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SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT

September 9, 2017 7:30 p.m.

Thad Beckman



With Guy Clark



With Nancy Griffith

Thad tells the story of his first guitar: *“Under the tree, wrapped in white tissue paper and tied with red ribbon was a long cardboard box containing a guitar bought from the*

local department store for \$13.97. The strings were so far off the frets it took a pair of vice grips to make any discernible musical sounds. A year and 52 guitar lessons later I could play Aura Lee and Amazing Grace and had the grip of a journeyman mechanic.”

When I heard him play at Songbird Sanctuary a while back, I concluded he must still have a pretty good grip, to do all those two-finger picking things up and down the fretboard. In addition to being a wonderful songwriter, Thad is an extraordinary guitarist, having recorded guitar tracks for Tom Russell on three albums and played backup for the likes of B. B. King, Emmylou Harris, The Band, and many others.

As a songwriter he has written and produced seven solo albums. His latest CD, **Streets of Disaster** received critical acclaim from Jerry Garcia biographer and *Acoustic Guitar Magazine* music reviewer Blair Jackson: “Beckman has released a knockout album with lots of stylistic variety. This is powerful stuff, beautifully performed and exquisitely produced. Quite a find!” and Tom Russell: “One of America’s best guitar players, and a damn good songwriter.”

Thad has appeared on *The David Letterman Show*, the main stage at Kerrville, Levon Helm’s *Midnight Ramble*, and countless other festivals, theatres and clubs across the U.S.A., Canada, and Europe. This will be a highly memorable evening with a top-level, accomplished professional. Be sure to put this one on your calendar!

Second Saturday Concert is presented by the **Houston Folklore/Music Society**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of folklore and folk/acoustic music. Homemade refreshments are available. Tickets are sold at the door - adults \$15, senior citizens (65) \$11, and children under 12 free with adults. Concerts are held the second Saturdays of each month in the West University Community Center at 6104 Auden (intersection of Auden. and Rice Blvd.) Phone Paul Cooper at 713-204-1207 (cell) for more concert information. Visit our website at: **www.houstonfolkmusic.org**

UPCOMING SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS

Oct 14, 2017: Bryan Bowers

Nov 11, 2017: Byrd and Street

Jan 13, 2018: Rev. Robert B. Jones, Sr.

OTHER UPCOMING HFMS SEPTEMBER EVENTS

*** **THAD BECKMAN GUITAR WORKSHOP Sept 10**

On the Sunday following his Second Saturday concert, Thad has agreed to conduct a fingerpicking workshop at Paul Cooper's house, 2310 Swift Blvd, Houston, TX 77030 from 2:00 till 4:00 PM Sunday afternoon, September 10. In addition to his renown as a songwriter and guitarist (he has played for Bo Diddly and Tom Russell, to name a couple, and appeared on the *David Letterman Show*), Thad has earned significant praise as a teacher (click here to see some testimonials <http://www.thadbeckman.com/teaching/>). Thad says he can teach us that cool introductory lick on ***Street of Disaster***, the featured song in this month's issue. (See below.) The fee for the workshop will be \$25 per person, payable when you show up. Please contact Paul Cooper at pcooper1@peoplepc.com, or 713 204 1207 if you are interested in attending.

*****HFMS September Song Circle**

Our monthly song circle is **Monday, September 11** (second Monday, since first Monday is Labor Day holiday) from 7:30 to 10:00PM, at, the Jewish Community Center at 5601 South Braeswood Blvd 77096. Guests are welcome!

*****September Pickin' Party—Date and Location Pending—Watch web site and email.**

LAST MONTH'S HAPPENINGS

*** **August Pickin' Party** was cancelled due to Houston's visit by Hurricane Harvey. We hope each of our members and their loved ones were safe during this trying time. See you at the next Pickin' Party!

*** **August Monday Song Circle** was a large gathering of musical friends playing, singing, sharing stories, and enjoying cookies and coffee.



FEATURED SONG - -

OH ME OH MY, I MISS MY MAMA

We are very fortunate to have Thad Beckman as our September, 2017 Second Saturday artist (see page 1), and he generously gave us permission to publish one of his songs this month. This bluesy lyric is the title song of Thad's 2015 CD, ***Streets of Disaster***. Not only will we hear this and many more of Thad's fine originals Saturday night, but he has promised to teach us that cool introductory lick at the fingerpicking workshop he will give Sunday afternoon, September 10 at 2:00 PM at Paul Cooper's house. You can hear this song at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2SntFfAy-MU>, or on the Audio Archive page of the HFMS website at [http://houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS Audio Archive.html](http://houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS_Audio_Archive.html). Capo I to play along with the recording.

