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- Song circles

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## 25th Annual TMF to be Virtual AND Live!

When planning for this year's 25th annual Tumbleweed Music Festival began, the COVID-19 pandemic was in full force. Because we could not know how events would unfold over the course of the year, it was again planned to be a virtual, online festival, as with the 24th annual rendition in 2020. The 2021 festival will open on Friday, September 3rd at <https://tumbleweedmusicfestival.org> and will feature nearly 100 prerecorded performances from five countries, 14 live workshops, a live Zoom Shanty Sing, and a live Zoom Contra Dance.

### FREE LIVE Concert

However, due to the tremendous progress towards reopening through efforts to beat back the pandemic, we are very happy to announce that there will be a LIVE concert in Richland's Howard Amon Park, behind the Community Center, on Saturday, August 21st, beginning at 7:30 PM! This concert will feature three headline acts, and will be recorded live to become the traditional Saturday Night concert in this year's virtual festival. The Saturday Concert is traditionally a fundraiser for the Tumbleweed Festival, but to honor the support and appreciation that the community has given us for the last 24 years, this year's concert is FREE!

Our headline performers are:

1. **Badger Mountain Dry Band**, the Tri-Cities' own long-lived Progressive Bluegrass band.
2. **Cecilia Eng**, a Portland, Oregon-based singer who specializes in "Filk" music, folk music which takes its inspiration from imaginative works

of film and literature (Cecilia was inducted into the Filk Hall of Fame in 2013); and

3. **Hank Cramer and Friends**, featuring the long-time folksinger and Tumbleweed regular Hank Cramer with Matt Rotchford on string bass and Griff Bear on fiddle and mandolin. They have played on nearly all of Hank's albums over the last 15 years, but have never been to Tumbleweed! Be ready for a wide-ranging set that's sure to include nautical, cowboy, traditional, and sing-along songs!

### Workshops

We have arranged 14 workshops and two special events (a sea song sing-along and a contra dance), all of which will be presented live via Zoom on Saturday, September 4 and Sunday, September 5. If you would like to participate in person, you'll need to sign up in advance to receive the Zoom login information.

You'll also be able to watch, but not participate, via the [tumbleweedmusicfestival.org](https://tumbleweedmusicfestival.org) website or Facebook as the workshops are presented live. To sign up for any of the workshops or special events, drop a line to Jim Honeyman at [tumbleweedworkshops@gmail.com](mailto:tumbleweedworkshops@gmail.com). Please include the workshop number and name (see below) in the message title. We will get you signed up and send you the Zoom login and supplemental materials that the host will use in the workshop.

You'll find the virtual "Stages" lineup of performers (as currently scheduled) and the list of workshops as an insert in this issue

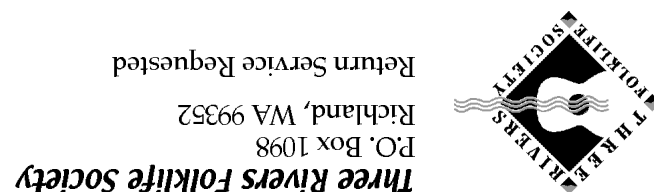
### Contra Dance

Yes, our Tumbleweed Contra Dance will again be virtual, but don't let that stop you from attending! We learned a lot last year about production so we anticipate that this year's event will be a much better experience. And this year it's FREE! Do you know some friends who are Covid-safe that you'd like to have join you in your home for the dance? Having two or three couples over to dance would make for a lovely evening! And if you'd be willing to be part of our direct Zoom audience, you can be part of the entertainment too!

Being watched by others, not appealing?! No Problem! You can watch the live stream on our festival website or Facebook, dance in the privacy of your home, and still feel part of the community!

Our Virtual Tumbleweed Contra Dance will be Sunday, September 5, at 8:00 PM. Our band again this year is Contraversatile and, as an added bonus, we will have dancers performing live with the band! We hope to see you there! Questions? For more information, email Terri Widergren at [twidgal@gmail.com](mailto:twidgal@gmail.com).

The Tumbleweed Music Festival is sponsored by Three Rivers Folklife Society, and co-sponsored by the City of Richland. Festival: [tumbleweedmusicfestival.org](https://tumbleweedmusicfestival.org) Info: [tumbleweedfest.com](https://tumbleweedfest.com) [www.facebook.com/tumbleweedfest](https://www.facebook.com/tumbleweedfest) Twitter and Instagram: @tweedmusicfest



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## Live Music Returns to 3RFS in Sept.

Now that Washington state is again "open for business," 3RFS is following suit with plans to resume in-person events. Our Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong resumed in-person singing in June at Richland's Round Table Pizza. The Tumbleweed Music Festival Celebration Concert will be Saturday, August 21, on the Richland Community Center Patio, as free gift to the community in appreciation of 25-years of support. In-person concerts, coffeehouses, and hopefully contra dances, are to resume in September.

Let's not ever again take for granted the ability to gather communally and enjoy music, theater, etc. Let's not get used to "live music" looking like doorbell security footage and sounding like it's coming from an AM radio. We should all be hungry for the sense of community that live music provides, whether that's a singer/songwriter in a coffeehouse or ear-shredding rock and roll at a stadium, let's find and keep that passion. There is nothing like the energy and life-affirming atmosphere of live music.

## Coleman-Newsome Collective Live!

Friday, 10 September, 7:30 PM

September's Coffeehouse will feature the Coleman-Newsom Collective. Rob Newsom and Jim Coleman became friends after their daughters joined the same soccer team. It wasn't until a couple years later that they discovered that they both had a passion for playing guitars and making music. It was a pretty good fit - Jim liked to write songs and sing and Rob preferred lead guitar and tinkering with recording. Both grew up listening to music with influences including James Taylor, Jackson Browne, CS&N and other groups from the 70s and 80s.

