
THE COTTON PATCH RAG

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SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT

October 12, 2019 7:30 p.m.

Bettman and Halpin



This will be the third time Stephanie and Luke have graced our stage. Many of you will remember how they wowed us in 2012 and 2016. Well, they've only gotten better. Stephanie and Luke play original Folk/Americana. Their concerts combine high-energy upbeat bluegrass/roots inspired compositions, beautiful ballads with soaring vocals and heartfelt lyrics, and groovy feel-good songs that audiences will be singing in their heads for weeks thereafter. Interspersed between these songs and instrumentals, they tell stories. They have become as known for their storytelling and playful banter as well as for their hooky whole-hearted songwriting and instrumental wizardry. They have been touring as a duo since 2008, and incorporating a trio and quartet since 2013.

This duo has twice been a featured act at the Walnut Valley Festival in Winfield, KS (coming up this month) along with musical heroes Byron Berline, Michael Martin Murphy w/ Pat Flynn, and Tommy Emmanuel. They can also be found performing at various arts centers throughout the US and abroad. Their music creates a fully acoustic, delightfully eclectic sound far greater than the sum of its parts: taking the listener from up-tempo down home fiddlin', to soulful sorrowful ballads, to folk/pop with catchy melodies and lyrics that will stick with you long after the concert is over. Come out and join us Saturday, October 12 for a memorable evening of music.

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) \$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.

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UPCOMING SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS

November 9, 2019: Bryan Bowers

January 11, 2020: Ben Bedford



OTHER UPCOMING HFMS SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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

Our monthly song circle meeting is **Monday, October** 7 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.

*****October PICKIN' PARTY — Pending volunteer host. To volunteer, email carolyadavis@aol.com. For updates, check: <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 a small gathering of players with lots of songs.



Another Monday evening of relaxed musical sharing.

*****The September Pickin' Party** was hosted by Bob Felder and Paul Cooper at J.P. Hops House.











Good friends. Good food. Good music.
Another HFMS Pickin' Party!

*** Featured Song

Paul Cooper

BEND DOWN THE TALLEST TREE

It's not Christmas yet, but not too early to start learning a carol or two. This song has the rare distinction of being both a Child ballad https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Child_Ballads and a Christmas carol. It dates back to at least the 15th century, where it is known to have been sung at the Feast of Corpus Christi [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corpus_Christi_\(feast\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Corpus_Christi_(feast)). This is the version I learned from a 1961 Joan Baez record (Yes, a vinyl record. I still have it). The chords are slightly different from some other versions, but I love her treatment of it, which you can hear at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uc2-LR0Albc> or on the HFMS Audio Archive page at http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS_Audio_Archive.html.

THE CHERRY TREE CAROL

C **G**
When Joseph was an old man, an old man was he
F **C** **E**
He married Virgin Mary, the queen of Galilee
F **C** **G C**
He married Virgin Mary, the queen of Galilee.

Joseph and Mary walked through an orchard green
There were berries and cherries, as thick as might be seen
There were berries and cherries as thick as might be seen.

Mary spoke to Joseph, so meek and so mild
Joseph, gather me some cherries, for I am with child
Joseph, gather me some cherries, for I am with child.

Joseph flew in anger, in anger flew he
Let the father of the baby gather cherries for thee!
Let the father of the baby gather cherries for thee.

Then up spoke baby Jesus, within Mary's womb
"Bend down the tallest tree, so my mother might have some"
"Bend down the tallest tree so my mother might have some."

Then bent down the tallest branch, it touched Mary's hand
Cried she, oh look thou Joseph, I have cherries by command
Cried she, oh look thou Joseph, I have cherries by command.

Songs of America — Book Review

Eric Johnson

The U. S. has had a rich cultural, political, and social development since its founding 200 years ago. Its music has influenced this development very much as well. This is explored In a new book by Tim McGraw and John Meacham, "Songs of America: Patriotism, Protest, and The Music That Made A Nation."

The book chronicles the origins of such great patriotic songs as "The Star Spangled Banner", "God Bless America", "Battle Hymn of The Republic", and "America The Beautiful." It also mentions "Born in The U. S. A.", "We Shall Overcome", and "This Land is Your Land" which Woody Guthrie originally intended as a protest song reacting to "God Bless America",

While Meacham presents a general overview, McGraw picks out certain specific elements of the songs. He explains the origin of "Battle Hymn", "Ballad of The Green Berets," and "Okie From Muskogee," just to name a few.

