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SECOND SATURDAY

AT ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5308 RUTGERS at Bissonnet
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77005

April 11, 2026
7:00—9:00 PM

RIDERS ON THE ORPHAN TRAIN OPENING: CHARLES BRYANT

Riders on the Orphan Train

Few people today know much about the largest child migration in history. Between 1854 and 1929 over 250,000 orphans and unwanted children were taken out of New York City and given away at train stations across America. "Riders on the Orphan Train" is the Official outreach program of the National Orphan Train Complex and Museum in Concordia KS. Award-winning novelist Alison Moore and internationally-touring musician Phil Lancaster are in their 28th year of touring with the program.

The multi-media program combines live music, video montage with archival photographs and interviews with survivors and a dramatic reading from Alison's new historical novel "Riders on the Orphan Train." The presentation includes an informal discussion of the Orphan Train Movement and Q&A with the audience. Quite often, family members of Riders come to these presentations to share their stories.



Charles Bryant

Charles Bryant is an award winning singer-songwriter from Pasadena, Texas. He has released 4 albums to date, including the critically acclaimed 'Kiss The Sun' that was chosen one of 2017's albums of the year in Texas Music Magazine, and one of the top 50 noteworthy Texas releases in their 20-year anniversary addition in 2020. Music journalist William Michael Smith called it a "Minor masterpiece" in his review of the album. This was followed by the also critically acclaimed 'Unrequited' album, released in 2022. In another article in Texas Music Magazine, music journalist Trey Gutierrez described Bryant as "Possibly the most prolific Texas songwriter you've never heard of."

www.houstonfolkmusic.com

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
Warren Family Center
5308 Rutgers Houston, TX 77005

Suggested Donations at the Door \$20 for adults and contribute as you can for children, with **cash or check only** at the door.

SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS

April 11, 2026

Riders on the Orphan Train

May 9, 2026

Rob Lytle

September 12, 2026

Daniel Boling

October 10, 2026

Karyn Oliver

November 14, 2026

Pierce Pettis

Second Saturday Concerts are presented by the Houston Folklore and Music Society, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion of singer-songwriters working in the folk music traditions. Houston Folklore and Music Society presents folk music concerts from a wide variety of subgenres on the second Saturday of each month (mostly) at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. \$20 suggested donation for adults, contribute as you can for children (**cash or check only**) at the door – all proceeds go to support the artists. *Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.* Concerts are held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian. Visit our website, www.houstonfolkmusic.org or contact [Jim Gill](mailto:Jim.Gill@saHouston.com) at jim@saHouston.com for more information.

HFMS Song Circle

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

NOTE: NEW LOCATION AND TIME

Hickory Pit BBQ

6601 S. Rice Ave. in Bellaire

6:00—8:00 PM



Monthly Pickin' Party

April 19, 2026

Featured Artist: Bradley Kinkaid

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!**

THE MORE SHE KISSED ME THE MORE SHE SMILED

by Paul Cooper

The earliest accounts of this song are from a couple of London broadside ballad sheets in the early 19th century. It was frequently performed by Ewan MacColl, as well as the Clancy Brothers, Andy Irvine, and my favorite rendition by Ian and Sylvia, which can be heard here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xrl3FeVzPy8&list=RDxrl3FeVzPy8&start_radio=1 or on the HFMS Audio Archive page at <https://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/AudioArchives>

I have transcribed the song in D. To play along with Ian and Sylvia, Capo III.

NANCY WHISKEY

- Traditional

D Capo III

D Bm Em A
I am a weaver, a Carlton weaver

D Bm G F#m
I am a rash and a rovin' blade

G F#m G A
I will wander where I wish to.

D Bm Em A
I will follow a rovin' trade.

Chorus:

D Bm Em A
Whiskey, whiskey, Nancy whiskey

D Bm G A D
Whiskey, whiskey, Nancy – oh.

Chorus

I'm goin' back to the Carl-ton weaving.

I will make those shut-tles fly –

I'll earn more at the Carl- ton weavin'

Than ev-er I did in the rov-in' way.

(Slower)

D Bm Em A
So, come all ye weavers, you Carl-ton weavers.

D G F#m
Weavers, where'e-er ye be—

G F#m G A
Be-ware of whis-key, Na-n-cy whiskey.

D Bm Em A
She'll ruin you like she blinded me.

