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**May 11, 2025 6pm**

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

## **SECOND SUNDAY CONCERTS**

### *Presents*



**Daniel Neihoff** winner of the Kerrville New Folk Competition in 2019, was a 3-time finalist of Songwriter Serenade, placed 3rd in the Woody Guthrie songwriter contest, and won the Rocky Mountain Songwriters Contest in 2023. Neihoff has also been featured on PBS and received praise from Lori

Walsh, host of *In The Moment* on SDPB, who said, "Daniel Neihoff, you are just what we need." We are hearing the launch of a voice familiar and unique that feels as if it began quite a while ago. ~<https://danielneihoff.com/>

### **Audry Bryant will open**

A singer/songwriter from Pasadena, Texas, she began performing live at the age of 12 and has played shows all over the Houston and Austin metropolitan areas.

~<https://www.facebook.com/audrybryantmusic/>



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](http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org) or contact [Jim Gill jim@saHouston.com](mailto:jim@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

May 18, 2025  
3rd Sunday every month!,)  
May Artist— Tom Paxton

## 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

No concerts from June — August

September 2025 [Jack Motley](#) and [Butch Morgan](#) song swap

October 2025 [Sara Beth Go](#) and [Nathan K](#) song swap



# Anatomy of a Musical Moment

*by Andy Longo*



The collage of “Musical Moments” above is composed of images from the lives of people young and old and perhaps of very different backgrounds. The lady on the street is a concert harpist who found herself in a monumental traffic jam, so she took out her harp to entertain. The elderly man appears to be enjoying a moment’s respite. He may be a victim of war or a natural disaster. Nevertheless, they are each having a moment enjoying a simple pleasure. This is made possible by one of six circuits in the auditory cortex of the brain.

MIT conducted a study using fMRI (function magnetic resonance imaging) on human subjects. The stimulus consisted of 165 sounds of various types, some of these sounds being musical. In a very brief summary, most all sounds were processed in 5 of the 6 auditory circuits. Music was the only sound to be processed by the 6th circuit. How wonderful it is that humanity has been exercising this circuit throughout the world and far back into prehistory when Neanderthals made flutes from hollow bones of birds.

# May Featured Song

*by Paul Cooper*

## Combing Back Your Yellow Hair

This old song exists in many versions and variants. Perhaps the best know version is Simon and Garfunkel's *Peggy-O* from their smash album **Wednesday Morning 3 A.M.** In some versions the young soldier marries the girl. In others, including this one, the impatient colonel kills the young girl's suitor, the handsome captain. The song is performed here <https://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/AudioArchives> by ***Across the Water***, a group who performed several times at our Second Saturday (now Second Sunday) concerts, and which included two former Presidents of HFMS.

## The Bonnie Lass of Fyvie

- Traditional

**D**

There once was a troop of Irish dragoons

**A**

Came marchin' down to Fyvie-o

**D**

**G**

And the captain fell in love with a very bonnie lass

**D**

**A**

**D**

As we marched through the bonnie streets of Fyvie-o



The Captain's name was Ned, he was the pride of the regiment

The bonniest lad in all of the army-o

A very handsome sight, he was the ladies' own delight

As we marched through the bonnie streets of Fyvie-o

### Chorus (same melody and chorus as the verse):

There's many a bonnie lass in the halls of Auchterliss

There's many a bonnie lass in the garry-o

There's many a bonnie Jean in the town of Aberdeen

But the flower of them all lives in Fyie-o

Oh, I'll give you ribbons, and I'll give you rings

I'll give you a necklace of amber-o

If you'll come on down the stairs combin' back your yellow hair

We'll march the bonnie streets of Fyvie-o

"Mount up," the Colonel cried, and it's all the way we'll ride

Down off the Hieland to Fennario

"Let's tarry another day," we heard the Captain say

As we marched through the bonnie streets of Fyvie-o

### Chorus

The Colonel in a rage drew his pistol and took aim

At the bonniest man in all of the army-o

He fired a deadly ball, and our Captain he did fall

As we marched through the bonnie streets of Fyvie-o

Lang e'er we left the town of Auchterliss

We had our young Captain to carry-o

Lang e'er we came to bonnie Aberdeen

We had our young Captain to bury-o

### Chorus

### Repeat Chorus



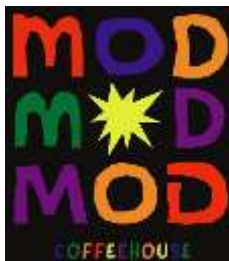
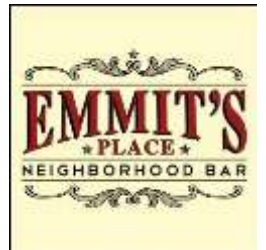
# LOCAL FOLKIN'!

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



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



June 5—8, 2025  
University of St. Thomas



# UPCOMING TEXAS EVENTS



## Tom Tom Festival

97th Annual Tom Tom Festival

June 6 - June 8, 2025

Yoakum, TX





UPCOMING & UPDATED FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL  
EVENTS AROUND THE US



[Folk Arts Center of New England](#)  
[International Sessions at Pinewoods Camp](#)  
[Stoneham, MA June 19-26, 2025](#)





UPCOMING & UPDATED FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL  
EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD



Filey (North Yorkshire Coast) UK

May 2—5, 2025



**Scandimoot 2025**  
*This year's Scandimoot will take place from  
Fri 2nd May to Mon 5th May (BH weekend)  
in and around Clapham, North Yorkshire*



**The Fife Traditional Singing Festival**  
*Falkland & Freuchie in Fife*  
**16, 17, 18 May 2025**

**Shetland Folk Festival**  
Shetland

May 1-4, 2025

**Beardy Folk Festival**  
12th - 15th June 2025  
Hopton Court  
Nr. Cleobury Mortimer  
Shropshire

**Gower Folk Festival**  
Weobley Castle Farm, Gower, SA3 1HB  
13th-15th June 2025

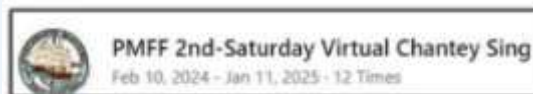
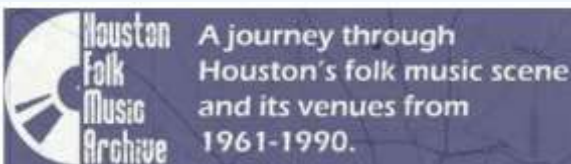


## JUST FOLKIN' AROUND

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

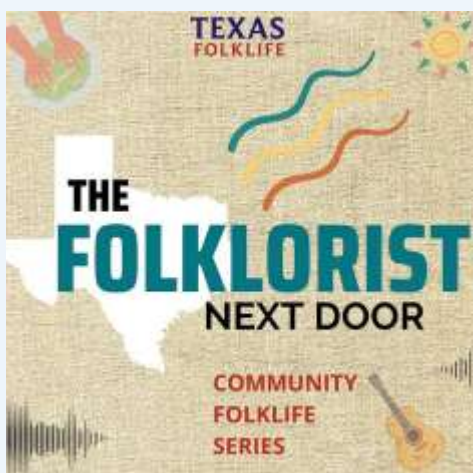


Of American Origin  
By John Lomax III



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](mailto: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, 3407 Redland Court, Missouri City, TX 77459.

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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