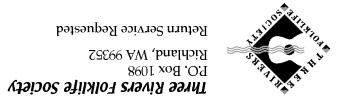
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Michael "Hawkeye" Herman

Saturday, 21 January, 7:30 PM

With over 40 years of performing experience, Michael "Hawkeye" Herman exemplifies the range of possibilities in acoustic blues, and personifies versatile musicianship, originality, and compelling artistry as a blues storyteller. His dynamic performances have won him a faithful following, and he leads a very active touring schedule of performances at festivals, concerts, school programs, and workshops. Hawkeye performs a wide variety of traditional blues, ballads, swing, and original tunes, on six-string and twelve-string guitar, and is an adept and exciting practitioner of slide guitar and slide mandolin. His music has been included in video documentaries and in three hit theatrical productions.

As a music educator, Hawkeye has taken his love of blues music to students of all ages, from pre-school to university campuses through his enthusiastically received "Blues in the Schools" programs, which he initiated in 1980. He has taught guitar for

over 25 years, and has presented blues and slide guitar instructional workshops at major folk and blues festivals as a part of his frequent concert touring schedule. In May of 1998, Hawkeye received the "Keeping the Blues Alive" Award for achievement in education from the Blues Foundation in Memphis. The award was the result of many years of blues educational programs he has done for students of all ages. He began this effort long before most blues support organizations and blues festivals even existed. Hawkeye has helped to initiate inschool educational programs for many blues societies and has single-handedly introduced blues music workshops to major festivals. He is the cofounder of the Rogue Valley Blues Festival in his home area of Southern Oregon.

Our own "Walla Walla Paul" Knight will open the concert with his unique brand of blues. Some of you may know Paul in his other musical persona, Uncle Joe (of Uncle Joe's Banjo Band).

You can experience the blues at the Community Unitarian Universalist

Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco. Tickets are \$11 general/\$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.

Hawkeye's Blues Workshop

Sunday, 22 January, 1:00 PM

"Hawkeye" Herman will teach a blues workshop, primarily for guitar players but other instruments are also welcome. Even if you don't play an instrument it will be educational as you will learn a lot about the history of the blues and the basic structure of the blues musical form. Those who have attended Hawkeye's workshops in the past, either at Tumbleweed or after a concert, will attest that Hawkeye is a great educator as well as a player and you will want to keep on learning from one of the masters of this art form.

The work shop will be held at Micki Perry's house, and is \$20. Call 509-783-9937 or 509-528-2215 for reservations and directions.

Becky McGuigan New at the Coffeehouse

Friday, 13 January, 7:30 PM

Becky McGuigan describes herself as "an old folky from the 70s." She and her husband sailed the South Pacific for over 10 years, and then moved to Ellensburg, where Becky had been raised. Becky is a folksinger/guitarist whose repertoire includes some of her own material, special songs she

has collected throughout her travels, obscure folk songs from contemporary artists, and a few recognizable covers from the 60's and 70's. Join us as we welcome Becky to the 3RFS Coffeehouse

There will be an open mic session to start off the evening at 7:30. Come early to sign up if you want to perform as slots are limited.

The Coffeehouse is held at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., in Richland. Drive around to the lower parking lot in back. Suggested donations are \$8 general admission or \$6 teens and seniors at the door.

Guitar Raffle Winner

At the 3RFS December concert we drew for the winner of the 2011 Tumbleweed Yamaha guitar raffle. Joe Guyette, a local guy active in Mid Columbia Libraries Friends of the Libraries, is the lucky winner. Joe is an instrument collector who doesn't yet really play the guitar but now he might even take lessons. Thanks to Ted Brown Music for donating the guitar and to all who bought tickets.

Looking for Old and New Members

Your Three Rivers Folklife Society membership expired at the end of December, unless you renewed during or after Tumbleweed Music Festival 2011. Fill out the membership form on the back of this newsletter and mail it to our P.O. box with a check. You can also join at any 3RFS event. Members get \$3 off on concert tickets and \$1 off on dance admission.

Tumbleweed 2012: Crossroads

How would you like to help steer the 2012 Tumbleweed Music Festival in the right direction? You have that opportunity at our next planning meeting on Thursday, January 19, from 7:00-8:30 PM, at the Richland Public Library, Conference Room B. For more information, you can contact Jim at colemanjh@aol.com or call him at 943-6260.



