

The Cotton Patch



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SECOND SATURDAY

AT ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

5308 RUTGERS at Bissonnet

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77005

October 10, 2026

7:00 - 9:00 PM



Karyn Oliver

2020 South Florida Folk Festival Songwriters' Competition winner Karyn Oliver is part Joan Osborne, a touch of Janis Joplin and a bit of Emmylou Harris – her seductive voice effortlessly oscillates from bluesy soul to country and back.

Cherchez La Femme, a new collection of songs, was released in October of 2023, featuring an all-female cast in an effort to bring more attention to the

fantastic women creating music today. Several songs have already gotten critical acclaim and song awards.

"This is a very special album that deserves a wide and appreciative audience; and in Karyn Oliver I think I've unearthed a very special talent too."- *The Rocking Magpie*

"Karyn's lyrics will have you thinking while you're enjoying the top-notch musicianship found in this collection"- Jack Dugan, Folk Odyssey, WIOX Community Radio

<http://karynoliver.com>

Hudson Mueller

Hudson Mueller, opening for Karyn Oliver, has always been something of an outlaw philosopher. Like his spirit guide Willie Nelson, he follows his musical instincts wherever they lead – even when those paths aren't particularly convenient or commercially strategic.

On his stunning debut solo album *Welcome to Earth*, Mueller delivers a collection of songs that showcase his gifts as a storyteller while expanding the sonic possibilities of the Americana genre.

Hudson was a 2026 winner of the prestigious New Folk competition at the Kerrville Folk Festival and was awarded first place in the 2026 Red Lodge Songwriter contest. <https://hudsonmueller.com>



**SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS
CHECK WHAT'S COMING UP!**

November 14, 2026

Pierce Pettis

Opening

Geoff Simpson

***Watch for a special December 12th show in honor
of the 75th Anniversary of HFMS!***

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**

A Plethora of Resonators

by Andy Longo

In the 1920's, before amplification of musical instruments, string instruments had to compete with brass, woodwinds, and pianos to be heard. With the advent of basic sound systems, there was just one microphone to pick up the sound to be amplified or broadcast. This led to some ingenuity.

For the guitars, instruments with resonator disc were developed by National and by the Dopyera brothers. These were referred to as resonator guitars. However, the Dopyera brothers named their models as "Dobros". In their native Slovak language, this means "good". The term "dobro" became a generalized term like Kleenex for facial tissues or ChapStik for lip balm.



For the violin, the Stroh model was developed. The body was reduced to a minimum as the bridge was placed over the resonator disc and it was projected out of an exponential horn. After sound systems advanced and instruments could maintain their presence within a band, the resonator retained popularity in several genres of music, while the Stroh violin became a novelty of musical history.



The sound of the resonator instrument, as Robert Earl Keen commented, has the "high and lonesome sound" of bluegrass and blues music. This has spawned various string instruments with resonators within their design. You can now easily find for sale resonator ukuleles and mandolin models.



I told you about all that just to tell you about one of the latest, yet rarest resonator models. I am referring to the "Pedabro", pictured below, a pedal steel guitar model invented by Paul Franklin, Sr. He is the father of the renowned country session musician, Paul Franklin, Jr. There have been approximately 25 models produced. A performance by Paul Franklin can be heard on the recording of Randy Travis's version of "Forever and Ever Amen" which can be accessed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtKXc_v2iLE



That Old Hen Laid a Hard Boiled Egg

by Paul Cooper

This is a great jam song. It is easy to play, and can go round and round the circle with or without the lyrics. “Cluck Old Hen” was first recorded by Fiddlin’ John Carson in 1923, and one of the earliest recorded transcriptions dates back to 1886. Though it is a very simple melody, I find the tune interesting and engaging because of the powerful major chord structure that is set against a minor-sounding Dorian Modal melody. You can hear the tune performed by Ricky Skaggs and Bruce Hornsby here

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxGjLIPBOLs&list=RDpxGjLIPBOLs&start_radio=1)

[v=pxGjLIPBOLs&list=RDpxGjLIPBOLs&start_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pxGjLIPBOLs&list=RDpxGjLIPBOLs&start_radio=1)

or on the HFMS Audio Archive page at

<https://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/AudioArchives>.

CLUCK OLD HEN

A C A G
I had an old chicken, she wouldn't lay an egg
A E A
So I run hot water up and down her leg
A C A G
The little chicken hollered, the little chicken begged
A E A
Danged old chicken laid a hard boiled egg.

Cluck old hen, cluck and sing
Ain't laid a egg since way last spring
Cluck old hen, cluck and squall
Ain't laid a egg since way last fall

INSTRUMENTAL BREAK:



Cluck old hen, good old hen
She lays eggs for the railroad men
Sometimes one, sometimes two
Sometimes enough for the whole damn crew

Cluck old hen, cluck and sing
Ain't laid a egg since way last spring
Cluck old hen, cluck and squall
Ain't laid a egg since way last fall

INSTRUMENTAL BREAK

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!

