

The Cotton Patch Rag!



Official Newsletter of the Houston
Folklore and Music Society
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SECOND SATURDAY

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

September 12, 2026
7:00—9:00 PM

DANIEL BOLING
OPENING:
MYSTERY LOVES COMPANY

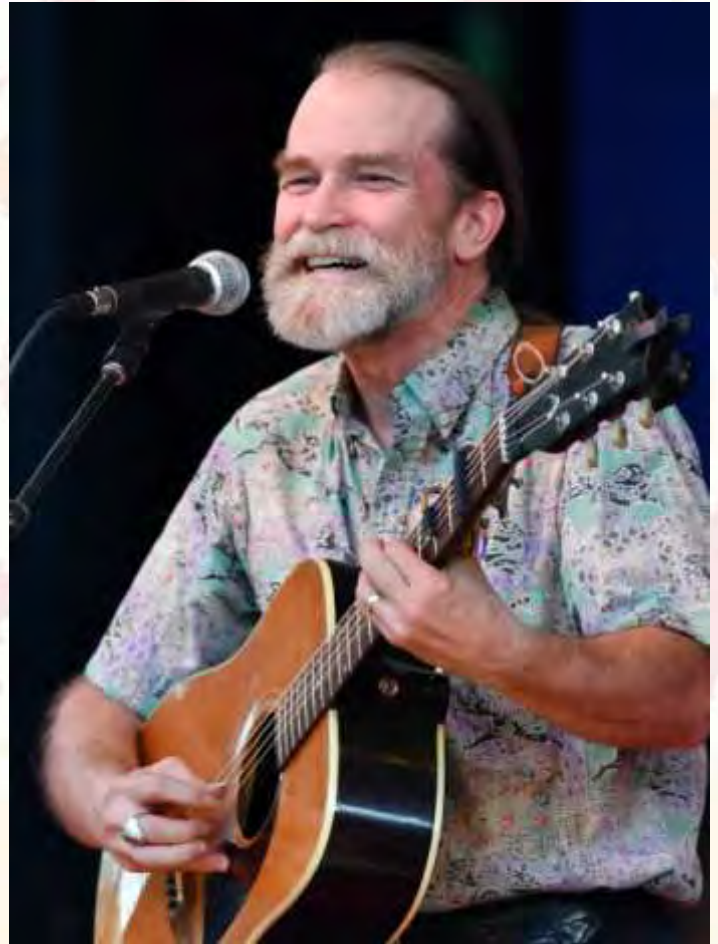
C. Daniel Boling

Winner of the Grassy Hill Kerrville New Folk songwriter contest, the Woody Guthrie Folk Festival, and others, Daniel shares experiences from a life well-lived in three countries and seven States. This balladeer/songwriter with the friendly tenor brings his well-crafted story songs to happy audiences throughout the U.S. and in Europe in over one hundred shows a year, from House Concerts and listening rooms to major festivals. Daniel is also a member of the iconic 1960s folk trio The Limelisters.

Daniel's songs tell interesting stories about a variety of characters, including himself. He plays guitar and banjo with a deft fingerpicking style with a bit of harmonica in the mix. His clear tenor draws positive comparisons to John Denver and Pete Seeger, and like Pete, Daniel is happiest when his audience sings too!

There's a lot of Steve Goodman in Daniel's delivery and storytelling. He's won numerous songwriting awards including Kerrville New Folk, Walnut Valley Festival, Santa Fe Bluegrass and Old Time Festival, Albuquerque Folk Festival, and Woody Guthrie Folk Festival.

There's a reason that Still On The Hill calls him "one of the most talented songwriters on the circuit." Whether you've walked the very same roads, you can't help but relate to these songs – and no matter what your story is, you'll love Daniel's.



Mystery Loves Company

A touring and recording Chamber Folk Rock duo and band from Houston, Texas.

"I was practically mesmerized by this duo. The sound from the electric cello, the percussive acoustic, and the perfect pitch harmonies would rivet one to the stage at times."

*-George Douglas Lee,
Island Guide Magazine*



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

CHECK WHAT'S COMING UP!

