
THE COTTON PATCH RAG

**The Newsletter of the Houston
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SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT

September 14, 2019 7:30 p.m.

Matt Harlan



Houston favorite, Matt Harlan is a troubadour of the first degree, bringing his handcrafted songs to stages across his home state of Texas, the USA and Europe.

Harlan is a winner of multiple songwriting accolades, from outfits like American Songwriter, the Telluride Bluegrass Festival and Billboard. He was named Singer-Songwriter of the Year in the 2013 Texas Music Awards and was featured alongside a stellar cast of characters (Lyle Lovett, Guy Clark) in the documentary, "For the Sake of the Song."

His first two studio albums were well received by national and international Americana radio, both earning the #1 spot on the Euro Americana Chart. "Raven Hotel" his third – and possibly best – record also hit the top spot on the Euro charts after its release in 2014. As with each collection, the newest one features a musical roux that showcases Harlan's literary grit with a variety of moods to fit the many themes on the record.

Matt has dazzled audiences at our familiar Houston venues like Anderson Fair and Carolyn's Cottonwood House Concerts, and it's high time we brought him to Second Saturday. Join us September 14 for a great show!

Second Saturday Concert is presented by the **Houston Folklore/Music Society**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of folklore and folk/acoustic music. Coffee, water, cookies and sandwiches are available. Tickets are sold at the door - adults \$18, senior citizens (65) and students \$14, and children under 12 free with adults. Concerts are held the second Saturdays of each month in the West University Community Building 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



OTHER UPCOMING HFMS SEPTEMBER EVENTS

*****HFMS MEETING/SONG CIRCLE—September 9, 7:30PM**

Our monthly song circle meeting is **Monday, September 9**, (Second Monday due to Labor Day holiday on first Monday), from 7:30 to 9:50PM at the Jewish Community Center. The

JCC is located at 5601 South Braeswood Boulevard, Houston, TX 77096-3999. Ask the front desk for the room number of the Houston Folklore and Music Society meeting.

Meetings consist of a "song circle", allowing each attendee an opportunity to share a song, story, announcement, or other item which he or she may wish to share with the group. Non-performers are just as welcome as performers. After all, musicians, singers, and storytellers all need an audience.

*****September PICKIN' PARTY — September 29 (5th Sunday)**

The next Pickin' Party is from 2:00-6:00 PM, Sunday, September 29, hosted by Paul Cooper at JP Hops House. Bring a dish (meat, side or desert) for the pot luck meal, which is from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. The song circle will be from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Paul will provide soft drinks and water. Hops House will have alcoholic beverages available for purchase. Bring food to share, as well as an instrument, voice and/or ear.

Hops House is at 2317 Highway 6 South, Houston, in the shopping center with Shipley's Donuts, on the east side of Hwy 6 just north of Westheimer.

Phone: J.P. Hops House 281-496-0623

See: <http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/#pknpty>.



It's always fun to host a Pickin' Party at your home, church hall, community center, etc. You provide the space drinks, plates and utensils. You can invite other members to help you co-host, to share the fun (and the effort). Please contact Carolyn Davis at carolynadavis@aol.com to volunteer to host in the near future.



LAST MONTH'S HAPPENINGS***

*****The September Song Circle / Meeting** at the Jewish Community Center was another delightful gathering for picking, singing, storytelling, listening and laughing.





Our first Monday song circle is always relaxed musical fun.

*****The August Pickin' Party** was hosted by Tim Leatherwood and volunteers at Anderson Fair. We enjoyed food, songs, stories and laughs all afternoon, in the delightful room where so many folk music heroes have performed throughout the decades.











Thank you, Tim, for hosting another great Pickin' Party at Anderson Fair!