Street of Disaster

By Thad Beckman

Am **E7**
Now that star up in the sky still fills me with wonder
Am
And the day of my death, well it's still off yonder
E7
But this world has gone insane, like it's let go of the reins
Am
And it's hurling down the street of disaster

Am **E7**
I used to think our minds would somehow save us
Am
Use the common sense the good lord gave us
E7
But now I lock the door, sit and shiver on the floor
Am
Listening to the winds of disaster

Dm **Am**
Oh me oh my, I miss my mama
E7 **Am**
I listen to the winds of disaster.

Instrumental Verse

I read the news today it's so depressing
Maybe an early grave would be a blessing
Some madman's got the bomb -- I fear it won't be long
We'll be standing in the midst of disaster.

Oh me oh my, I miss my mama
I stand in the midst of disaster.

Instrumental ½ Verse

There's a woman on my block she walks in circles
Mutters to herself, believes in miracles
Now I don't know what she sees, but she gives me the creeps
As she circles the street of disaster.

Oh me oh my, I miss my mama
I circle the street of disaster.
As I listen to the wind of disaster.
As I go hurling down the street of disaster.

"Woody Sez: The Life and Music of Woody Guthrie"

by Eric Johnson
photos by Hans Mayer



I grew up listening to some of Woody Guthrie's music without knowing their authorship, such as "Oklahoma Hills," and "Put Your Finger in the Air." I got my first full album of Guthrie's Dust Bowl Ballads when I was fourteen, and his Library of Congress recordings at the age of 15.

It's nice to know that some young musicians and actors are carrying on his musical legacy in such productions as "Woody Sez," a combination of phases of Woody's life and philosophy done in a revue format at Stages Repertory Theater.

The play is a musical biography covering important parts of Woody's journey, such as the loss of his sister, mother, and father, his controversial conflicts on his radio programs that eventually cost him more exposure, his experiences in the Merchant Marines with Cisco Houston and Jimmy Longhi, his fierce hatred of fascists and vigilantes, and his unfortunate struggle with Huntington's Chorea that eventually caused his death.

The young thespians who portray Woody and the influential people in his life show a true passion and enthusiasm for his legacy. Ben Hope, as Guthrie, does the most powerful rendition of "Dust Storm Disaster" and "Deportees" I have ever heard. Spiff Wiegand, (aka "Spiffy") does a great job as Pete Seeger, Cisco Houston, and Jimmy Longhi, who were some of Woody's important cohorts. Kate Barton and Megan Loomis provide some excellent background music and also do very well as the women who took influential parts in his life.



There was a hootenanny after the show, led by the actors. It featured a great variety of musical instruments, such as congo drum, a saxophone, as well as the usual folk instruments of guitars, banjos, and mandolins. Paul Cooper, Carolyn Davis, Bob Pangle, and I enjoyed playing and singing. However, perhaps the highlight of the hoot was a one-man percussion band--that's the only way I can describe it. A good time was had by all.



If you love Woody, I highly recommend seeing this play. However, I think by the time this review comes out, the Houston run will end. I hope it will come back very soon. Until then, "Take it easy, but take it." It's well worth the wait.

The Iconic Songs of World War II

by Andy Longo



Recently in a conversation with an 84 year old musician, William Beier, he was telling me about some of the memorable music of the World War II era. William speaks with fondness for the music of this time and of those who performed it. A

google search list of the iconic songs of the times may have from 15 to 101 song titles. In the top of the list you may find, "In The Mood", "Sentimental Journey", "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy", "Lili Marleen", and "It's Been A Long, Long Time". In those years, the albums featured the name of the big bands with a mention of the vocal artist such as Kitty Kallen, Bing Crosby, and Frank Sinatra in smaller fonts. The song, "It's Been A Long, Long Time" was written by Jule Styne (music) and Sammy Cahn (lyrics). The version that made it to number one on the charts was recorded by the Harry James Orchestra with Kitty Kallen as the featured vocalist. The lyrics are written from the viewpoint of one who is welcoming home a loved one who has been away at war. Another memorable version of the song was recorded at the time by Bing Crosby with the Les Paul Trio. There are versions of the song recorded well into the 1960's. "Well I told you all of that to tell you this" as Ron Tomason of Dry Branch Fire Squad often declares. There is an individual in Philadelphia, George Blood, who is working a project to digitize 78 rpm recordings and cylinder recordings. His sources are musical archives of these media found in the likes of the Library of Congress and the Philadelphia Orchestra. Within this archive, you can sample the recordings of this era as well as those of many years gone by. [Article on George Blood and his 25000 recordings.](#) [The Digital Archive](#)