October 10, 2026

Karyn Oliver

Opening

Hudson Mueller

November 14, 2026

Pierce Pettis

Opening

Geoff Simpson

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 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](mailto:jim@saHouston.com) 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

I'M GONNA TAKE MY ROCK AND ROLL

by Paul Cooper

John Flynn has performed to great applause for us at Second Saturday three times in the past. You Kerrville folks will also know him as the new MC for the New Folk competition. John has graciously given us permission to publish "Sisyphus".

You can hear the song at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NXieTlv4Qfs> or on the HFMS Audio Archive page at: <https://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/AudioArchives>

SISYPHUS

By John Flynn and Ed Williams

E
There is a man named Sisyphus
A7
Who legend has it will
E
Be doomed to spend his life
B7
Pushing a boulder up a hill
E
When Sis gets to the top
A7
That boulder rolls back down and then
E
He wipes the sweat from his eyes
B7 **E**
And starts all over again

CHORUS:

A
Sometimes that's the way it feels
E
Inside my spirit too
A
Sometimes my friends you eat the bear
B7
Sometimes the bear eats you
E
But there ain't no surrender
A
In my broken hearted soul
E
So just like Sisyphus
B7 **E**
I'm gonna take my rock and roll

I'll keep pushing for justice
And I'll keep pushing for peace
I'll keep trying to see the best
In everyone I meet
And when I'm bruised and battered
Feeling like I can't go on
I'll remember old Sisyphus
and I will sing this song

CHORUS

E
I can't back up, and I won't back down
A7
Can't back up and I won't back down
E
Can't back up and I won't back down
B7
Can't back up and I won't back down
E
Can't back up and I won't back down
A7
Can't back up and I won't back down
E **B7**
Can't back up and I won't back down
E
No more.

REPEAT CHORUS

Sláinte, Good Health to You

By Andy Longo

There is a Irish musical tradition referred to as a “planxty”. These musical pieces were composed as a tribute or toast to a person, usually a host or patron of a musician. Turlough O’Carolan, the 18th century blind harpist, is widely known for such pieces. “Planxty Irwin” was composed as a tribute to his host, Colonel John Irwin of Sligo. The term, ‘planxty’, has several possible derivations. One that seems fitting is a corruption of the Irish term, ‘sláinte’, which means good health to you.



The days of the planxties are still with us. Many of the hosts of house concerts fall into this category. Often these hosts feed and offer a bedroom in their home for the traveling artist. Within the Houston Folklore and Music Society, there was such a couple. Some of the current members may remember them - I am referring to Bob and Gay Pangle.

They started out in Tulsa, OK as planxties. Bob was one of the cofounders of the Tulsa Folk-music Society. Bob produced concerts that were usually held in a bakery, or on some occasions in a school auditorium or church. Bob and Gay fed many of these artists and gave them a place to sleep while in town. Once, they loaned an artist their second vehicle. While the artists were giving their concert, a drunk driver crashed into the parked vehicle. The drunk driver was so belligerent that he was arrested by the police. Bob and Gay sold their vehicle for scrap.

After moving to Houston, Bob and Gay continued their generosity. Perhaps those of you who were around then and are still active in the HFMS can share a memory of Bob and Gay’s generosity. I don’t recall that any tribute or planxty was written for Bob and Gay. However, they did receive recognition for their generosity as patrons by Bodie Wagner when he was a guest on Prairie Home Companion. I think that was among their higher accolades. Bob and Gay’s favorite song was “Will The Circle Be Unbroken”. When they retired from the HFMS, we made a memory book with contributions from members and the many artists who were regulars on the Second Saturday stage. We called the book, ‘*The Circle Will Not Be Broken*’.



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 10, with links to all of them. Whatever you do—Support Live Music!



Eihwar: Nordic Ritual Nights USA Tour 2026
Fri • Sep 04, 2026 • 7:00 PM
[White Oak Music Hall - Downstairs, Houston, TX](#)



The Tune Up: A Texas Folklife Benefit Concert
2022 Dauchinger Ave. Houston, TX 77002
05 September 2026 - 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm
[VIEW DET.](#)



[Sunday, 9/13/26](#)
[Cowboy Surfer](#)
[827 Frostwood Dr.](#)