***** Featured Song**

Paul Cooper

ALL THE LADS HAVE GOT THE SACK

The Rhondda Valley in South Wales has been synonymous with coal mining since the mid-nineteenth century, and the fortunes of the region and its people have always paralleled those of the coal industry. Pete Seeger's song "The Bells of Rhymney" based on the poem by Welsh poet Idris Davies mentions "the black bells of Rhondda" – black from the coal dust. This song was written by Frank Hennessey during a miners' strike. The reference to "Roben's axe" refers to Alfred Robens, who was Chairman of the National Coal Board from 1961 to 1971. You can hear this song performed by **The New Barleycorn** at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DkXudCDgr8I> , or on the HFMS Audio Archive page at http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS_Audio_Archive.html. If all the

Welsh names in the last verse don't roll easily off your tongue, it would probably not violate the folk process to substitute Anglicized Welsh names like Morgan, Davis, Edwards.

FAREWELL TO THE RHONDDA

CHORUS:

A
Farewell ye colliery workers, the muffler and the cap
D **A**
Farewell ye Rhondda valley girls, we never will come back
A **D** **E**
The mines they are a-closin', the valleys they're all doomed
A **D** **E** **A**
There's no work in the Rhondda boys, we'll be in London soon

A **D**
My father was a miner, and his father was before him,
E **A**
He always had been proud to work the coal
A
Since they fell 'neath Roben's axe,
D
All the lads have got the sack
E **A**
So away to work in England we must go!

CHORUS

No more the chapel singin', that long ago has left us
In the public house no more the miner's songs
For the pit wheels they are stoppin',
And the populations' droppin'
And I can't afford to stay here very long

CHORUS

Treherbert and Treorchy, Tonypandy and Tynewydd
Ystrad Rhondda and Ton Pentre, all adieu
For I can no longer wait
While Parliament debates
So a fond farewell I bid to all of you!

CHORUS

“This Musical Life”

John Wilson - July 30, 2019

Shared with permission (Thanks, John)

A friend of mine wrote a song once. He wanted to know what would happen to the songs he sung after he was gone. I think I know, and it happens earlier than imagined. This starts out a little bit technical but bear with me. A song, once sung, goes straight to the listener’s auditory cortex, sweetened with pleasure for storage. There it is protected in a hardened area of the brain that is roughly equivalent to Superman’s Fortress of Solitude, or Cheyenne Mountain, or the Black Panther’s Wakanda. Disease and old age can beat against the doors, but the songs will always be there and then, when the rest of the brain resembles the ruins of Dresden, someone will play that song and that little room will light up, untouched, with the music and memories fresh and alive.

Yesterday, I took my phone and small boombox speaker to visit my wife after her dinner. We sat outside on the porch and I turned on the old music. She slid close, held my hand and the music reached down into the deep secret place and unlocked those musical memories. It was warm and we were happy. She kissed my cheek. More than once. Another patient soon joined us. She asked if she could listen, too, and then sat on the opposite side of me when I agreed. She held my speaker as if it were a magic box and then handed it back for me to hold. Softly, she sang Turn, Turn, Turn with the Byrds, or maybe she was repeating bible verses, and asked three times where I lived and how long I’d been married. Like a passenger on a long flight, I soon realized her head was resting on my shoulder as she listened.

We all sat there together, sophomores in high school, newlyweds, new parents, with friends and lovers, dancing dances danced long ago. There was peace and music in the air and in our minds, all because someone once wrote a song and sang it and we heard it and liked it. It’s a good outcome when you think about it, a personal gift to help weather the storm and hold back the dying of the light. No rage. Just lyrics and melody, telling the one doing the remembering there were lots of good things in life and these were some of them.