ORIGINAL GREEK FESTIVAL

October 1 - 3, 2026

60TH ANNIVERSARY

Three days of faith, food, and fun for the whole family!

Texas Renaissance Festival

Weekends, October 10—November 29

& Thanksgiving Friday

Todd Mission, Texas

BAYOU CITY

art festival

MEMORIAL PARK

OCT 9-11 2026

DEEP IN THE HEART

2026

HOUSTON DEEP

HOUSTON, TX

CURE FOR PARANOID

JOINTON, TX

10/01

12:00 PM

17 BAND

HOUSTON

10/08

12:00 PM

GRAPESVILLE

HOUSTON, TX

10/15

12:00 PM

300 DITTALL

HOUSTON, TX

10/22

12:00 PM

DAVID MICHAEL DUFFY

HOUSTON, TX

10/29

12:00 PM

PEARLAND Zydeco FEST

SATURDAY OCTOBER 10

2PM - 9PM

PEARLAND TOWN CENTER

HOUSTON, TX

Korean Festival

October 11, 2026

11:00 AM

TO

7:00 PM

HOUSTON DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

11.04.23

HOUSTON DIA DE LOS MUERTOS

PARADE & FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2023

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

HOUSTON, TX

Old River-Winfree Founders Day

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

VIBHA

Vibha Houston Garba 2026

Dance for a cause!

VENUE

DATE

TIME

Dickens on Cypress Creek

A Victorian Christmas Market

Friday, November 13, 2026

Saturday, November 14, 2026

9 am to 4 pm

Cypress Creek Christian Church

6823 Cypresswood

Spring, TX 77379

Enjoy an array of food, crafts, merchandise and entertainment - all with a Victorian flair

Free admission

American Patchwork Quartet

American Patchwork Quartet (APQ), led by multi-GRAMMY® award-winning guitarist/vocalist Clay Ross, binds timeless American folk songs with jazz sophistication, country twang, West African hypnotics, and East Asian ornamentation.

WHEN

October 10, 2026

Saturday, 7:00 pm

WHERE

Lynn Wyatt Square Park

PRICE

From \$30

2026 Houston AfriFEST

by Nigerian-American Multicultural Council

12k followers • 86 events • 10y hosting • 23.4k total attendees

The KBC Houston - Event Venue - Nonprofit and Corporate Events - Houston, TX

Saturday, November 7 • 11 AM - 7 PM

Aga Khan Master Musicians at Performing Arts Houston

Date: 11/7/2026

Theme: Performing Arts Houston

NATIVE AMERICAN POW WOW

NOVEMBER 14TH & 15TH

November 14, 2026 10:00 am - November 15, 2026 5:00 pm

Native American Pow Wow

Join us for the 56th Annual Native American Pow Wow on November 14 & 15 for two days of vibrant culture, tradition, and community. Experience the excitement of colorful Native American dance performances...



CyFair Nutcracker Market - Making Spirits Bright Holiday Extravaganza

8877 Barker Cypress Rd

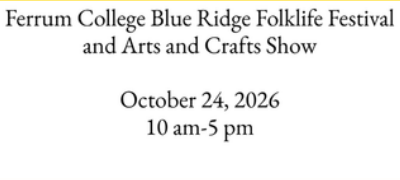
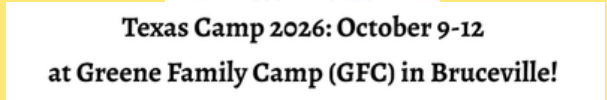
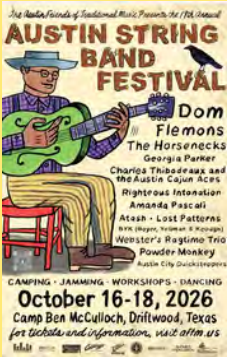


17 Farmers Markets to Explore in Houston

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 U.S.



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



JOIN US FOR OUR
50th ANNUAL
BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 22, 23, 24, 2026

Salmon Lake Park
247 Salmon Lake Road Grapeland, TX
936 687 2554
www.salmonlakepark.com



October 23-25, 2026
Rillito Park Race Track
Gates Open at 5pm on Friday
8am on Saturday & Sunday

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



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

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



South State 48 Volume VI
November 5-8, 2026

15th Annual
Old Mill Music Festival







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

2026 HOLIDAY FOLK FAIR INTERNATIONAL
Friday, November 20 - Sunday, November 22
State Fair Park • Fort Worth, Texas • 1902 West Camp Street • West Side • 817-335-5514
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

UPCOMING & UPDATED FOLKLORE
AND MUSICAL EVENTS AROUND
THE WORLD



The Morris Ring
The founding National Association of Morris and Sword Dance Clubs

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Morris 18 - 30 Annual Weekend - Portsmouth
16 October 2026 to 18 October 2026



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Fools and Beasts Annual Unconvention - 2026
23 October 2026 to 25 October 2026

Oban Winter Festival 2026
Scotland's ultimate Highland celebration welcoming visitors with festive lights, music, and holiday cheer.
13th Nov – 20th Dec 2026

Derby Folk Festival 2026

FRI 9 - SUN 11
OCTOBER

34TH PATRICK O'KEEFE FESTIVAL • 22-26 OCTOBER 2026

Irish Traditional Music Festival
In the heart of Ireland
Castletland, Co. Kerry, Ireland — five days of fiddles, sessions and song.



