Wacker Coffeehouse	7:30 PM - Fri, All Saints', Richland
12 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong	7:00 PM - Sat, Round Table Pizza, Richland
14 3RFS Board Meeting	7:00 PM - Mon, Gene Carbaugh's Richland
15 Tumbleweed Planning Meeting	7:00 PM - Tues, Gene Carbaugh's Richland
19 Bridges Home Concert	7:30 PM - Sat, CUUC Pasco
26 3RFS Contra Dance	7:30 PM - Sat, Shufflers' Shanty Kennewick
26 Badger Mountain Dry Band	5:00 PM - Sat, Emerald of Siam Richland

May

2 First Friday Folkie Free For All	7:30 PM - Fri, Micki Perry's Kennewick
3 Tumbleweed Benefit Concert Dan Maher, Badger Mountain Dry Band, Humphrey, Hartman & Cameron	7:30 PM - Sat, Battelle Aud. Richland
10 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong	7:00 PM - Sat, Round Table Pizza, Richland
12 3RFS Board Meeting	7:00 PM - Mon, Gene Carbaugh's Richland
17 Annual Membership Meeting Carl Allen Concert	7:30 PM - Sat, CUUC Pasco
17 Tumbleweed Application Deadline	Performers and Song Contest Entries
20 Tumbleweed Planning Meeting	7:00 PM - Tues, Gene Carbaugh's Richland

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco
Gene Carbaugh's, 803 Birch Ave., Richland
Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes St., Kennewick
Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., Richland
Shufflers' Shanty = 717 N. Irving St., Kennewick
For information, call 509 528-2215

April - Contra Dance Finale

Saturday, 26 April, 7:30 PM

Much to our pleasure, our contra dance for April will feature Dan Clarke calling to the music of Little Big Cat. Much to our displeasure, it is the last dance of the season (and you better not miss it!) Dan is a seasoned caller who can regularly be heard in Walla Walla. Little Big Cat features Miche Baker-Harvey (fiddle), Hugh Fraser (banjo),

and Dale Brubaker (piano). They specialize in dance tunes that make contra-dancers happy, from old-time tunes to New England to French Canadian to Metis.

The dance will be at the Shufflers' Shanty, 7:30 to 10:30 PM. Beginners are more than welcome, no partner is necessary, and all dances are taught. Bring friends, family and snacks to share for a great evening of music, dancing and fun. Shufflers' Shanty is at 717 Irving St., Kennewick. Cost at the door is \$8 or \$6 seniors/teens. Kids under 12 are free. \$1 off for 3RFS members.