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April 13, 2025 6pm

5308 Buffalo Speedway
(St Andrew's Presbyterian Church)
Houston, TX 77005

SECOND SUNDAY CONCERTS

Presents

Dana Cooper's musical journey began at the young age of 2 when his father would prop him on the bar to sing along with the jukebox. From Missouri, Cooper was surrounded by the sounds of classic country and folk music. Enamored with the guitar he taught himself to play and to harmonize. By his teenage years, Cooper was performing in coffee houses and clubs. He remains driven by his pure love for songwriting and performing, bringing people together through



virtuosity and vulnerability has earned him a lifetime of devoted fans.

~<https://www.danacoopermusic.com/>



Ed Amash will open Lover of anything acoustic!
And the occasional rock and roll and jazz too!

~<https://www.facebook.com/people/Ed-Amash-Music/100063784991180/>

Second Sunday Concert is presented by the Houston Folklore and Music Society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of singer-songwriters working in the folk music traditions. Tickets are \$20 per person - sold at the door. Children under 12 are free (must be accompanied by an adult). **STUDENTS GET IN FREE WITH STUDENT ID!** Concerts are held at St Andrew's Presbyterian. Visit our website, www.houstonfolkmusic.org or contact [Jim Gill](mailto:JimGill@saHouston.com) [jim@saHouston.com](mailto:JimGill@saHouston.com) for more information.

COMING EVENTS

HFMS Song Circle

Tuesday, April 2, 2025
(First Tuesday) 7:00 PM

Midtown Bar & Grill

Upstairs



Monthly Pickin' Party

April 27, 2025

(Normally the 3rd Sunday every month!,
but since Easter is the 3rd Sunday,
we're making an exception)

April Artist—Share your Folk Hero:
Come with a set from your personal fave
and share a bit about the artist.

Gary's Place

518 Fair Oaks Dr.
Stafford, TX

2:00 pm snack* and socialize

3:00 pm pick-n-play

*bring anything you like!

Second Sunday Concerts

May 2025 Daniel Neihoff Audrey Bryant opens

September 2025 Jack Motley and Butch Morgan song swap

October 2025 Sara Beth Go and Nathan K song swap

April Featured Song

by Paul Cooper

WE SHARED THE DANCE THAT LOVERS KNOW WELL

Shortly before being elected to our Board of Directors, Jay Williams gave us a lovely performance at our October, 2024 Second Sunday Concert. He has graciously given us permission to publish one his songs here. It tells a story that will feel familiar to many of us. "It has resonated with a lot of listeners," Jay says. You can hear this song on Jay's CD, ***Somebody's Looking For You***, or on the HFMS Audio Archive page at <https://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/AudioArchives>. Jay plays it in G chord shape with the capo on the third fret.

DID SHE EVER MENTION MY NAME

- by Jay Williams



G **G/F#** **Em** **G7**
She was 17 in '45. I watched her close. I caught her eye
G **C/B** **Am** **D**
We talked a while and then some more. We talked of life, we talked of war.
G **G/F#** **Em** **G7**
The world was big, we were small. I was serving in New Mexico.
C **C/B** **Am** **D7** **G**
A desert moon cast a spell the night we shared the dance that lovers know well

INTERLUDE: G G/F# Emin Emin7 (hold)

Then the war was done and we said goodbye. I don't remember if we cried.
I went back home. I started life. Another year, I met my wife.
We worked the farm and we raised our kids. We led our life like others did.
But every once in a while, I'd like to think about the girl from '45.

CHORUS:

Em7 **Bm7** **Am7** **G**
We made our choice and I went away. I don't regret the life I made
C **G** **Em** **D**
I loved my wife. I love my kids. But now and then and I wonder if...
Em7 **Bm7** **Am7** **G**
When the moon was high and bright, did she dream of summer nights.
C **G** **A** **D** **Em7** **C**
Did I ever cross her mind... Did She Ever Mention My Name

INTERLUDE: G G/F# Em G7 C C/B AmD7 (hold)

And now she's gone and my wife too. I'm 90 now. My years are few.
I wonder if there's a photo of the girl I loved when we were young?
I'd love to see her face again. And remember way back when.
I'd love to see just one more time the eyes of the girl from '45.

