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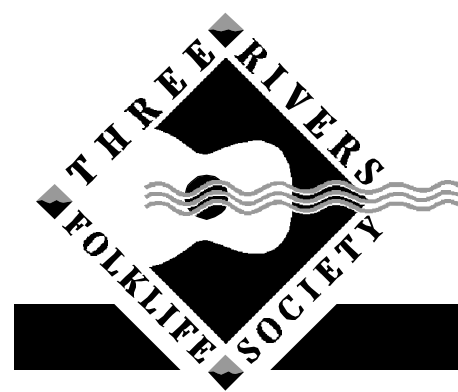


Get to Know More About Folk

Receiving this Folk Talk Newsletter in your mailbox isn't the only way you can get the latest about Folk in this area and beyond. Just sit yourself down at your computer and enjoy the other resources available to you.

Go to 3RFS.org and click on "Media." There you'll find PDF files of "Folk Talk" or Harry (doc) Babad's eTalk articles.

If you would like to receive e-mail announcements of upcoming 3RFS events you can sign up through Yahoo! group and get on the list for folkevent_3rfs. There are also links to more folk info. Check us out online!



Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

January 2010

Joe Jencks Returns with New Music

Saturday, 23 January, 7:30 PM

Joe Jencks is an internationally known performer, songwriter, entertainer, and educator. He has spent the last nine years touring full time in venues like Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York, to coffee houses, festivals, spiritual communities, and schools, including Three Rivers Folklife Society concerts and Tumbleweed Music festivals. His songs have traveled to every continent via radio, CDs, web casts, and other musicians. Joe is noted for his unique merging of musical exploration. He weaves a diverse web of stories with brilliant musical skill, ensnaring even the most rigid of hearts, inviting them to open. His songs invite us to live inside of our passions and our beliefs.

Joe applies his conservatory training to a contemporary genre, and offers the listener the best of both worlds. Drawing on his Irish heritage (dual

U.S./Irish Citizen), he uses his lush and lyrical voice to enchant, heal, and inspire. Joe has won numerous song-writing awards and is also highly regarded as a song interpreter. His latest release, "Links In A Chain," highlights this aspect of his work.

"Links In A Chain" is Joe's 7th CD, and his finest work to date. The recording features six new original compositions and six songs written by some of his mentors and influences, including songs by folk legends Phil Ochs and Bob Gibson, as well as a vivid rendition of the American classic, "Joe Hill." In his original compositions, Joe explores a wide range of topics, including family history, staying in love, and a brand new piece in the Irish tradition called "On Eireann's Shore." This beautifully lilting love song genuinely honors his heritage, and sounds as if it could have been written a century ago. A Grammy-winning team of engineers and sup-

porting musicians contribute to make the recording an exceptional piece of work from start to finish. Guest artists on the CD include: Jon Carroll (Mary Chapin Carpenter's pianist) on keyboards, Pat Wictor on slide-guitars, Jim Robeson (bass & recording engineer) and Charlie Pilzer (mixing and mastering engineer).

The concert will be held at the Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester Street, in Pasco. Tickets are \$11 general admission/\$9 seniors and students, when purchased in advance at Bookworm stores, and Octopus' Garden. They are \$1 more at the door. 3RFS members receive a \$3 discount.



Winters & Skalstad Warm Up Coffeehouse

Friday, 8 January, 7:30 PM

This month's Coffee House features the return of two local artists who have been playing together now for over a year. Joe Winters and Mike Skalstad were both playing solo gigs until they decided to team up in the spring of 2008 as the duo Winters & Skalstad. They have combined their different talents and skills to create some of the most original and entertaining music in the area. The format for this coffeehouse will feature each artist doing an individual set, fol-

lowed by a final set with both artists performing together.

After playing rock and roll in his early years, Mike completed a career in education and then decided to go back to his first love - writing and performing his songs for live audiences. His songwriting skills still intact, he has composed two solo CDs that fuse his background in folk and R&R into a contemporary blend of "folk rock." His songs feature common everyday life experiences that all people share.

Joe has been playing guitar in the area for several years and has also re-

orded two CDs of original material. He has been described as a "composer/player of simple eclectic folk, country and contemporary guitar tunes that will tantalize your musical palette!"

The Coffeehouse is held at All Saints' Episcopal Church, located at 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland (drive around to the lower parking lot in the back.) Suggested donation at the door is \$8 general admission/\$6 senior and students. For more information, call Alan Page at 943-5662.

New Leadership for TMF 2010

The 3RFS Board is pleased to announce that Duane Horton has agreed to head up our 14th annual Tumbleweed Music Festival, September 4 and 5, 2010. Duane has volunteered at the festival since its beginning and has been in charge of the information booth for the past three years. He is also a 3RFS board member. He sees his new role as that of a project manager, coordinating many capable committee coordinators who handle the program, volunteers, vendors, fund-raising, publicity and more.

Cameron & Cramer Release CDs

Friday, 29 January, 7:00 PM

Two Washington acoustic musicians, Michelle Cameron and Hank Cramer, will share the bill in a special CD release concert. Hank Cramer, based in Winthrop, Washington, is a captivating performer of acoustic music, including sea songs, work songs, cowboy songs, and more. Hank is a favorite performer here in Three Rivers country.

"Loosely Celtic," his brand-new CD, is a collection of mostly Irish songs, with one each from Scotland, England, Australia, and the Great Lakes to round it out. Featured musicians on the CD, include Leah Larson on duet vocals, Michelle Cameron on cello, Audra Poor on uilleann pipes and woodwinds, Orville Johnson on banjo, David Lange on keyboards, Maggie MacInnis and Julia Bennett on percussion, Davey Hakala on fiddle, and Brian Maskew and Mark Iler on harmony vocals. Some of the tracks can be heard online by visiting www.sonicbids.com/hankcramer and clicking on "audio."