Old River-Winfree Founders Day

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



**Weekends, October 10—November 29
& Thanksgiving Friday**
Todd Mission, Texas

Korean Festival

October 11, 2026 **Discovery Green**

11:00 AM TO 7:00 PM



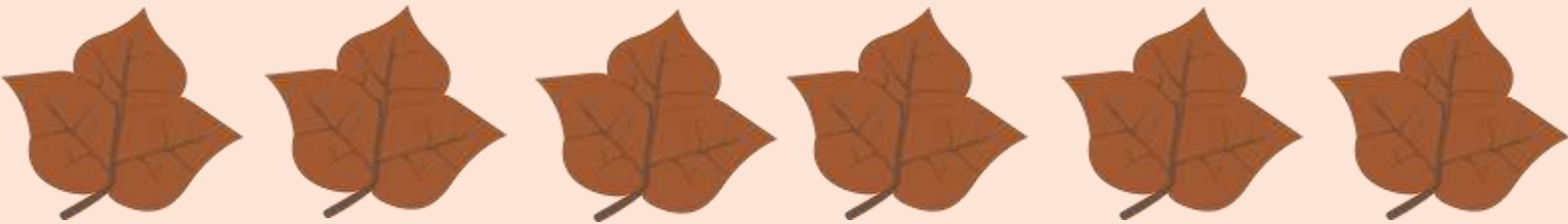
**MIDNIGHT IN BLUE:
SAMBA, STRINGS & TANGO**
PRODUCED BY
APERIO MUSIC OF THE AMERICAS

**THE 17TH ANNUAL ACCORDION
SINGS & QUEENS CONCERT**
PRODUCED BY
TEXAS FOLKLIFE

[Miller Theater at Hermann Park](#)







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



54th Walnut Valley Festival
National Flat-Picking Championships
September 16-20, 2026
Winfield, KS



EL BEARRE'S 24th ANNUAL
BIG BARN DANCE
TAOS, NEW MEXICO
RED WILLOW PARK
SEP. 10 - 12, 2026

Labor Day Weekend at Pinewoods
September 4-8, 2026
Pinewoods Camp
Plymouth, MA
Sponsored by:
Folk Arts Center of New England
Country Dance Society, Boston Centre



BERKELEY OLD-TIME MUSIC CONVENTION
SEPTEMBER 16-20, 2026
TICKETS!

MaupinFest
Saturday, September 26, 2026
A Celebration of Old-Time Music and Dance
Hootenanny Haven
539 Coopertown Road
Unionville, Tennessee



NORTH CAROLINA FOLK FESTIVAL
SEPT 18, 19, 20
GREENSBORO, NC

2026 Turtle Hill Folk Festival
Presented by the
Golden Link Folk Singing Society
September 19, 2026
The Historic German House
315 Gregory Street, Rochester, NY 14620



2026 RIVER REVIVAL & SPECIAL RECORDS PRESENT
RIVER REVIVAL MUSIC FEST
4 DAYS, 3 NIGHTS, 2 DAYS, 1 MORE YEAR
IN AMERICA'S MOST BEAUTIFUL STATE



KYSHONA
ON THE TRAIL
THE WOLFF SISTERS
KEVIN HARRIS
RILEY COTTON - THE TIN MEN
AMERICAN BLM
BRYAN TITUS
LOUISE LOU LOUIS
LAURA CLAPP
TINA ROSS
SHAWN TAYLOR
CHRISTINA MEADOWS
ME. LIKE MANY
9.26.26
10AM - 10PM
NEW HAVEN
CT FOLK FEST & GREEN EXPO
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SISTERS FOLK FESTIVAL
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SEPT 25 - 27, 2026
SISTERS, OREGON



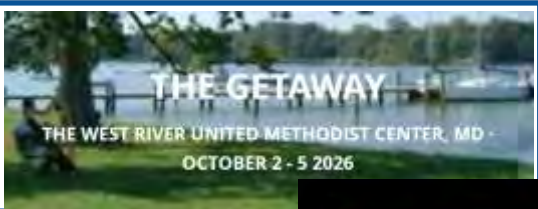
John Jackson Piedmont Blues Festival
Come join us for our sixth John Jackson Piedmont Blues Festival. This music and cultural heritage festival honors Woodville Virginia native John Jackson, recipient of the prestigious National Heritage Fellowship ...
September 26, 2026 | 10:30AM - 8PM | Castleton
FOURWAYS MUSIC
Virginia Folklife Program
VIRGINIA HUMANITIES



