



Three Rivers Folklife Society

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Local Folk Events

December

- 5** Cutters & Friends Christmas Concert 7:30 PM Fri **CUUC**
- 8** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon **BPABC**
- 12** Joe Winters & Michael Skalstad Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri **All Saints'**
- 13** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza, Richland
- 13** Carols & Cocca 7:00 PM Sat Flat top Park West Richland
- 14** Handel's Messiah Singalong 7:00 PM Sun **KFUMC**
- 19-21** Mid-Columbia Mastersingers Concerts 7:00 PM Fri-Sun See article for details
- 31** Tri-Cities First Night 5:30 - Midnight Wed **CBC**

January

- 9** Young Artists Showcase Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri **All Saints'**
- 10** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza, Richland
- 11** Robin & Linda Williams and Their Fine Group Concert 3:00 PM Sun **KFUMC**
- 12** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon **BPABC**
- 24** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat **Pasco Senior Center**

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
BPABC = Battelle Performing Arts Business Center, 716 Jadwin Ave., Richland
CBC = Columbia Basin College, 2600 N. 20th Ave., Pasco
CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco
KFUMC = Kennewick First United Methodist Church, 2 S. Dayton St.
Pasco Senior Center = 1315 N. 7th Ave.
Round Table Pizza = 245 Torbett, Richland, 946-0667

For information, call 509 528-2215



Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

December 2008

Cutters and Friends Bring Their Holiday Joy

Saturday, 5 December, 7:30 PM

A frequent tradition for Three Rivers Folklife Society patrons, the Cutters, return for a concert of seasonal acoustic joy. This year, they are bringing some well-known friends from the Northwest folk scene: Pint and Dale, Dan Maher, Sanger and Didele, Tom Rawson, and Dan Roberts.

The Cutters play music that could only be created in America. They blend traditional and contemporary folk songs with Celtic, American, and Maritime styles and rhythms. Teresa Morgan plays bodhran and guitar and Philip Morgan plays guitar, banjo, and Irish whistles. Their children, Tyler and Arwen, will probably not be joining them at this concert (they're getting their own gigs these days), but Philip and Teresa can certainly hold their own.

William Pint and Felicia Dale play the music of the sea, from contemporary songs or shanties, to the traditional work songs sung aboard the tall ships. Those crews were English, Irish, German, French, from the West

Indies, The United States and other sea-going nations, but the music itself was inspired by the oceans that link all these places together and cover two thirds of our planet. William and Felicia take all of this as a source of inspiration for their music - giving it their own spin with guitar, hurdy-gurdy, mandolin and other exotic sounds. The result is an unusually energetic and exciting approach to folk music.

Dan Maher has been hosting the "Inland Folk" radio show for over 25 years. The three hour show, airing locally from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM on KFAE (89.1 FM), features all genres of folk music from blues to bluegrass. Dan is known throughout the Northwest as a master of the sing-along and as a singer/songfinder who takes traditional, contemporary and popular songs and puts his own stamp on them so they become signature songs for him. Dan has produced four albums of music and is always looking for songs for the next one.

The Great Sanger and Didele, renowned Seamen of the Inland Empire, inflict

entertainment on an unwary public. They are known for their silly songs of the sea and musical prowess... and they are sometimes known as Kurt and Kent Mesford. Like the Smothers Brothers, Sanger and Didele are top-notch musicians as well as comedians. Audiences everywhere exclaim, "We LOVE those guys!!"

Tom Rawson and Dan Roberts, two-thirds of "Bold Horizon," will also perform. For this special performance they might be called "Cold Horizon." Dan plays guitar, mountain dulcimer, mandolin, mandola, 6-string banjo, and spoons. His huge, bass voice is a natural for nautical tunes. Tom plays 5-string banjo, mountain dulcimer, and guitar.

This concert will be held at the new Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 West Sylvester Street in Pasco. Tickets are \$14 general admission, \$12 seniors and students if purchased in advance at Bookworm stores and Octopus' Garden. Tickets cost \$1 more at the door.

Coffeehouse Presents Winters & Skalstad

Friday, 12 December, 7:30 PM

This month's Coffeehouse will feature a duo who met one another during an Open Mic session at the Coffeehouse earlier this year: Joe Winters and Mike Skalstad. After they met, Joe offered Mike an invitation to join a jam sponsored by MCTAMA, and several jams later, they decided to pool their skills and collaborate musically. Utilizing their backgrounds in gospel, folk,

country, and rock and roll, Joe and Mike have fused together songs that represent some of the finest independent music in the area. Their musical arrangements showcase Joe's talents on guitar and Mike's as a lyricist.

Both artists have written many original songs, and they will be performing these as well as covering some well-known past favorites during their upcoming show. They are a very creative duo who put on a thoroughly enter-

taining and enjoyable performance. The Coffeehouse will begin with an open mic session -- be there early to sign up. The Coffeehouse is held at the All Saints' Episcopal Church at 1322 Kimball, Ave., Richland.

Suggested donation at the door is \$8/\$6 senior and students. For more information contact Alan Page at 943-5662.

Ring In the New Year at First Night

Wednesday, 31 Dec., 5:30PM-12:00AM

The annual community New Year's Eve extravaganza is back! The complete schedule of music is yet to be announced, but headliners are confirmed. The band Vocal Trash from Arlington, Texas, will be back this year. Vocal Trash is best described as a cross between "Stomp," the popular drum act where members play everything from trash cans to kitchen sinks, and an a capella group. This band is extremely popular at First Night, so come early to get a seat -- and a word of advice: don't come if you don't like your music LOUD!

A completely different, but equally popular act, The Gothard Sisters, are multi-talented young violinists and Irish step dancers who perform in the Seattle area. Their costumes and enormous hair alone are worth the price of admission.