As I walked out into Glasgow City
Nancy Whiskey I chanced to smell.
I walked in, sat down be-side her.
Seven long years, oh I loved her we-ll.

Chorus

The more I kissed her, the more I loved her.
The more I kissed her, the more she smiled.
I for-got my mo-ther's teachin'
Nancy soon had me be-guiled.

Chorus



Music and the Visual Arts

Andy Longo



In 1940, Disney released “Fantasia”, an adventure featuring Mickey Mouse, accompanied by selections of the works of eight musical geniuses from J. S. Bach to Pyotr Tchaikovsky. The visual art was dazzling, set to selections of equally dazzling orchestra music. In 1968, “2001 A Space Odyssey” was released, accompanied by music which included “Also Sprach Zarathustra” and “The Blue Danube”. These dominated the movie experience, in my opinion.

I recall my first exposure to classical music in the light-hearted cartoons of my childhood. These cartoons were short pieces, usually screened after a black and white newsreel and before the main movie feature. However, they were well done. As Elmer Fudd set out to hunt the “wabbit,” he did so accompanied by the “Ride of the Valkyries” by Richard Wagner. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJI_gygXsfs&t=71s

I thought I would do a search of classical music used in today’s serial cartoons featured on television. It may be easier to find the few that have not done so. These cartoons also used popular music very effectively, as did the movie “Easy Rider” in 1969. One notable use of popular music was the inclusion of “In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida” by Iron Butterfly on an episode of *The Simpsons*. In the cartoon, Bart Simpson slips the music to this piece into the music stand on the church organ, renaming it “In The Garden of Eden” which was the original name of the piece. The Iron Butterfly vocalist, Doug Ingle, in presenting the piece to the rest of the band while intoxicated, slurred the words, and “In-A-Gadda-Da-Vida” became the name as it was released. I mention this Simpson’s episode because in my opinion, the organ solo in the cartoon is superior to the original recording.

You can listen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uIDC1w1ydLI>



April Showers Bring May Flowers



LOCAL EVENTS

Folk Life Festival

Kenneth D. Welch Outdoor Learning Center
40th Annual Folk Life Festival
Saturday, April 11, 2026
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Katy, Texas

FOODIELAND

April 10-12, 2026
NRG Park
3 NRG Parkway
Houston, TX 77054

Czech Center Museum Houston
SPRING FESTIVAL
Live Music | Great Food | Family Fun
Saturday, 5th April 2025 | Noon - 5:00PM
MATPOLE DANCE - FLOWER CROWNS - CZECH SAKRA UNT DECHOVRA
BAND - CZECH FOLK SINGERS - COUNTRY STOVE - CZECH - SLOVAK
ROYALTY - FACE PAINTING - KOLACHE EATING CONTEST - POLKA
DANCE LESSON - TAPDANCE LESSONS AND SO MUCH MORE!
Prekate Admission \$8.00 - Members & Kids Under 5 Are Free

GALVESTON COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

Galveston County Fair and
Rodeo Fairgrounds
Hitchcock, TX 77563

APRIL 17 - 26, 2026

No admission fee, but there are parking fees and concessions.

LOMAX ON LOMAX

John Lomax at
The Mucky Duck
Tuesday, April 7, 2026



Chappell Hill Historical Society
presents the 62nd Annual
Bluebonnet Festival
April 11th & 12th, 2026



THE WOODLANDS MARGARITA FESTIVAL 2026



Town Green Park · The Woodlands, TX
Saturday, Apr 25 from 2 pm to 8 pm



MAY 14 - 16 2026

St Basil the Great Greek Orthodox Church
801 Aldridge Drive, Houston, TX 77077

A SLICE OF GREECE
ON YOUR PLATE



Pasadena Strawberry Festival

May 14, 15, 16, 17, 2026



Saturday, May 30, 2026
Discovery Green—Houston

17 Farmers Markets to Explore in Houston

From fresh produce, eggs, and prepared meals to pet goods and
supplies, shop 'til you drop at these bountiful markets



