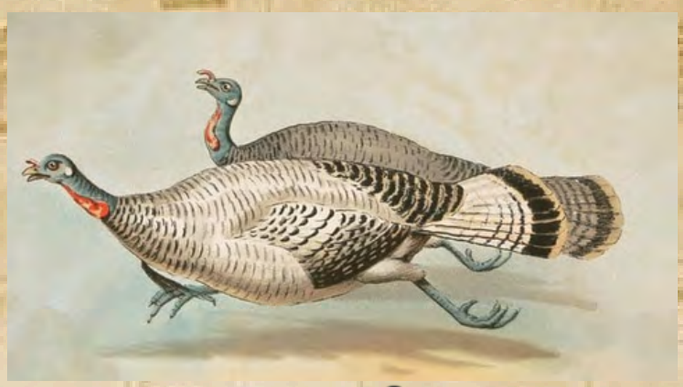


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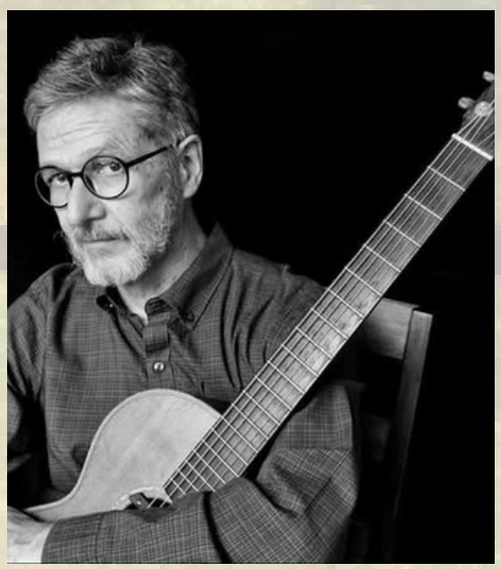


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SECOND SATURDAY

AT ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5308 RUTGERS at Bissonnet
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77005

November 14, 2026
7:00 - 9:00 PM



Pierce Pettis

Pierce brings a wealth of experience from his long musical journey. Pettis's songwriting prowess has left an indelible mark. Artists like Dion, Art Garfunkel, Garth Brooks, Joan Baez, David Wilcox, Tim O'Brien, Dar Williams, and Claire Lynch have interpreted his songs. His latest album, Father's Son, released by Compass, has garnered widespread critical acclaim.
Pierce currently lives in NE Alabama with his dog, Buddy, and his cat, Aretha.

Please visit Pierce Pettis' website at https://www.piercepettis.com.



Geoff Simpson

Geoff has recorded two albums of original songs, plus one album of original tunes to ancient hymns and sacred text. Houston knows Geoff from his appearances at JP Hops House, The Americana, Anderson Fair songwriters circle, and Kojak's. Simpson is a regular at a number of area acoustic open mics. He has twice won the Houston Songwriters Association song of the month competition.
Please visit Geoff's website at
www.geoffsimpsonmusic.com



SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS
CHECK WHAT'S COMING UP!

Special HFMS 75th Anniversary Show

December 12, 2026 Houston Balalaika Society Orchestra
Location TBA

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 (except June—August and usually December) 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 at jim@saHouston.com for more information.



HFMS Song Circle
First Tuesday of Each Month

Hickory Pit BBQ

6601 S. Rice Ave. in Bellaire
6:00—8:00 PM

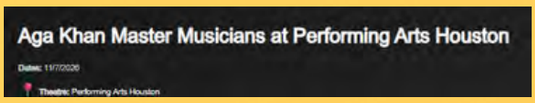
LOCAL EVENTS

Editor's Note: Check the listings at local venues—old standbys like Anderson Fair and the Mucky Duck, and perhaps branch out to places you've never gotten to. We have a plethora of venues listed on page 9, with links to all of them. Whatever you do—Support Live Music!

























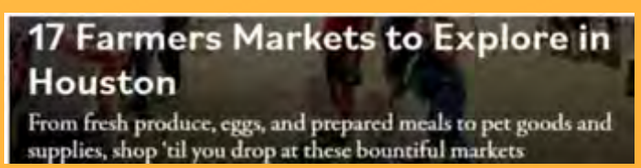














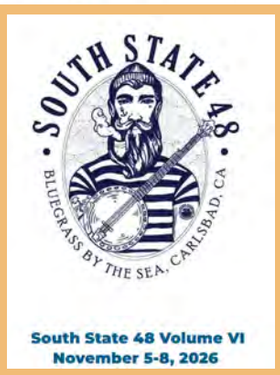
UPCOMING & UPDATED FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL EVENTS AROUND TEXAS AND THE U.S.