Raise Your Pint Stowp!

Robert Burns birthday, 25 January

We haven't received word of any local "Burns Suppers" this month, but that doesn't mean we can't celebrate the life and poetry of the Scots poet Robert Burns, born January 25, 1759. One of his most famous poems in this country is "Auld Lang Syne"... though most of us don't have a clue what the traditional words mean.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And never brought to mind? Should auld acquaintance be forgot, And auld lang syne?

Chorus:

For auld lang syne, my dear, For auld lang syne. We'll take a cup o' kindness yet, For auld lang syne.

And surely ye'll be your pint-stowp! And surely I'll be mine! And we'll take a cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne.

We twa hae run about the braes And pou'd the gowans fine. We've wandered mony a weary foot, Sin' auld lang syne.

We twa hae sported i' the burn, From morning sun till dine, But seas between us braid hae roared Sin' auld lang syne.

And ther's a hand, my trusty friend, And gie's a hand o' thine; We'll tak' a right good willie-waught, For auld lang syne.

And by the way, "be your pint stowp" means to buy a pint tankard of ale!

For a really funny Burns joke that's too long to print here, go online to http://www.electricscotland.com/humour/h65.htm

Our Grief is Doubled

In last month's Folk Talk, we lamented the death of one of our favorite young performers, Arwen Morgan. She was the daughter of Phil and Teresa Morgan and joined them in The Cutters family band. At press time, we learned that Arwen's mother, Teresa, had also taken her own life.

There are times when grief and anguish are so great that not even the love of friends and family can reach through. So it was for Teresa and Arwen. We ask that you remember them, pray for them, love them, and love those around you. May peace prevail.

You may send condolences to Philip Morgan at 2218 W. Barrett St., Seattle, WA, 98199, and to Tyler, Dylan, Laura, and Conner c/o Laura Clark, 8031 41st Ave, NE, Seattle, WA, 98115.

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Deadline for the February newsletter is January 15th.

Contra Dancing Returns in January

Saturday, 28 January, 7:30 PM

The January dance will feature our friends the Mill Creek String Band from Goldendale. With their old-timey sound, they are well known and much loved for their frequent appearances at dances and dance camps in Portland and La Grande. Their favorite caller is Sue Baker of Hood River, who was last in our area for a very successful dance at Tumbleweed Music Festival last year. Take a cup of lively music, add spirited dancers to taste, and stir with superb calling - sounds like a recipe for a delightful winter evening.

All dances are taught so no experience or partner is necessary. Bring friends, family and snacks to share for a great evening of music, dancing and fun. It all takes place at Shufflers' Shanty, 717 N. Irving St., Kennewick. Go to 3rfs.org for a map. Cost at the door is \$8 general admission or \$6 for seniors and teens. Kids under 12 are free. \$1 off for 3RFS members.

A key member of our contra dance community is moving out of the area: Meryl Birn has accepted a job on the west side in Olympia. We know she'll find great folks to dance with there, but we'll miss her greatly. Good luck, Meryl! Come back and visit sometime!

Guitar Lessons!

January 23 to March 12, 6:00-7:30 PM or 7:30-9:00 PM

Kennewick Continuing Education has a class for you, whether playing the guitar is a new passion or a long desired goal. Reading music, playing basic songs, working on proper fingering, and more. You can truly enjoy learning a new skill in a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere. Bring an acoustic guitar. All other materials provided. Class limit 5. Age 12+ at Horse Heaven Hills Middle School, Kennewick. Price: \$69. Call 509 222-5080 for information.

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For information, call 509 528-2215

SSSSS Can Warm You Up in January!

Saturday, 14 January, 7:00 PM

January days are often gray and gloomy, and the nights are long and cold. There is relief! Come on in to Round Table Pizza in Richland, on the corner of Torbett and George Washington Way, for the Second

Saturday Sea Song Singalong! It's always warm and bright, and you'll find friends who love to visit and sing sea songs together. No singing experience is necessary and the words are easy to learn. There's no charge except for the food and beverages. Join us!