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IMPORTANT NEWS!

HOUSTON FOLKLORE AND MUSIC SOCIETY RETURNED TO OUR ROOTS!!!

WE'VE MOVED BACK TO SECOND SATURDAYS

AT ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
5308 RUTGERS at Bissonnet
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77005
7:00 — 9:00 pm

October 11, 2025 7:00—9:00 pm

Sara Beth Go

Opening for Sara Beth: Nathan K



What do you get when you combine a cat-loving mental health Therapist who gave up on music, only for Tim McGraw to knock some sense back into her when he recorded her song in 2023? You get Sara Beth Go! As she speeds dangerously toward midlife, both Sara Beth Go's perspective AND her pant size have expanded. Songs once driven by bad boyfriends and badder breakups now explore unconventional topics like her daily psych medications, her brutally honest accountant, and the gnarly fights she gets into with her Doritos-chips-loving husband. Sara Beth Go is a 2-time Kerrville New Folk finalist and a 2025 Kerrville New Folk Winner. She was a top 5 Finalist in the 2025 Rocky Mountain Songwriting Competition.

Tapping into the wellspring of her colorful and quirky upbringing in New Orleans, Sara Beth crafts stop motion animations to accompany her performances and song releases. The visuals have transformed her shows into thoughtful experiences - some might say it's akin to a good therapy session. When Sara Beth is not Stop Motioning or Therapizing folks in Nashville where she currently lives, you can find her having long cuddle sessions with her cats, or playing Omnicord for her husband Nathan K.

Nathan K. is a Midwesterner from Michigan living in Nashville TN. His simple acoustic folk songs put life under a microscope to illuminate the overlooked - the funny parts of grief along with the sad parts of the funny moments. As a member of the acclaimed band Stepdad, he has performed on large stages across US and Canada with songs featured in a smattering of placements like FIFA 13, Weeds, Mindy Project, a BMW ad campaign - but lately he has been performing in more intimate venues with his wife Sara Beth Go who adds Omnicord sparkles, harmonies, and nudges him to wrap it up when his hilarious stories start to get too long.



"The songs of Nathan K. have a disarming sweetness to them and come at you from an angle that is uniquely his own." - Ron Sexsmith (Juno Award Winner)

"One of my favorite musical couples" - Erin Anderson (Olivia Management)

SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS

October 11, 2025 [Sara Beth Go](#) and [Nathan K](#)

November 15, 2025 [Young and Rusty](#)

Second Saturday 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. \$20 Suggested donation at the door. Concerts are held in the annex 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

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

(First Tuesday) 7:00 PM

Midtown Bar & Grill

Upstairs



Monthly Pickin' Party

October 19, 2025

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!**

In Memory of Gay Pangle

by Andy Longo



Gay Pangle, one who was very dear to members of the Houston Folklore and Music Society, died on Sept 13. She was in home hospice care at her home in Deland Florida. Gay, the wife of Bob Pangle, devoted much time and effort to the regular events of the HFMS. She prepared cookies and cakes for the food table at the Monday night song circles. When the Second Saturday concerts were inaugurated, she was there at the food table. In addition to preparing cookies for the food table, she prepared food for the barbecue cooker that Bob would roast in the courtyard of the community center. When Bob began a series of third Sunday picking parties, they were hosted exclusively by the Pangles for sometime. Thanks to the power of the world wide web, folks from France, Germany and Australia were welcomed in their home. Having seen the wonders of their hospitality, pickin' parties were hosted by many members of the society. And yet, there was more! In order to attract talent for the Second Saturday Concert series, Bob and Gay welcomed the performers into their home for a dinner, a night's rest and breakfast. There was indeed more to her contributions. Those of you who knew her will probably recall other precious memories of this dear lady.

Music and Connection

by Andy Longo



Prior to moving to central Washington state, I had been a member of the Houston Folklore and Music Society for about 25 years. I met many wonderful folks over those years and some became close friends. After relocating, I looked for musical groups that I could join in with pursuing an interest in music. I found nothing on the internet.