CHORUS:

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A **D** **G**
Did She Ever Mention My Name

OUTRO:

G **G/F#** **Emin** **G7** **C** **C/B** **D7/G** **G**



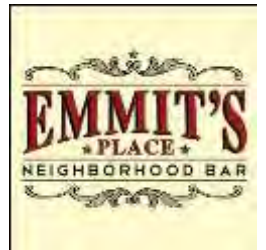
LOCAL FOLKIN'!

Community Folk Music Calendars, Venues and Other Concert Resources
in and around the Houston Metro Area— *Images are Live Links!*

- 🔗 Search by genre or your favorite band
- 🔗 Create your own schedule/calendar
- 🔗 Get email updates



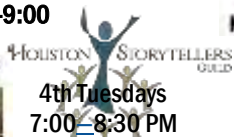
LIVE MUSIC VENUES



GET YOUR JAM ON!



Luka BBQ Steak House
Tuesdays 7:00–9:00



Wednesdays 12:30 pm
& Monthly Jams



Monthly Saturday Jam

TWINKLE YOUR TOES!



Houston District
Mondays & Tuesdays
[Scottish](#) Country Dance
Register Here!



Mondays & Fridays
Check for locations!



European Dance Guild
2nd & 4th [Thursdays](#), 6–8 pm



Select
Saturdays & Sundays
Check for times!

FOR THE KIDS!



LOCAL EVENTS

Kenneth D. Welch Outdoor Learning Center
39th Annual Folk Life Festival
Saturday, April 5, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



Annual Czech Spring Festival
April 5, 2025



NRG Park
April 4-6, 2025



April 26-27, 2025



May 17, 2025
3:30—9:00 pm
Discovery Green



April 12-13, 2025



UPCOMING TEXAS EVENTS



April 5-6, 2025



Weekends March 1—April 20, 2025



April 25-27, 2025



San Antonio Bluebonnet Ball
April 5, 2025



Chappel Hill Bluebonnet Festival
April 12-13, 2025



UPCOMING & UPDATED FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL
EVENTS AROUND THE US



Delaware Water Gap, PA
April 26, 2025



SF Bay Area, CA
April 25-28, 2025



Lodi, CA
April 15-21, 2025



La Tuna, Baja California Sur
April 24-26, 2025



10TH ANNUAL JAMES WIMMER
BRISTOL BLUEGRASS SPRING
FEST APRIL 4&5 2025
Bristol, VA



Oakboro, NC
April 10-12, 2025



NORTHWEST
FOLKLIFE
Seattle, WA
May 23-26, 2025



White Springs, FL
May 23-25, 2025



Camp Sturtevant, CA
May 23-26, 2025



Young Tradition Festival
2025

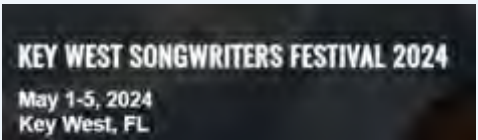
May 9-10 in Burlington, VT



The 22nd Annual California Autoharp Gathering
May 13 - 18, 2025



Bentonville, AR
May 16-17 2025



UPCOMING & UPDATED FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL
EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD



Day of Morris Dancing
Stockport, UK
April 26, 2025



Canberra, Australia
April 17-21, 2025



Filey (North Yorkshire Coast) UK



April 25—27, 2025



May 2—5, 2025



April 24-27, 2025

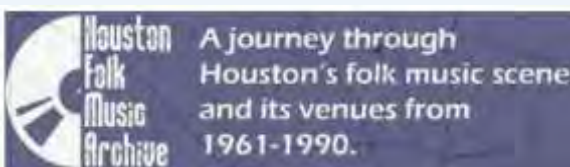
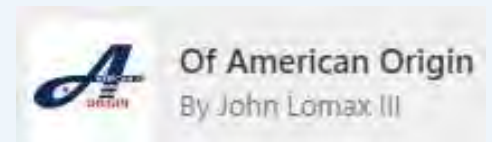