Masking, social distancing and limiting personal contact are required by

our venue's Covid Rules. As with years past, the Coffeehouse will be held on the second Friday of the month (September through April) at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Richland. Open-mic starts at 7:30 PM with the main act taking the stage at approximately 8:00 PM. Alan Page is now booking for the 2021-2022 season, so please feel free to reach out to him at 509 308-3574, if you are interested in performing or know someone who is.

## SeaStar Live in Concert!

Saturday, 18 September, 7:30 PM

The eclectic Seattle band SeaStar will return to the Tri-Cities for Three Rivers Folklife Society's first live concert in a year and a half! This concert will be held Saturday, September 18th, 7:30 PM, in the sanctuary at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Avenue, Richland, where we usually hold our Coffeehouses. This should just be a one-time location until our usual venue is available.

SeaStar is a Celtic folk music band based in Seattle, Washington, who make their way down to 3RFS country for concerts and Tumbleweed (including 2018's Saturday night TMF concert!) The band has been together in some configuration since 2007, but the current band is made up of Fae Wiedenhoef on guitar, uke, and main vocals, Captain Chambers on bass, and Mark Falcone on percussion, keyboards and vocals. Fae is also the primary songwriter in the group which is known for her passionate originals, and their energetic renditions of Celtic anthems and standards as well as Americana classics with a hint of old-time and bluegrass. Their most recent CD, "Sinners and Angels" has mostly Celtic pub songs with a few originals, and during the pandemic hiatus they worked on a new album of Fae's originals called "Fishing" which should be ready for their album release concert tour this fall.

SeaStar has taken their love of musical

storytelling around the world including the US, Canada, Ireland, Scotland, England, France, Poland and Turkey. They have played at festivals, concert halls, coffeehouses, house concerts, hardware stores and even video arcades, but after a year and a half of isolation they are thrilled to be taking their music on the road again and playing for 3RFS's first live indoor concert. We are thrilled to have them!

Tickets are available at the door \$14 general admission or \$12 for members of 3RFS. There will be social distancing in the venue and mask wearing is expected. We need to keep everyone safe and healthy if we want to continue to have in person events.



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## Folkie Free-For-All Back on Fridays

Friday, 6 August, 7:00 PM

Friday, 1 October, 7:00 PM

First Friday Folkie Free-for-All happened outdoors during the summer, and more recently indoors during the heat wave, sometimes on Friday or Saturday or Sunday. In October we will move back to Fridays and we have moved the time to 7:00 PM. We will not meet in September because of the start of virtual Tumbleweed.

This song circle is misnamed. We like the alliteration, but it has a pretty structured format. Participants take turns picking songs for the group to sing; many are from the Rise Up Singing or Rise Again songbooks, but any song from any genre is welcome. Bring songs to sing, your instrument if you play one, and a snack to share. Call Micki Perry at 783-9937 for directions or with any questions.

## Important 3RFS Miscellanea

What should 3RFS and our programs of music, dance, and Tumbleweed look like in five years? Or even next year? It's one thing to dream but, as Bob Dylan wrote, "To dream you have to be asleep." Developing a long-range vision and plan is key to keeping 3RFS alive and well. A one-day workshop is being planned for the fall to kick off this process of strategic planning. Let us know your ideas and willingness to participate in the workshop by contacting president@3rfs.net.

### Who Does What

Do you know who to contact about specific 3RFS programs or information? You can now go to our "Specific 3RFS Contacts" webpage <http://3rfs.org/contactfolks.htm> for a list of emails to contact the appropriate volunteers. The volunteers will be thrilled to hear from you.

## Local Folk Events

### August

- 11** Tumbleweed Planning Meeting 6:45 PM Wednesday on Zoom
- 17** Tumbleweed Planning Meeting 6:45 PM Tuesday on Zoom
- 21** Tumbleweed Music Festival 7:30 pm Saturday Howard Amon Park, Richland  
Saturday Night Concert - LIVE!
- 25** Tumbleweed Planning Meeting 6:45 PM Wednesday on Zoom

### September

- 3** Virtual Tumbleweed Music Festival Friday  
www.tumbleweedmusicfestival.org
- 10** Coleman-Newsom Collective 7:30 PM Friday All Saints' Coffeehouse Richland
- 11** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 6:00 PM Saturday Round Table Pizza Richland
- 13** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Monday Gene Carbaugh's Richland
- 18** SeaStar Concert 7:30 PM Saturday All Saints' Richland

### October

- 1** First Friday Folkie Free-For-All 7:00 PM Friday Micki Perry's Kennewick
- 8** Coffeehouse (Perfprmer to be announced) 7:30 PM Friday All Saints' Richland
- 9** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 6:00 PM Saturday Round Table Pizza Richland
- 11** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Monday Gene Carbaugh's Richland
- 16** Whateverly Brothers Concert 7:30 PM Saturday Location to be announced

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland  
 Gene Carbaugh's = 803 Birch St., Richland  
 Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes St., Kennewick  
 Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., Richland

For information, call 509 947-6735

### Election Results

The annual election was held by mail in May. See the Board of Directors' list in the masthead to the left for the results. **Newsletter Changes?**

We may be moving to an electronic newsletter in 2022. If you want to continue to receive all the information about upcoming concerts and other folk events monthly send your email address to us at [communications@3rfs.net](mailto:communications@3rfs.net). We are thinking of mailing only two newsletters each year, one with membership renewal and annual meeting information, and the other with all you need to know about our Tumbleweed Music Festival. Let us know what you think.