By a chain of events, I was invited to jam with a Celtic music group. This group and several others are united only by an email chain. I found myself an outsider sitting in with folks who have known one another for years. The good news is that music, for all the reasons you may find on the internet, is an activity that promotes bonding of those who play together. In a relatively few years, I have become comfortable with these folks without knowing much of their backgrounds. The ability of music to create a connection was made most evident to me when one of the players that I have known for no more than half the several years I have been involved, announced in a melancholy manner that she and her husband are having to move to Oklahoma. As we were folding chairs and gathering our musical equipment, she went about the circle stopping to give several of us kind words and a hug. In summary, "Music can evoke shared emotions and memories, bridging gaps between people and fostering empathy and understanding."

SHE MOVES ALONG LIKE A CANNONBALL

by Paul Cooper

This one isn't quite old enough to be common domain, but I hope Roy Acuff's spirit will not mind. It has a lot of that traditional feel to it. You can hear Doc Watson's excellent version of the song here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtD7N6Gwc9M&list=RDHtD7N6Gwc9M&start_radio=1

or on the HFMS Audio Archive page at <https://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/AudioArchives>

Doc plays it in E, so capo II to play along, and that gives you a little room to capo up or down to fit your voice range.

Streamlined Cannonball

by Roy Acuff

D **D7**
It's a long steel rail and a short cross tie

G **D**
I'm on my way back home

G **D** **Bm**
I'm on that train the king of them all

D **A** **D**
That streamline cannonball

She moves along like a cannonball
Like a star in its heavenly flight
The lonesome sound of the whistle you love
As she travels through the night

The headlight beams out in the night
And the firebox flash you can see
I ride the blinds it's the life that I love
Lord it's home sweet home to me

She moves along like a cannonball
Like a star in its heavenly flight
The lonesome sound of the whistle you love
As she travels through the night

I can see a smile on the engineer's face
And although he's old and gray
A contented heart the waits for his call
On the streamline cannonball

She moves along like a cannonball
Like a star in its heavenly flight
The lonesome sound of the whistle you love
As she travels through the night

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



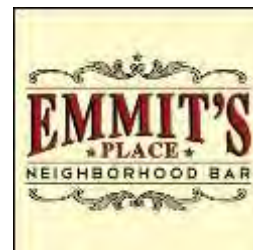
LIVE MUSIC VENUES



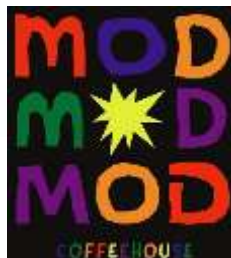
Events



Kingwood



JOHNSON STUDIO



GET YOUR JAM ON!



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



HOUSTON STORYTELLERS GUILD
4th Tuesdays
7:00–8:30 PM



MONTHLY SUNDAY JAM



Every Wednesday, 6–8 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



Select Saturdays & Sundays
Check for times!

FOR THE KIDS!



LOCAL EVENTS



HOUSTON SINGER – SONGWRITERS AT “Legends on the Lake”

Houston singer-songwriters Allen Shamblin, Ben Danaher and Logan Beard will highlight an evening of music and storytelling Saturday, September 27 at Lake Houston Brewery at 6:00 pm. The event is to benefit the Huffman Education Foundation. For more information, click on the poster to link to the website.

Old River-Winfree Founders Day

October 11 @ 10:00 am - 4:00 pm CDT

BAYOU CITY ART FESTIVAL
 MEMORIAL PARK 2025

OCT 10-12

DogFest Houston

Sat, 05 Oct, 2024 at 10:00 am to 01:00 pm

The Boardwalk Towne Lake, 9925 Baker Cypress Rd, Cypress, TX 77433-5314



Saturday, October 25, 2025

51st Annual British Festival & Bazaar

Saturday, November 22, 2025

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Humble Civic Center
 8233 Will Clayton Parkway, Humble, TX,
 77338, United States (map)