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HELP SUPPORT HFMS AT NO EXPENSE TO YOURSELF! Amazon shoppers can help support HFMS in the mission to continue to promote folk and acoustic music and similar folklore traditions in the greater Houston area. Please help Houston Folklore and Music Society continue to bring excellent performers to Houston for our Second Saturday Concerts. You can help at no cost if you ever make purchases from Amazon. Simply go to smile.amazon.com, sign into your Amazon account and select "Houston Folklore and Music Society" as your charitable organization. After that, go to smile.amazon.com each time you shop at Amazon, and Amazon will automatically donate 0.5% of the amount of your purchase to HFMS. Every little bit helps! These funds will help us continue the long tradition of HFMS activities, particularly Second Saturday Concerts. Please send this information to anyone you know who might help support our organization in this way. It just takes a minute and will help us continue the HFMS tradition.

AND/OR

CONSIDER A GIFT TO HFMS. MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION!! HFMS is a 501(c)3 organization. Your contribution to support our organization can be claimed a charitable donation. Contact Paul Cooper, Treasurer at 713-204-1207 or pcooper1@peoplepc.com

UPCOMING CONCERTS AT "NOT FOR PROFIT" VENUES

- The Flyin' A's , September 21 at 7:00PM pot luck at 5:30PM) at Barnes' House Concerts. Reservations and information: (281) 444-1003 or (713) 417-7842
- The Pauline Reese Band , September 1 at 4:30PM at Fulshear House Concerts. Reservations and information: www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org or (713) 417-2904

The above venues provide opportunities for artists to perform for appreciative audiences, and all profits go to the artists. Thank you for supporting these endeavors.

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UPCOMING FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL EVENTS
around Texas and beyond



48th Walnut Valley Festival
National Flat-Picking Championships
September 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 2019
Winfield, KS

<https://www.wvfest.com>

The Houston Jazz Festival
September 21 and 22

Presented by The Houston Jazz Collective at Miller Outdoor Theatre, Houston TX

<https://submit.haatx.com/event/the-houston-jazz-festival/>



weekends

October 5 through December 1

<https://www.texrenfest.com>

Kerrville Folk Festival Welcome Home Fest — October 11 - 13, 2019



www.kerrvillefolkfestival.org/welcomehomefest

Austin Celtic Festival

NOVEMBER 2 AND 3, 2019



www.austincelticfestival.com

*****LOCAL CALENDAR FOR September 2019*****

Compiled by Carolyn Davis

Confirm with venue for details and updates.

<<HFMS EVENTS>>

Monday, 9/9 _____

- HFMS Meeting/Song Circle (7:30PM to 9:50PM)
JCC, Houston www.houstonfolkmusic.org

Saturday, 9/14 _____

- Matt Harlan (7:30PM) Second Saturday Concert.
www.houstonfolkmusic.org

Sunday, 9/29 _____

- HFMS Pickin' Party, (2:00PM to 6:00PM) J.P.
Hops House, 2317 Highway 6 S, Houston.
www.houstonfolkmusic.org

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<<<EVENTS AROUND TOWN>>>

Sunday, 9/1 _____

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

Monday, 9/2 _____

- Open Mic (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Big Americana Bluegrass Jam (5:30PM)
Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>

Tuesday, 9/3 _____

- Libby Koch & Chuck Hawthorne (7:30PM)
Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Bayou City Songwriters' Night open mic
(8:00PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>

Wednesday, 9/4 _____

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen,
(7:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Songwriter / Song Prompt Open Mic. Old
Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Thursday, 9/5 _____

- Zach Nytomt (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Buenos Diaz (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Songwriter Open Mic.. Old Quarter
Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- HATDS English Country Dance (7:15PM)
First UU Church. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>

Friday, 9/6

- Ramblin Jack Elliott (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Pat Byrne (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Brandon Rhyder / Fate & Melanie. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 9/7

- Lisa Morales (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Jaime Lin Wilson (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Grifters and Shills and Jeannine Higgins (9:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Mark Gorman. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- Wylde Meade (6:30PM) EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>
- HATDS Contradance (7:30PM) West U Community Center. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>

Sunday, 9/8

- Houston Songwriter Association Meeting (2:00PM) JP Hops House.
- Open Mic (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- John Evans & Emily Bell. Fulshear House Concerts. www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org
- Jason Charles Miller / Jaci Barksdale. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Monday, 9/9