UPCOMING & UPDATED FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL EVENTS AROUND TEXAS AND THE US



Sherwood Forest Faire

Located in McDade, TX
35 Miles East of Austin

Open Weekends: Feb 28 - Apr 19, 2026
Also Open Friday, Mar 20th

SAVANNAH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2026

March 25-April 5, 2026
Savannah, GA



PDC

Puerto Dulcinea Club Mini-Festival
April 25, 2026
A-Day-With

Bill Collins
Mary Lynn McNeal

Hosts: April 25th
10:00am Workshops & Concert
12:00pm Lunch & Open House
1:00pm Show & Tell
2:00pm Open House & Concert
3:00pm Show & Tell
4:00pm Open House & Concert
5:00pm Show & Tell
6:00pm Open House & Concert
7:00pm Show & Tell
8:00pm Open House & Concert
9:00pm Show & Tell
10:00pm Open House & Concert
11:00pm Show & Tell
12:00am Open House & Concert



Walker Creek MUSIC CAMP

Spring '26 Music Camp!
Thurs - Sun April 23 - 26, 2026

[West Marin County, CA](#)



TEXAS SANDFEST

Sculpting Coastal Memories
PORT ARANSAS, TX

April 17 - 19, 2026



CALIFORNIA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

SPRING CAMPOUT

Pickin' & Singin' with Good Friends Old & New
Tuesday thru Sunday, April 14-19

Together with the Annual California State Old Time
Open Fiddle & Picking Championships
Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18 in Jackson Hall

Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
410 E Lockeford Street, Lodi

POTOMAC RIVER SHAPE NOTE SINGING CONVENTION

SATURDAY IN SILVER SPRING, MD, AND SUNDAY IN ARLINGTON, VA • APRIL 11 - 12 2026



GAMBLE FOLK FESTIVAL ROGERS

April 10th, 11th and 12th, 2026
St. Johns County Fairgrounds, St. Augustine, Florida



MerleFest

Music. Moments. Memories.
April 23-26, 2026

Presented by Window World

[Wilkesboro, North Carolina](#)



RIVERTUNES JAMBOREE

SAVE THE DATES
2026 SPRING - APRIL 26TH - 28TH
2026 FALL - SEPT 27TH - 30TH

BRING THE FAMILY DOG & A FRIEND
Early Bird SPRING REGISTRATION TIL FEB 28TH
FALL REGISTRATION TIL JULY 31ST
RIVERTUNES.NET
BUNSTALLER FARM 6886 SIEVERS RD, DIXON CA



RIVER FALLS BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL

April 17-19, 2026

[River Falls, Wisconsin](#)



30th Annual Key West Songwriters festival

April 29 - May 3, 2026



41st Annual TUCSON FOLK FESTIVAL

APRIL 10th - 12th, 2026
DOWNTOWN TUCSON • JACOME PLAZA • FREE ADMISSION



OLD SETTLERS MUSIC FESTIVAL 2026

APRIL 17-18

FRIDAY
THE BROTHERS COMATOS
LINDSEY LEM
KINGS
TWO DUNKS
TODDY WARDY BOYS
FEELING LEGGY

SATURDAY
PARRAS CATH
THE LAST REVIL
MICHAEL CLEVELAND & FLAMINGO
WARREN HODGSON QUARTET WITH EMILY GIBBLE
LOUISIANA SWAMP DEPARTMENT
DIXIE'S TRIMMER
ISA THOMAS

SUNDAY
SPRINGFIELD
TERRY HARRIS
BILLY BRIGHT BAND
KIDIN TALENT CONTEST

[Driftwood, Texas](#)



Union Power Cooperative Touchstone Energy and Knee Deep in Bluegrass Presents: Celebrating 22 Years BIG LICK Bluegrass Festival

722 South Oakridge - Road (Hwy. 205), Oakboro, NC at Big Lick Festival Park
April 16th Thru the 18th, 2026



10TH ANNUAL BLANCO RIVER Songwriter Festival

[April 25, 2026](#)

[Fischer Store in Fischer, Texas](#)



20 HOGS for the CAUSE 26

BBQ • MUSIC • CHARITY

STEPHEN WILSON JR.
CHARLES WESLEY GODWIN

THE CASTELLOS • BUFFALO TRAFFIC JAM
JASON SCOTT & THE HIGH HEAT
SOUTHERN AVENUE • JENESHE ALBINO
D.K. HARRELL • MARTA • LANCE ROARK
THE BAND FEEL • THE BONES OF J.R. JONES
LAMONT LAMBERS • ROBERT JON & THE WHECK
EAST NASH GRASS • THE BAND LOULA • FUST
ROOSTER RICHIE & THE REVELLE
HOLLYBROCK • LOUISIANA SWAMP DEPARTMENT

APRIL 10&11
NEW ORLEANS

TICKETS AND MORE INFO AT [HOGSFEST.ORG](#)