UPCOMING CONCERTS

(at Houston area not-for-profit venues)

ABRAMS Harvey Benefit House Concert: Sunday, 9/3/17, 3PM till???, All money goes to the Houston Food Bank. **Ken Gaines, The Mighty Orq, Selia Qynn, The Gemstones, Michael Rex, The Great Alexanders, David Becker, Asch and Abrams and many more!** Details at 713/817-0001 or mediator7@aol.com

NANCY BRAND HOUSE CONCERT presents **Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson.**, September 9, Potluck 7:00PM, Concert 8:00PM.. Contact Nancy at 832-276-7683

STAUFFER'S STARS presents **Wylde Meade** (Cehlana Solus, Paul Cooper and Lowell Anderson, Saturday, September 16. Marianne & Craig's house, 15531 Rio Del Sol Dr., Houston. Potluck at 7:00PM, Music at 8:00PM. \$20 suggested donation to musicians

FRITZ HOUSE CONCERT presents: Nancy Beaudette, September 23. Contact Dan or Celeste for info at celeste.fritz@gmail.com or 713-896-6942

UPCOMING FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL EVENTS ACROSS TEXAS AND BEYOND



The 46th Annual Walnut Valley Festival

September 13-17, 2017

Winfield, Kansas

The Walnut Valley Festival, sometimes referred to as "Picker's Paradise", features four simultaneous stages of performers from across America and around the world, as well as national and international championship competitions, including International Finger Style Guitar, International Autoharp, National Hammer Dulcimer,, National Mountain Dulcimer, and more.see: <https://wvfest.com>

Ireland's Heirlooms - Irish Beliefs, Folklores and Superstitions of Times Past



Helena Byrne

Thursday, September 7, 2017, 7 p.m.

Ahern, Crooker Center, 3909 Graustark, Houston

RSVP to stthom.edu/culturaloutreach

Cost: \$15 for adults; \$10 seniors (65+);

Combining her love of Irish folklore and passion for Irish music, Helena Byrne regularly performs as a seanchaí (storyteller) and singer in Dublin and further afield. Helena's storytelling interweaves tales of the Other World and the mysterious Fairy Folk with traditional Irish songs and wonderful insights into the Irish life of days gone by.

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*****CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2017*****

Compiled by Carolyn Davis
Confirm with venue for details and updates.

<<HFMS EVENTS>>

Guests are welcome at all HFMS events!

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Saturday, 9/9 _____

- **Second Saturday Concert** presents **Thad Beckman**. (7:30PM) at West University Community Center, 6104 Auden (at Rice Blvd.)

Monday, 9/11 _____

- **HFMS Song Circle**, (7:30PM), Jewish Community Center at 5601 South Braeswood Blvd 77096.

Sunday, 9/10 _____

- **Fingerpicking Guitar Workshop with Thad Beckman**. (2:00 to 4:00 PM). Information and

Sunday, 9/?? _____

- Pickin' Party TO BE ANNOUNCED

<<<EVENTS AROUND TOWN>>>

Friday, 9/1

- Whitney Rose (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Jesse Dayton (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

Saturday, 9/2

- Abstract Truth Jazz (7:00PM) Mucky Duck
- Whitey Johnson (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Tunasin (5:30PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Constant Billy (6:30PM) EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>

Sunday, 9/3

- Open Mic. (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Monday, 9/4

Happy Labor Day

Tuesday, 9/5

- Houston Recovery to benefit pets and their people (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30PM) Heights. see <http://www.houstonrscds.org/classes/4566882616>

Wednesday, 9/6

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen (7:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Bluegrass jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Open Mic Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Thursday, 9/7

- Secret Sisters (7:00PM). Mucky Duck., <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Open Mic (7:00-9:00PM) Friends Uncorked Wine Bar. 111 South Friendswood Drive (FM518) Friendswood, TX. 281-648-1707
- Open Mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 9/8

- Tish Hinojosa (8:45PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Sam Baker (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Brandon Ryder (9:30) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- The Guppies (7:00PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Texas Songwriters Showcase. (9:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Saturday, 9/9

- (6:30PM) EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>
- The Deer (7:00PM) Mucky Duck,
- Charlie Mars (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Fahl & Fahl With Jeff Hoofard & Spie Hendrix. (9:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Rockin' Randy's Variety Show (5:30PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Dientes (Matt Mejia/Charles Bryant. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Sunday, 9/10

- Open Mic. (6:00PM) JP Hops House. 2317 S. Hwy 6. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Monday, 9/11