- Open Mic (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Big Americana Bluegrass Jam (6:30PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>

Tuesday, 9/10

- Gal Holiday and the Honky Tonk Revue (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Bayou City Songwriters' Night open mic (8:00PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>

Wednesday, 9/11

- Seven Nations (8:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen, (7:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Songwriter / Song Prompt Open Mic. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Thursday, 9/12

- Webb Wilder (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Waiting On Hayden (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Gary P. Nunn Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 9/13

- Peterson Brothers (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Jeremy Nail (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Texas Songwriter Showcase JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- James McMurtry. Main Street Crossing. <http://mainstreetcrossing.com>

Saturday, 9/14

- Shake Russell & Michael Hearne (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- South Austin Moonlighters (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Chuck Hawthorne JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Lisa Morales Band ' Guest Opener Jorge Palomarez. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Sunday, 9/15

- Open Mic (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Brian Pounds (4:30PM) Fulshear House Concerts. www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org
- Jim Lauderdale Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Monday, 9/16

- Open Mic (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

- Big Americana Bluegrass Jam (6:30PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>

Tuesday, 9/17

- What's Opera Duck? (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Bayou City Songwriters' Night open mic (8:00PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>

Wednesday, 9/18

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen, (7:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Songwriter Night Open Mic.. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Thursday, 9/19

- Mindy Smith (7:00PM). Mucky Duck
- Weeping Willows - Dustin Welch - Halleyanna Finley (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Ken Gaines in the Round. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Great Aunt (from Australia) Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- HATDS English Country Dance (7:15PM) First UU Church. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>

Friday, 9/20

- Phoebe Hunt (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Annika Chambers and Daielle Nicole (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Eric Sommer (8:30PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Open Mic (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Ken Gaines, Carl Solomon, Alexa Coba (8:00PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>
- An evening with Susan Gibson / Guies Keeton Coffman. Old Quarter. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 9/21

- Half way to St. Patrick's Day celebration (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- South Austin Moonlighters (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

- Claudia Nygaard with Brian Kalinec (8:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Trout Fishing In America Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- HATDS Contradance (7:30PM) West U Community Center. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>
- N. Harris County Dulcimer Society Meeting/Jam (2:00PM) <https://houstondulcimer.com>

Sunday, 9/22

- Song swap with Mitch Tiffin (4:00PM) JP Hops House.
- Open Mic (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- John Evans & Emily Bell. Fulshear House Concerts. www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org

Monday, 9/23

- Open Mic (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Big Americana Bluegrass Jam (6:30PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>

Tuesday, 9/24

- Lost Austin Band (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Bayou City Songwriters' Night open mic (8:00PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>
- Pushing Chain. (8:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
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Wednesday, 9/25

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen, (7:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Songwriter Night Open Mic.. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Thursday, 9/26

- Seth Walker (7:00PM) Mucky Duck
- The Texicana Mamas (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Songwriter Open Mic.. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

- HATDS English Country Dance (7:15PM) (7:15PM) First UU Church. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>

Friday, 9/27

- Terri Hendrix with Lloyd Maines. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- James McMurtry (7:00PM & (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Selia Qynn and Jeff Chambers (8:30PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Jana Pochop & Shawnee Kilgore. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 9/28

- Terri Hendrix with Lloyd Maines. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Sarah Grace & The Soul (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Brendan James (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Charm School (8:30PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>

- Tommy Lewis / Jimmy Pizzitola. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Sunday, 9/29

- HFMS Pickin' Party (2:00PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- HFMS Pickin' Party (2:00PM). JP Hops House.
- Open Mic (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>

Monday, 9/30

- Open Mic (6:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Big Americana Bluegrass Jam (6:30PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>

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Is this a new membership? [] Or a renewal? [] Or a rejoin? []

Is this a new address? Yes [] No [] Today's Date: _____

NAME _____

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