The Celtic music performed by Skweez the Weezle has been a crowd favorite at First Night for nearly a decade. The band's musical mix includes traditional, modern and original tunes and songs from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Cape Breton and the USA.

First Night will be held in Pasco at the Columbia Basin College campus (everything is indoors where it's warm!) Admission is \$10. For more information see www.firstnighttc.org.

Three Rivers Folklife at First Night!

Three Rivers Folklife Society will have a presence at Tri-Cities First Night this year. Although we will not have our own venue, we will fill a time slot from 5:30 - 7:45 PM. Our performers will include Uncle Joe's Banjo Band, Badger Mountain Dry Band, and possibly more. First Night will be held at the CBC campus in Pasco (see related article above.)

"From the Wheel Chair"

Sound help is hard to find!

Three Rivers Folklife Society has some pressing needs to fulfill to continue production of concerts. These jobs can be done by one person but are usually done by many

The jobs that need to be filled are:

1. Driving Frank Cuta to events using his vehicle to pull his small trailer to the concert and return him home.
2. Unload sound equipment into the concert venue (and out after concert).
3. Set up the system, speak into mike to do a sound check. Someone will be present to direct the setup and tear down after the concert.

4. During the concert, act as a spotter for Frank to identify mike numbers when performers change position on stage during the concert.

5. At Battelle Auditorium concerts, we need a Battelle employee to pick up the key from security, and unlock the building, escort any vehicles to and from the auditorium.

Some people can do all of these jobs. Heavy lifting may prevent some from doing job 2. Please indicate your willingness to be part of this important part of a concert. If you have helped in this area before please let us know if you are interested again. Contact Nancy Oestergaard at 783-1743 with your name, phone number and email.

John Perry

Bluegrass Jams in January

Saturday, 3 January, 6:30 PM

The MCTAMA's Mid Columbia Bluegrass Association chapter is hosting an event to celebrate the New Year at the Richland Community Center. Included is open mic jamming, plus performances by Top String and Uncle Joe's Banjo Band. It is free and

open to the public; donations are welcome. Bring your instrument and join in, or just sit back and enjoy the music. There will be snacks; feel free to bring something to contribute. For more information, contact Vern Crow at 628-0192 or verncrow@charter.net

Micki's Graham Toffee Treats

A holiday gift from 3RFS!

1 package regular or cinnamon graham crackers

2 cubes butter or margarine or one of each

1/2 cup sugar (white or brown)

1/2 cup nuts (any kind)

Line a jelly-roll cookie sheet with foil. Break crackers into quarters and line up side by side to fill pan. Melt butter in a saucepan. When completely melted, add sugar, stir until dissolved and bring to a boil. Boil for 3 minutes.

Chop nuts while it boils. Pour butter and sugar mixture over all the crackers. Sprinkle on nuts. Bake at 350° for 5 minutes. Let cool until set. Break apart the crackers and serve. Makes about 4 dozen cookies.

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Deadline for the January newsletter is December 15th.

Out of Town

December

- 6** Walla Walla special contra dance (with a bit more challenge!) Saturday, 7:00 instruction; 7:30 dance
Stateline Grange
<http://fam.bmi.net>
- 31** Walla Walla New Year's Eve Potluck dinner (7:00 PM) and contra dance (8:30 PM) Tucker Timberrib 84847 Winesap Rd., Milton Freewater, OR.

Walla Walla Dances in 2009!

Wednesday, 31 December, 7:00 PM

Walla Walla's Friends of Acoustic Music host their annual New Year's Eve potluck and contra dance. Informal to semi-formal dress is suggested, and shoes that spare the floor - no high heels or lug boots.

Potluck is at 7:00 PM and the dance is from 8:30 until midnight. It all happens at Tucker Timberrib, 84847 Winesap Rd., Milton Freewater, OR. The event is free. For info, call Dan Clark at 509-522-0399 or visit <http://fam.bmi.net>.

More Music-Making for the Holidays!

Sunday, December 14, at 7:00 PM, the community is invited to participate in a singalong of Handel's Messiah. The performance will feature a Chancel Choir, orchestra and guest soloists. The free event is at Kennewick First Presbyterian Church, 2001 W. Kennewick Ave. Call church for info 582-9537.

Mid-Columbia Mastersingers will present Christmas concerts December 19, 20 & 21, at three different venues in the Tri-Cities. Call 946-1896 for information or go to www.midcolumbiamastersingers.org

Yes! I want to help the 2009 Tumbleweed Music Festival succeed!

I would like to contribute _____ **Bronze, \$50.00**
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_____ **Gold, \$250.00**
_____ **Platinum, \$1000.00**

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Send to: 3RFS Tumbleweed Music Festival, P.O. Box 1098, Richland, WA 99352
Enclose your check payable to *Three Rivers Folklife Society*. Thank You!



2009 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

Name _____

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I can help 3RFS with:

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| _____ Providing refreshments at concerts | _____ Setting up chairs | _____ Fund raising |
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| _____ Tumbleweed Music Festival | _____ Other _____ | |

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January Brings on the Dancing!

Saturday, 24 January, 7:30 PM

Like everyone else, contra dancers are too busy guzzling eggnog and wrapping presents to dance in December. But join us in January in our exciting new location-the Pasco Senior Center -with a beautiful dance floor, at 1315 N. 7th Ave. Let's rev it up for all new dances in the new year!

SSSSS Can Sing for the Holidays!

Saturday, 13 December, 7:00 PM

Can you believe it? There are chanteys for Christmas! There's "Rolling Down to Bethlehem," and Robert Louis Stevenson's "Christmas at Sea," and there's always "I Saw Three ships!" As usual the usual quaff and nosh and singing are at Richland's Round Table Pizza for the holidays. Join us!