- Open mic (6:30PM) Mucky Duck, <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30PM) Woodlands. see <http://www.houstonrscds.org/classes/4566882616>

Tuesday, 9/12

- Campfire Soul (7:30PM) Mucky Duck, <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30PM) Heights. see <http://www.houstonrscds.org/classes/4566882616>

Wednesday, 9/13

- Bluegrass jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Open Mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen (7:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Thursday, 9/14

- Tony Furtado 7:00PM). Mucky Duck.
- Stephen Kellogg (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Open Mic (7:00-9:00PM) Friends Uncorked Wine Bar. 111 South Friendswood Drive (FM518) Friendswood, TX. 281-648-1707
- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 9/15

- Kimberly M'Carver (7:00PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Robyn Ludwick (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Mike Stinson (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Songwriter Showcase w/ Matt Harlan, Jana Pochop, Gave Wootton, Bob Simpson Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 9/16

- Sisters Morales (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Kristin Diable (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Q & A. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- The Blenders (6:30PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Mystery Loves Company (8:00PM) JP Hops House.. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Sunday, 9/17

- Benefit for Marina ... Music by Jim Kam, Ken Gaines, Wayne Wilkerson, Brian Kalinec, Tom Tranchilla, Buddy Allen, Matt Harlan, Clancy Jones. JP Hops House. 281-496-0623. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Open Mic. (6:00PM) JP Hops House. 2317 S. Hwy 6. 281-496-0623. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Monday, 9/18

- Open mic (6:30PM) Mucky Duck, <http://mcgonigels.com>

- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30PM) Woodlands. see <http://www.houstonrscds.org/classes/4566882616>

Tuesday, 9/19

- What's Opera Duck (7:30PM) Mucky Duck
- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30PM) Heights. see <http://www.houstonrscds.org/classes/4566882616>

Wednesday, 9/20

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen (7:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Bluegrass jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com/index.php/live-music>
- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Thursday, 9/21

- Songwriters in the Round with Ken and Wayne (8:00 PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Tom Russell (7:00PM & 9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Open Mic (7:00-9:00PM) Friends Uncorked Wine Bar. 111 South Friendswood Drive (FM518) Friendswood, TX. 281-648-1707
- Sean Lucy. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 9/22

- Mike Stroup and Band. (7:00PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- White Ghosts Shivers (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- South Austin Moonlighters (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Trout Fishing in America/ Dana Louis and the Glorious Birds. Old Quarter, Galveston <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson. JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Terri Hendrix and Lloyd Maines 8:45PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>

Saturday, 9/23

- Dan Penn (7:00PM) Mucky Duck <http://mcgonigels.com>

- Pat Gavin and the Buckaroo Band (5:30PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Spudstock (potluck buffet) Dodd Eastham, Hardtime Troubadors * Remnants of Polaris (7:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Sunday, 9/24

- Open Mic. (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Monday, 9/25

- Open mic (6:30PM) Mucky Duck <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30PM) Woodlands. see <http://www.houstonrscds.org/classes/4566882616>

Tuesday, 9/26

- Lilly Hiatt (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Houston Storytellers Guild August Meeting (7:00 - 8:30PM) Temple Emanuel 1500 Sunset Boulevard. <http://www.houstonstorytellers.org>
- Brian Kalinec and KJ (8:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30PM) Heights. see <http://www.houstonrscds.org/classes/4566882616>

Wednesday, 9/27

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen (7:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Bluegrass jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Thursday, 9/28

- Songwriters in the Round with Ken and Wayne (8:00 PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Rebecca Loebe (7:00PM). Mucky Duck.
- Pat Byrne (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Open Mic (7:00-9:00PM) Friends Uncorked Wine Bar. 111 South Friendswood Drive (FM518) Friendswood, TX. 281-648-1707
- Open mic. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 9/29

- Hayden Jones. (8:45PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Dana Cooper (9:00PM) (9:00) Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Grass Roots Trio (7:00PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights)
- Radney Foster (7:00PM) Mucky Duck
- Buenos Diaz (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Jamie Lin Wilson / Gabe Wootton. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracoustic12cafe.com>

Saturday, 9/30

- Jeannie Burns and Andrew Hardin (8:45PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Radney Foster (7:00PM). Mucky Duck.
- Griffin House (9:30PM). Mucky Duck <http://mcgonigels.com>
- James Sloan Band (5:30PM) Hickory Hollow, Heights
- Lisa Morales. Old Quarter. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- The Hanshaws (8:00) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

EDITOR'S SEPTEMBER PICKS

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 Friday, September 8, **Tish Hinojosa**, Anderson Fair
 Saturday, September 16, **Wylde Meade**, Stauffer's Stars

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