TEXAS WOMEN SONGWRITERS FESTIVAL
SEPT 18-20, 2026
LOCKHART, TX



Folklore Society of Greater Washington



THE GETAWAY
THE WEST RIVER UNITED METHODIST CENTER, MD -
OCTOBER 2 - 5 2026



The RICHMOND FOLK FESTIVAL
RICHMOND VIRGINIA
OCTOBER 9-11, 2026



GVMS PRESENTS the 54th ANNUAL
SANTA BARBARA OLD TIME FIDDLERS FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, OCT 31st 2-10pm-5pm
PAUL BROWN
RAFE STEFANINI
HOPKINS MAN
SPENCER FRANKS
BLACK BANJO
RECLAMATION PROJECT
SANTA BARBARA, CA



EL CERRITO FREE FOLK FESTIVAL
October 19, 2025 12-6pm
7001 Russier Lane
El Cerrito Community Center
Workshops & Performances
presented by the
San Francisco Folk Music Club
in support of the
El Cerrito Arts & Culture Commission
elcerritofreefolkfestival.org



CALIFORNIA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION FALL CAMPOUT

Reservations are Open for the Fall Campout!
October 5-11, 2026
at the Grape Festival Grounds
413 E Lockeford Street, Lodi CA
CLICK TO RESERVE YOUR CAMPLOT!

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

Oktoberfest Dance and Music Weekend
October 9 - 12, 2026
Potash Hill
2582 South Road
Marlboro, VT

THE 48th ANNUAL HUCK FINN JUBILEE RETURNS
OCTOBER 2 - 4, 2026!
San Dimas, CA

NATIONAL STORYTELLING
FESTIVAL
October 2-4, 2026
Jonesborough, Tennessee

The Austin Friends of Traditional Music Presents the 17th Annual
AUSTIN STRING BAND FESTIVAL
Dom Flemons
The Horsenecks
Georgia Parker
Charles Thibodeaux and the Austin Cajun Aces
Righteous Intonation
Amanda Pascali
Atash + Lost Patterns
ORK (Ruger, Yelmar & Kocuga)
Webster's Ragtime Trio
Powder Monkey
Austin City Quicksteppers
CAMPING • JAMMING • WORKSHOPS • DANCING
October 16-18, 2026
Camp Ben McCulloch, Driftwood, Texas
for tickets and information, visit aftm.us

54th Stone Mountain Highland Games and Scottish Festival
October 16 - 18, 2026

5th Anniversary
ANNUAL
BIG BEND BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
October 2-3, 2026
Alpine Civic Center
Alpine Tx
bigbendbluegrass.com/bgf5k

Scotland County
Highland Games
October 2 - 4, 2026
Laurinburg, North Carolina

BLUEGRASS & FOLK FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 2ND & 3RD • 6:00PM - 9:30PM
MASON HOMESTEAD, 1101 S BAGDAD RD.
Leander, Texas

O'Flaherty
Irish Music Retreat
COME IMMERSE YOURSELF IN TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC WITH MOTIVATED STUDENTS AND GIFTED TEACHERS ON OCTOBER 24TH, 2026!
Hoblitzelle Camp & Conference Center
8060 Singleton Rd., Midlothian, TX 76065
GPS Coordinates — 32°23'45.3"N 97°00'28.9"W

NORTH GEORGIA FOLK FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023
SANDY CREEK PARK • 11:00 A.M. - 9:00 P.M.
1400 BEN HULMAN BLVD. ATLANTA, GEORGIA
ADULTS: \$15 • STUDENTS: \$2 • UNDER 12: FREE
PARK ADMISSION (AGES 9-14): \$2

SEASIDE HIGHLAND GAMES
October 10 & 11, 2026
Ventura County Fairgrounds, 10 W. Harbor Blvd. Ventura, CA

DELAWARE FRIENDS OF FOLK PRESENT
The 35th Annual
DELMARVA FOLK FESTIVAL
OCT. 16 & 17, 2026
CLAYTON, DE

Ferrum College Blue Ridge Folklife Festival
and Arts and Crafts Show
October 24, 2026
10 am-5 pm
Ferrum, Virginia

Dripping Springs
SONGWRITERS FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 16 - 18, 2026

JOIN US FOR OUR
50th ANNUAL BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
OCTOBER 22, 23, 24, 2026
Salmon Lake Park
247 Salmon Lake Road Grapeland, TX
936-687-2394
www.salmonlakepark.com

UPCOMING & UPDATED FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL EVENTS AROUND THE WORLD



MOSELEY FOLK & ARTS FESTIVAL

4-6 Sept 2026. Moseley Park, Birmingham.