If you want to know more about America's rich musical history, I highly recommend this book. You will be amazed at the depth with which McGraw and Meacham have created this musical masterpiece.



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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

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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

- Abby Gardner, with Anna Larson, October 6 at Fulshear House Concerts. Reservations and information: www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org or (713) 417-2904
- Jeff Plankenhorn. October 26 at Burlington House Concerts. Reservations and information: burlinghallhouseconcerts@gmail.com or 832-654-6653

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**



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 October 2019*****

Compiled by Carolyn Davis

Confirm with venue for details and updates.

<<HFMS EVENTS>>

Monday, 10/7 _____

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

Sunday, ?????? _____

- HFMS Pickin' Party, **pending volunteer host**
www.houstonfolkmusic.org

Saturday, 10/12 _____

Bettman and Halpin (7:30PM) Second Saturday Concert. www.houstonfolkmusic.org

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<<<EVENTS AROUND TOWN>>>

Tuesday, 10/1

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

Wednesday, 10/2

- 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, 10/3

- Ken Gains / Wayne Wilkerson Songwriter Showcase. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Nobody's Girl (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Jason James (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Jamie Lin Wilson / James Steinle / UJuliet McConkey. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- HATDS English Country Dance (7:15PM) First UU Church. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>

Friday, 10/4

- Susan Gibson. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Shake Russell 7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Randy Soffar. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Jason James . Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 10/5

- Mark Stuart. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Pat Byrne (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Chris Gardener(9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

- Drew Landry. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Kevin Anthony. 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, 10/6

- Houston Songwriter Association Workshop with Ken Gaines (2:00PM) JP Hops House.
- Open Mic (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>

Monday, 10/7

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

Tuesday, 10/8

- Ed Miller and Rich Brotherton (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance, Heights, (7:30PM). <http://www.houstonrscds.org>

Wednesday, 10/9

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

Thursday, 10/10

- Dana Cooper. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Junior Brown (7:00PM & 9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Songwriter Night. Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 10/11

- Caroline Spence. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Warren Hood (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Dirty River Boys (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Texas Songwriter Showcase JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Songwriter Night. Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 10/12

- Susan Elliott. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Trudy Lynn Rich Layton and Tough Town (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Joel McColl, Jordi Baizan and Ken Gaines. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Nick Nace / Chris Moyse / Heather Little. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Sunday, 10/13

- Houston Songwriter Association Meeting (2:00PM)
- Open Mic (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>

Monday, 10/14

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

Tuesday, 10/15

- Rev Billy Wirtz (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance, Heights, (7:30PM). <http://www.houstonrscds.org>.

Wednesday, 10/16

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

Thursday, 10/17

- Rose & Ben. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Mary Sarah (7:00PM). Mucky Duck
- Johnny Nicholas (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Brightwire / Clancy Jones / Randall Conrad Olinger. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- HATDS English Country Dance (7:15PM) First UU Church. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>

Friday, 10/18

- Amelia Earhart Returns. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Dawn & Hawkes (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Aaron Lee Tasjan (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Hogan and Moss. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Open Mic (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- George Enslie Mandy Rowder Has Woji. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 10/19

- George Enslie. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Steve Forbert (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Mary Bragg (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Randy Lewis Brown. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Wood & Wire. 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, 10/19/20

- Open Mic (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Songwriter Showcase. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Monday, 10/21

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

Tuesday, 10/22

- Peters Industry Stars (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance, Heights, (7:30PM). <http://www.houstonrscds.org>.
- Houston Storytellers Guild Story Swap. <http://www.houstonstorytellers.org/calendar-3/>

Wednesday, 10/23

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

Thursday, 10/24

- Mandy Rowden. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- John Evans (7:00PM) Mucky Duck
- Adam Hood (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Caleb Caudle. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 10/25

- Tom Kimmell (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Patrice Pike & Wayne Sutton (7:00PM) Mucky Duck
- Two Tons of Steel (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- El Lago / Two Star Symphony / My Dolls. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 10/26

- Matt Harlan and Andrew Delaney (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Sue Foley (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Pecos Hank (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Halloween Party and Costume Contest. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- The Mighty Ork. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Sunday, 10/27

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

Monday, 10/28

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

Tuesday, 10/29

- Shawn Phillips (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance, Heights, (7:30PM). <http://www.houstonrscds.org>.

Wednesday, 10/30

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

Thursday, 10/31

- The Might Ork. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Amelia White - Betty Soo - Matt Harlan (7:00PM) Mucky Duck
- Guy Forsyth (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Songwriter Open Mic.. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

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

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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