Púca Festival 2026
October 29th – November 1st 2026
Trim, Ireland

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



Yorkshire Dales Ukulele Weekender
Friday Nov 20th to Sunday Nov 22nd 2026
Victoria Hall Settle

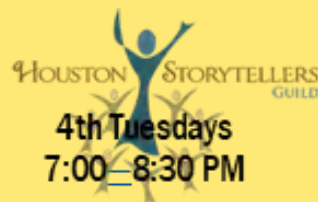
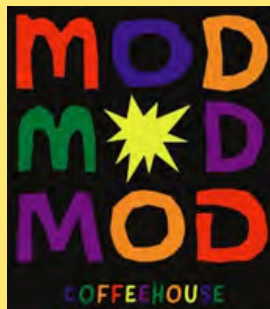
LOCAL FOLKIN'

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



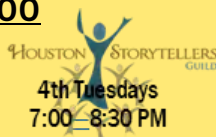
Live Music Venues



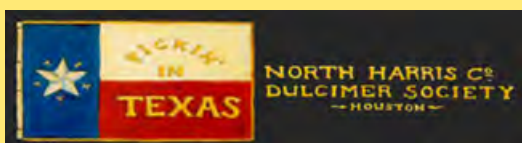
Get Your Jam On!



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



Wednesdays 12:30 pm
& Monthly Jams



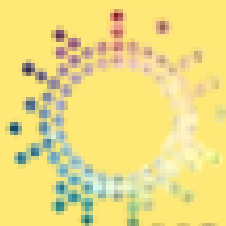
Monthly Saturday Jam

Twinkle Your Toes!



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

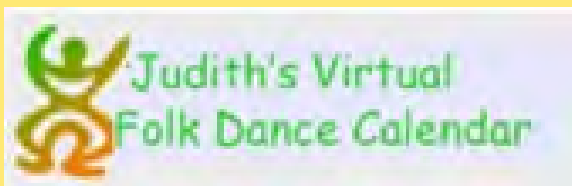
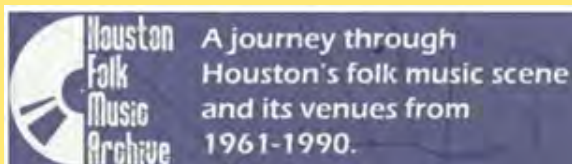
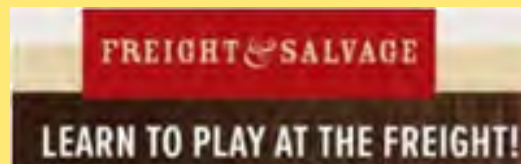
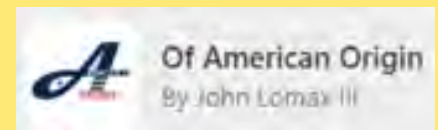
For the Kiddos!



young audiences
arts for learning
HOUSTON

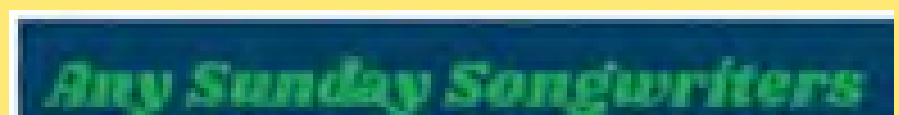
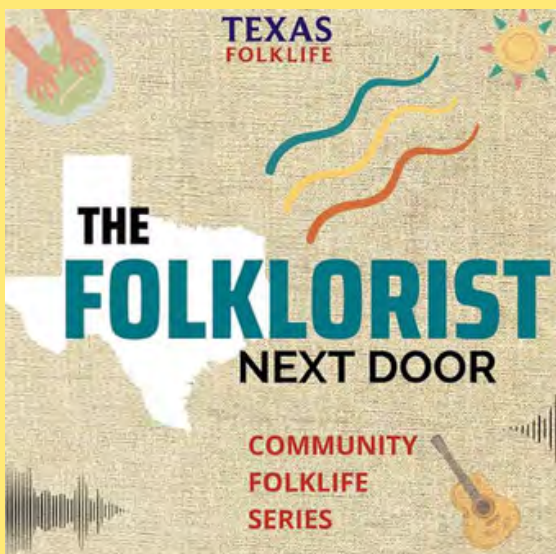
JUST FOLKIN' AROUND

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*



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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