Didmorton Bluegrass Festival

with flats & sharps

Interested

Thursday, September 3, 2026 - Sunday, September 6, 2026

Kemble Airfield, Cirencester, UK

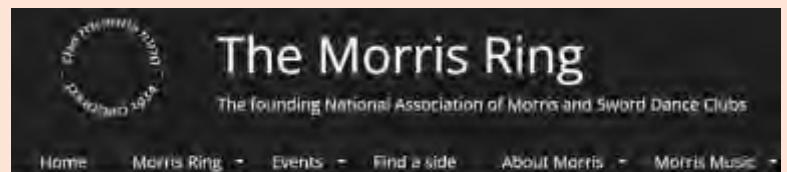
Swanage Folk Festival 11th - 13th of September 2026



Medieval Music in the Dales

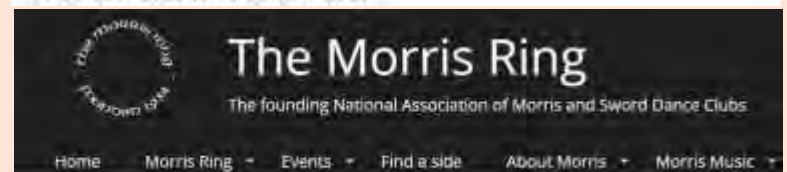
September 11-13, 2026

Bolton Castle, Yorkshire Dales



Morris 18 - 30 Annual Weekend - Portsmouth

16 October 2026 to 18 October 2026



Fools and Beasts Annual Unconvention - 2026

23 October 2026 to 25 October 2026

This year, I am pleased to announce that East Kent Morris are hosting the 2026 event! Our base will be the Faversham Cricket Club, Selling Road, Faversham, Kent, ME13 9XF. We're back to indoor camping this year. There are showers available. There is plenty of room for Motor Homes and Caravans, and camping for the hardy Fools!

Oct. 9—17, 2026



Cape Breton, Nova Scotia, Canada

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

Irish Traditional Music Festival

In the heart of Ireland

Castleisland, Co. Kerry, Ireland — five days of fiddles, sessions and song.



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>

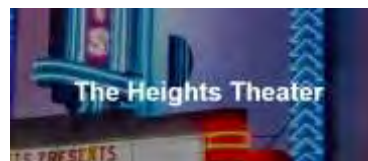
LOCAL FOLKIN'!

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



JOHNSON STUDIO



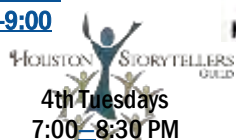
GET YOUR JAM ON!



[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



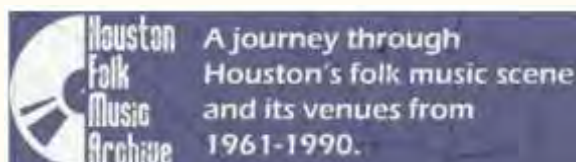
Select
Saturdays & Sundays
Check for times!

FOR THE KIDS!



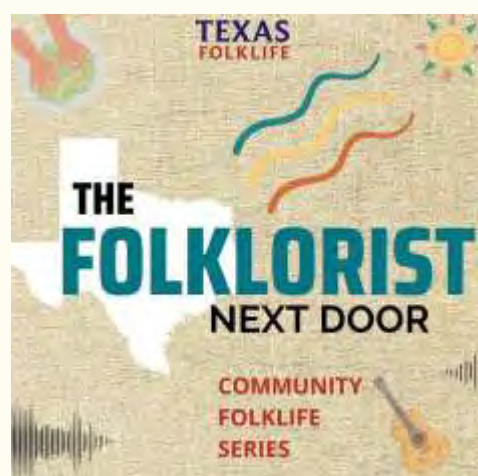
JUST FOLKIN' AROUND

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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