Austin Celtic Festival
November 7 and 8, 2026
The 30th Fest is November 7 and 8, 2026.
at Pioneer Farms in North Austin

Nov 12 at 6 PM – Nov 14 at 10 PM
Mtn. View Fall Bluegrass Festival 2026
Ozark Folk Center State Park







South State 48 Volume VI
November 5-8, 2026



DATE
Nov 12 - 15 2026

TIME
All Day

LOCATION
Downtown Elkins, West Virginia

5th Annual Rockport Songwriter Festival
by **Rockport Songwriter Association**
443 followers • 42 events • 3y hosting • 39k total attendees
Follow
The Harbor Tent at Charlotte Plummer's · Fulton, TX
Thursday, November 5-Sunday, November 8 • 5 PM-12 PM







2026 HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR INTERNATIONAL
Friday, November 20 - Sunday, November 22
America's Premiere Multicultural Festival .. Explore the World of Music, Food, Dance, and Arts
Travel Around the World at the 83rd Annual Holiday Folk Fair International



65th Scottish Gathering and Highland Games
Starts on Friday, November 13th, 2026
Salado, Texas, United States
Hosted by Salado Museum and College Park



Dunedin Celtic Festival
November 21,2026
Highlander Park | Dunedin, Florida

Camp Harmony – SFFMC's New Year's Camp – registration now
Your favorite kinds of music and dance, all in one camp! Register here!
December 29, 2026 to January 3, 2027 – come for as many days as you want
At Camp Newman, Sonoma County CA





UPCOMING & UPDATED FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD

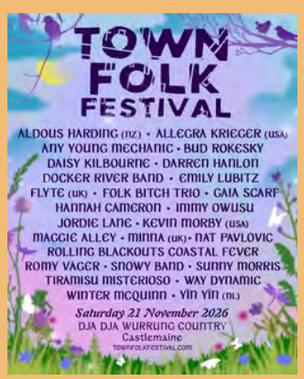








[December 27, 2026 - January 1, 2027 Woodford, Queensland, Australia]



Melton Folk Festivals

[December 12 - 13, 2026 Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire]



Want to do your own search for music festivals in the US, UK, Ireland, Europe, and Australia? 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

undiscovered MUSIC

bandsintown

Live Music Venues

American Bar Retail Restaurant

Bay Area Bluegrass Association

BMR Bluegrass Music Rising

Dan Electro's

The Continental Club

Coffee House concerts — A Live Music Series

Emmit's Place Neighborhood Bar

The Rustic

Dosey Doe The Big Barn

bohemeo's

GoodeCo. Armadillo Palace

Last Concert

Haak Wines

Main Street Crossing

Fulshear House Concerts

kojak's

The Heights Theater

McGonigel's Mucky Duck

Johnson Studio

White Oak Music Hall

Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe

Big Tex Lounge

Millbend Coffee House of Music

The Red Brick Tavern

Cowboy Surfer

Mod Mod Mod Coffeehouse

Houston Storytellers Guild
4th Tuesdays
7:00—8:30 PM

The Big Easy Social and Pleasure Club

Get Your Jam On!

Bay Area Bluegrass Association

Texas 4th Sundays Shape Note Singing

Houston Songwriters Association Monthly Sunday Jam

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

Houston Weekly Bluegrass Jam
Every Wednesday
Hickory Pit BBQ
6601 S. Rice Ave, Bellaire TX

Houston Storytellers Guild
4th Tuesdays
7:00—8:30 PM

Monday 6PM & 4th Saturdays BMR

Houkuleles

Wednesdays 12:30 pm & Monthly Jams

Texas Hickory Dulcimer Society — North Harris Co. — Houston

Monthly Saturday Jam

Twinkle Your Toes!

Houston Area Scottish Country Dance
Mondays & Tuesdays
Register Here!

Houston International Folk Dancers
Mondays & Fridays
Check for locations!

European Dance Guild
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6–8 pm

Houston Area Traditional Dance Society
Select Saturdays & Sundays
Check for times!

For the Kiddos!

young audiences arts for learning HOUSTON

JUST FOLKIN' AROUND

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

PORTLAND FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY
SINGING AND PLAYING

BLUEGRASS ACADEMY
BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE CALIFORNIA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION

The PICKY FINGERS BANJO PODCAST



Greenwich Village Folk Concerts

Of American Origin
By John Lomax III

Old Time Jams and Other Genres
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Calendar

FREIGHT & SALVAGE
LEARN TO PLAY AT THE FREIGHT!



Houston Folk Music Archive
A journey through Houston's folk music scene and its venues from 1961-1990.

Virginia Folklife Program
Sights & Sounds

Judith's Virtual Folk Dance Calendar

ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

fSgW Dance Storytelling Concerts

San Francisco Maritime National Park Association
Virtual MONTHLY CHANTEY SING

San Francisco Folk Music Club
Friends and families making home-grown music together

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*

TEXAS FOLKLIFE
THE FOLKLORIST NEXT DOOR
COMMUNITY FOLKLIFE SERIES

Any Sunday Songwriters

Chorus
an online community for the folk music industry by Folk Alliance International

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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