November 30, 2025

WaterWorks Park @ Buffalo Bayou
 105 Sabine

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



ORIGINAL GREEK FESTIVAL

October 2-4, 2025

59TH ANNUAL



Weekends, October 11—November 30 and
 Thanksgiving Friday

CLEAR LAKE GREEK FESTIVAL

30th Anniversary

November 7—9, 2025

Landolt Pavillion — 5002 Nasa Blvd.
 Seabrook, TX

Sat, Nov 22 at 8:30 AM

CyFair Nutcracker Market - Making Spirits Bright
 Holiday Extravaganza
 8877 Barker Cypress Rd

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



JOIN US IN HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DRIPPING SPRINGS FOR THE 11TH ANNUAL DRIPPING SPRINGS SONGWRITERS FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 17-19, 2025



Oktoberfest Weekend
International Dance and Music Camp
October 10-13, 2025
Potash Hill
2582 South Road
Marlboro, VT



October 2-4, 2025
Livingston, MT



Scottish Gathering & Highland Games
November 7-9, 2025
Salado, Texas



October 24-26, 2025
Tucson, AZ

Rockport Songwriter Festival
November 5th to 9th, 2025



November 6-9, 2025



Austin Celtic Festival
November 8 and 9, 2025



November 22, 2025
Dunedin, FL



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



October 3-5, 2025
San Dimas, CA



October 3-5, 2025
Jonesboro, TN



October 11 & 12, 2025
Ventura, CA

53rd Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival
October 17 - 19, 2025
Stone Mountain, Georgia



Midlothian, Texas



October 25, 2025
Ferrum, Virginia



Laurinburg, North Carolina

Salmon Lake Park
Bluegrass Festival
October 23, 2025
Grapeland, Texas



UPCOMING & UPDATED FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD



Various sites across Cape Breton,
Nova Scotia, CA
October 10—18, 2025



The Illustrious Order of Fools and Beasts
Annual Unconvention – 2025

October 24—26, 2025

Otley, West Yorkshire, UK



Yorkshire Dales Ukulele Festival
November 21—23
Victoria Hall Settle, Kirkgate, Settle,
North Yorkshire, UK



7th Annual Gaggenau-
Sulzbach ([Germany](#))
Bluegrass Festival
October 18, 2025

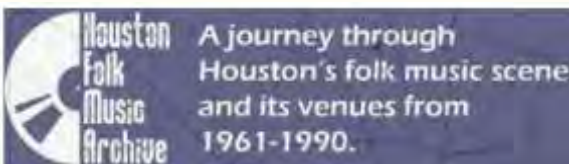
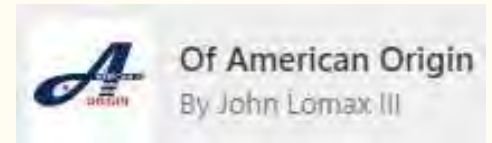
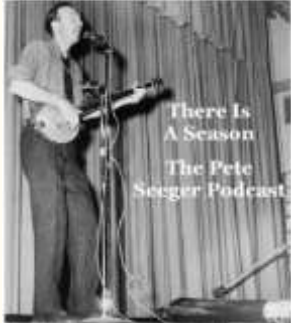


Want to do your own search for international
music festivals? Try:

<https://musicfestivalwizard.com>

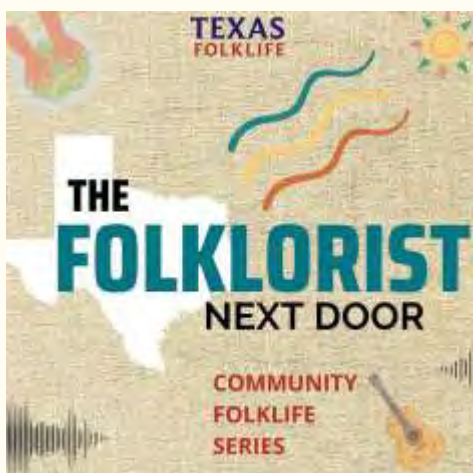
JUST FOLKIN' AROUND

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 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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