Richland resident, Michelle Cameron released "Memories of Our Future," her first solo cello CD, in September

2009, but never had an actual release party until now. The CD includes Michelle's instrumental arrangements of 17 hymns. Most are well-loved Christian songs like "There's Something About That Name" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Michelle's solo cello arrangement of "Amazing Grace" is truly astounding. Two of the songs, "The Price" and "Isaiah 53," are Michelle's own compositions. The CD also features Michelle's mother, Bobbette Cameron, a professional pianist from California. Other supporting musicians include Susan Bengtson (viola), Brian Chou (violin), Susan Tackett (flute), and many more.

Michelle is principal cellist in the Mid-Columbia Symphony and the only cellist in local folk trio Humphrey, Hartman & Cameron.

The concert will be held at the Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester Street, in Pasco. Admission is \$15 adults, \$10 seniors over 60 and youths 6 to 16, kids under 6 are free. No advanced tickets will be sold. (3RFS membership discount does not apply.)

New Year - ReNew Membership

It's the time of year to refresh and renew, and that applies not only to your resolutions but also to your Three Rivers Folklife Society membership.

If you started or renewed your membership at the 2009 Tumbleweed Music Festival (or later in 2009,) you don't need to worry. You are current for 2010. But if your membership is older than that, it is time to renew.

Fill out the application on the back of this newsletter and mail it in with your check or bring it to the next event you attend. Remember members receive discounts at all 3RFS events.



New Leadership for TMF 2010

Thursday, 28 January, 7:00 PM

Duane Horton, newly appointed coordinator for the 2010 Tumbleweed Music Festival, is inviting any and all who are interested in making the event a success again this year.

The first planning meeting will be Thursday, 28 January at 7:00 PM in the Richland Public Library, on the corner of Goethals Dr. and Swift Blvd. One of our first items of business is to select a theme for this year's festival. If you have ideas, come to the meeting or send them to Duane.

There are plenty of duties to go around and a great support group to help get the job done. A coordinator for grounds and facilities is still needed. This is not a particularly difficult position, so if you think you might be interested in volunteering for the job, or have ideas for the event, contact Duane at dghorton@charter.net.

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Deadline for the February newsletter is January 15th.

Make 2010 Your Year to Contra

Saturday, 23 January, 7:30 PM

The first contra dance of 2010 features one of the premier contra bands in the Inland Empire - Out of the Wood. With Pat Marron on mandolin and fiddle, Vicki Marron on keyboard, and Kathy Bowman on fiddle, they travel from their home in Sandpoint, Idaho to perform at camps and festivals throughout the Northwest and beyond. They especially enjoy working with our own Cindy Rakowski, the caller for the evening. Cindy is claiming the January dance as her birthday party, so come join the fun and eat some cake.

All dances will be taught so no experience or partner is necessary. Bring your friends, family and snacks to share for a great evening of music, dancing, and fun at Shuffler's Shanty, 717 N. Irving St., Kennewick. See 3rfs.org for a map. Admission at the door is \$8 general/\$6 Seniors and teens. Kids under 12 are free. \$1 discount for 3RFS members.



We Have a Winner!

On December 5, 2009, during the Heidi Muller, Bob Webb, DanMaher concert, the winning ticket for the raffle guitar was drawn. The guitar was a Breedlove Atlas AJ250/SF Plus Jumbo Acoustic-Electric donated by Jay Howlett of Blah Blah Woof Woof music coop.

And the winner is Kendall Smith! He is a guitar player and will use his new guitar to brush up on his skills so he can play at SSSSS or FFFF. Check out the calendar so you can follow his progress at these events.

Local Folk Events

January

- 8** Joe Winters & Mike Skalstad Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 9** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza,
- 11** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon Richland Library
- 16** Joe Jencks Concert 7:30 PM Sat CUUC
- 23** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat Shuffler's Shanty
- 28** 2010 Tumbleweed Music Festival Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Thurs Richland Library
- 29** Cameron & Cramer Concert 7:00 PM Sat CUUC (No 3RFS discount)

February

- 1** First Friday Folkie Free-for-All 7:30 PM Fri Micki Perry's
- 8** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon Richland Library
- 12** Katie Evans Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 13** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza,
- 20** Uncle Joe's Banjo Band Concert 7:30 PM Sat CUUC 2010 Tumbleweed Music Festival Benefit
- 25** 2010 Tumbleweed Music Festival Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Thurs Richland Library

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
 CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco
 Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes, Kennewick
 Richland Library = Richland Library, 955 Northgate Dr., at Goethals Dr. and Swift Blvd.
 Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., Richland
 Shuffler's Shanty = 717 N. Irving St., Kennewick

For information, call 509 528-2215

Resolve to Sing Sea Chanteys!

Saturday, 9 January, 7:00 PM

Did you make a New Year's resolution to stop eating fatty foods and drinking soda or beer? Research has shown that calories consumed while singing and laughing don't count. That's because you can't sing and

laugh and eat at the same time. The Second Saturday Sea Song Singalongs (SSSSS) are just what you need! You don't have to be able to sing and you won't be able to avoid laughing and salads are available. So, there's no excuse for not joining us each month of 2010 as we gather on that infamous second Saturday at Round Table Pizza (the old Henry's) on the corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., in Richland.