May 1-4, 2025



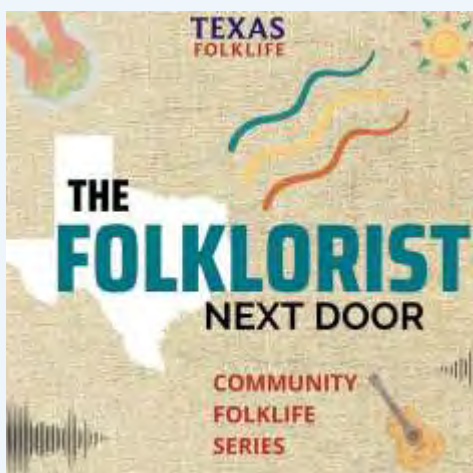
JUST FOLKIN' AROUND

Virtual resources for learnin', partakin', or just listenin'!



THE OULD SOD VIRTUAL TRADITIONAL IRISH SESSION ON ZOOM

Google Map of Old Time Jams, Festivals, Fiddle Contests, Irish Sessions, and Contra Dance Bands in the US and Around the World! *confirm local listings*



Any Sunday Songwriters



Volunteer(s) Needed

HFSM needs folkie(s) for the following:

Membership management -

- send out renewal reminders via sendpulse* and monitor for new members/donations on Google Drive**
- email thank yous to donors and members after payment*
- transfer data to spreadsheet for bulk email**
- mail lifetime membership certificates

Bulk email -

- compress and upload newsletter to Google Drive
- create cover template and email newsletter to paid members monthly via systeme.io***
- create cover template and email HFMS only events email to unpaid subscribers***
- remove unsubscribes and bounces from spreadsheet**

Website - (via site.pro)

- Upload a compressed copy of the song of the month to the audio archive and providing a link to YouTube video
- Update the fond memories page with any new passings
- Post the next Second Sunday Concert and add any future performers
- Updating the list of past performers and links

SOME TECHNICAL ABILITY IS DEFINITELY REQUIRED some coaching provided to the right individual(s)

PLEASE EMAIL: houfolkmusic@gmail.com to inquire

THANK YOU!



**JOIN US, INVITE YOUR FRIENDS
OR BUY THEM A GIFT MEMBERSHIP!**

Started in June 1951, Houston Folklore and Music Society (HFMS) is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to the preservation of folk music (*from the German word Volksmusik meaning "people's music"*), and promotion of singer-songwriters working in the folk music traditions. In 1980, HFMS started hosting concerts and 100% of concert proceeds have gone to the artists! We are a 100% volunteer organization presenting: traditional folk 🎵 bluegrass 🎵 country music 🎵 old time 🎵 blues 🎵 acoustic jazz 🎵 other Americana/Roots music 🎵 European and Celtic folk 🎵 Mexican and South American, and the list goes on... You never know who will turn up at a [Second Sunday Concert!](#)

Members receive our monthly digital newsletter, *The Cotton Patch Rag* (with extensive local resources and worldwide events) and the satisfaction of supporting and promoting live music in the greater Houston area. **Dues are \$20 (one email address) individual membership, and \$35 (two email addresses) joint membership.**

Join us online at [Online Memberships](#). Or if your preference is snail mail, 🐌 this form can be printed and mailed with a check payable to Houston Folklore and Music Society, P O Box 16013, Sugar Land, TX 77496.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (*for a fillable form, click the **PRINT** icon*)

☐ New Membership ☐ Renewal ☐ Re-Joining

Is this a new address? ☐ Yes ☐ No Today's Date:

NAME(s):

STREET

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE (wk)

E-MAIL (1):

E-MAIL (2):

Enclosed is ☐ \$20 Annual Dues ☐ \$35 Annual Dues

Thank you!

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