BIG SQUEEZE

SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024
THE BULLOCK TEXAS STATE HISTORY MUSEUM
1001 N. 10th Street, Los Angeles, CA

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY
LOS FRESNOS HIGH SCHOOL CONJUNTO WALCON

LA CALMA

THANK YOUR SPONSORS:
HONOREE • DALLAS

CELEBRATION OF CULTURE BY
TEXAS FOLKLIFE

Spring Sing

April 23-26, 2026

[Blackwater Falls State Park Lodge, Davis, WV](#)

MORE UPCOMING & UPDATED FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL EVENTS AROUND TEXAS AND THE US



Camp Whispering Winds
Julian, California



May 12—17, 2026
St. Nicholas Ranch and
Retreat Center
Dunlap, California



Camp Sturtevant Contra Dance Weekend Memorial Day weekend, May 22-25, 2026



Ukulele Weekend 2026
Fri, May 22 - Mon, May 25



The Ashokan
Center
477 Beaverkill Rd.
Olivebridge, NY
12461



Mad Robin Ball
May 15—17, 2026
Sons of Herman Hall
Petaluma, California



UPCOMING & UPDATED FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD



Want to do your own search for music festivals in the US, UK, Ireland, and Europe? Try: <https://musicfestivalwizard.com>



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



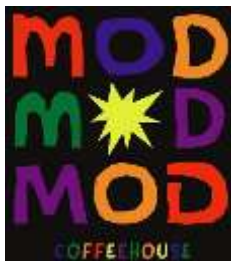
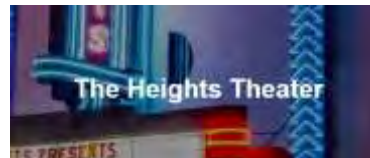
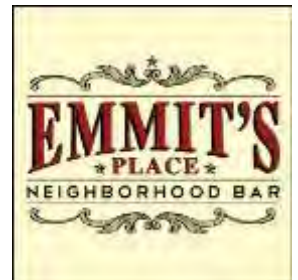
LIVE MUSIC VENUES



Events



Kingwood



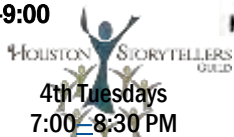
GET YOUR JAM ON!



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



MONTHLY SUNDAY JAM



4th Tuesdays
7:00–8:30 PM



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!

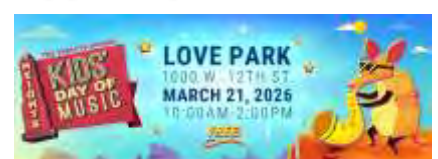


European Dance Guild
2nd & 4th [Thursdays](#), 6–8 pm



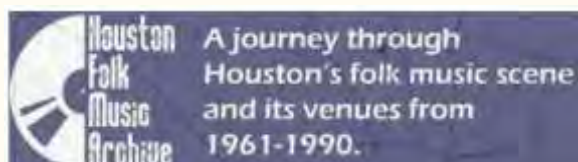
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Saturdays & Sundays
Check for times!

FOR THE KIDS!



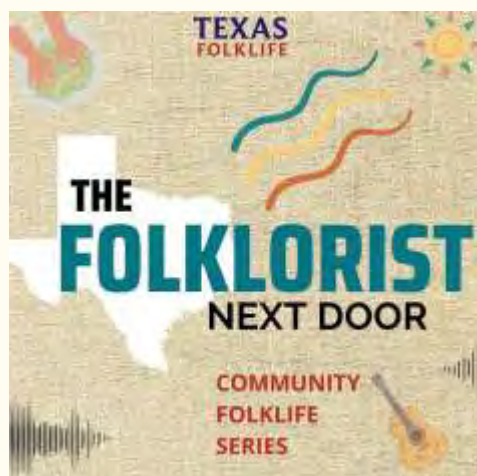
JUST FOLKIN' AROUND

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



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

Started in June 1951, Houston Folklore and Music Society (HFMS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit 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 all concert proceeds have been used to support 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 Saturday 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 for individual membership (one email address) and \$35 for a joint membership (two email addresses).

If you would like to join online, please go to the Membership page at our website, Houstonfolkmusic.org. Or if your preference is snail mail, this form can be printed and mailed with a check payable to Houston Folklore and Music Society, 5610 Innsbruck St., Bellaire, TX 77401.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

☐ 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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