
THE COTTON PATCH RAG

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NEXT SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT

January 11, 2020 7:30 p.m.

West University Community Building, 6104 Auden at Rice Blvd.



Ben Bedford

The Illinois songwriter is a masterful storyteller who can turn what seem like obscure historical references into engaging tales rife with vivid, stark imagery,” asserts Erik Ernst of *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*. Ben Bedford combines that musical storytelling gift with his strong and beautiful voice, along with his masterful guitar accompaniment and gently powerful presence, so that audiences are certain to experience a remarkable journey through time, place and emotion.

Ben Bedford makes his long overdue return to the Second Saturday stage on January 11, 2020. Since his previous, 2012 Second Saturday performance, Ben has released three more solo albums, won the Kerrville New Folk songwriting competition (2018), performed concerts and festivals (including Texas’ Kerrville Folk Festival, Illinois’ Fox Valley Folk Festival, and Arkansas’ Fayetteville Roots Festival) across North America and Europe, and continued to write exquisite, meaningful songs.

Ben’s upcoming tour includes only two Texas appearances, here and in Austin, so we ardent fans have had this event on our calendars for months! It is an honor to welcome Ben Bedford back to Houston!

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 for purchase. 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 Caroly (cell) for more concert information. Visit our website at: www.houstonfolkmusic.org

UPCOMING SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS

February 15, 2020 Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkin

March 14, 2020 TBA

April 11, 2020: Small Potatoes

DAVIS TO PRODUCE SECOND SATURDAY

Beginning with our January 11 concert (Ben Bedford from Illinois returns), Carolyn Davis will serve as HFMS Vice President and Producer of our concerts. A longtime board member and current President, Carolyn has also been producer of her own series, ***Carolyn's Cottonwood Concerts***, and is a decades-long regular attendee at **Kerrville, Woodyfest, Winfield** and other major festivals. She knows how to find the talent and how to book 'em.

November 9, 2019 was the last concert of Paul Cooper's ten-year hitch as producer. He will continue as a board member and Treasurer.

Thanks to all of you for your faithful support and attendance at Second Saturday. Carolyn and your board are committed to continuing to bring you great shows by great artists, and we look forward to seeing you there.



OTHER UPCOMING HFMS DECEMBER EVENTS

*****HFMS MEETING/SONG CIRCLE—December 2, 7:30PM**

Our monthly song circle meeting is **Monday, December 2** 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.

*****December PICKIN' PARTY — December 15, 2:00PM**

The next Pickin' Party is from 2:00-6:00 PM, **Sunday, December 15** 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. Hops House will have alcoholic beverages available for purchase. Bob Felder has, again, generously offered to reimburse Hops

House for soft drinks and water. 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>.

*****FUTURE PICKIN' PARTIES:** JP Hops House has kindly offered, and is now our regular venue for our Pickin' Parties. Bob Felder has generously volunteered to cover the cost of non-alcoholic beverages. Alcoholic beverages may be purchased by attendees. Any members who would like to host a Pickin' Party at their home or other venue is encouraged to do so. Just contact Carolyn Davis, carolynadavis@aol.com at least one month prior to the Pickin' Party.



LAST MONTH'S HAPPENINGS***

*****The October Song Circle / Meeting** at the Jewish Community Center was a delightful gathering of few players with lots of songs.





Another Monday evening of fun and interesting musical sharing.

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****The November Second Saturday Concert** on November 9 featured the amazing, long time Second Saturday veteran musician, Bryan Bowers.



Bryan's performance was outstanding, as he educated, entertained and entranced the very engaged audience. His warm and energy impressed the very appreciative Second Saturday audience.



*****The November Pickin' Party** was at JP Hops House. Several Pickin' Party regular pickers, storytellers and listeners were in attendance, along with a couple of "occasional pickin' party participants. Our usual photographers were unable to attend, so we will use our imaginations to visualize the array of instruments and smiling faces present. Good food! Good music! Good company.

***** Featured Song**

Paul Cooper

A HUNGRY FEELIN'

This song was first performed as part of a play by Brendan Behan, who is credited with composing it. Learning that came as a surprise to me, because when I first heard it performed by Ian and Sylvia in the early 60's it sure sounded like an old folk song. It is based on Behan's personal experience at Mountjoy Prison, where he was confined at one time. You can hear this song at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RRL7pEMMIbU>, or on the HFMS Audio Archive page at http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS_Audio_Archive.html.

ROYAL CANAL

by Brendan Behan

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A hungry feelin' came o'er me stealin,

G D G A

As the mice were squealin' in my prison ce-ell.

CHORUS:

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When that old triangle goes jingle-jangle

G D G D

All along the banks of the Royal Canal.

To begin the mornin' – the water boilin'
Get out of bed and clean up your cell

CHORUS:

On a fine spring evenin' the lag lay dreamin'
The seagulls beamin' high above the wall

CHORUS:

The screw was peepin' and the lay was sleepin'
As he lay there weepin' for his gal Sal

CHORUS:

In the female prison there are seventy women
And it's ooh with them that I would like to dwell

CHORUS:

The day was dyin' and the wind was sighin'
As I lay cryin' in my prison cell

CHORUS:



Help Support Houston Folklore and Music Society

Christmas Shopping??? Have you enrolled in [SMILE.AMAZON.COM](https://www.smile.amazon.com)? 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](https://www.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

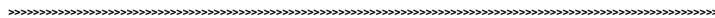
- Adam and Chris Carroll, December 1 at Fulshear House Concerts. Reservations and information: www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org or (713) 417-2904
- DECEMBER SONGS with Amy Speace, Rod Picott, Wild Ponies, December 15 at Fulshear House Concerts. Reservations and information: www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org or (713) 417-2904

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

Thank you for supporting live music!



UPCOMING FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL EVENTS around Texas



Dickens on the Strand

<https://www.galvestonhistory.org/events/dickens-on-the-strand>

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Annual Acoustic Music Retreat

Returning to Sam Houston State University

Huntsville, TX

January 3-5

<http://houstondulcimer.com/wp-content/uploads/AcousticRetreatInfo.pdf>



*****LOCAL CALENDAR FOR December 2019*****

Compiled by Carolyn Davis

Confirm with venue for details and updates.

<<HFMS EVENTS>>

Monday, 12/2 _____

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

Sunday, 12/15 _____

- 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, 12/1 _____

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

- Songwriter / Song Prompt Open Mic. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Monday, 12/2 _____

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

Thursday, 12/5 _____

- Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson.
(8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Bruce and Kelly - Holiday Shindig. (7:00PM & 9:30PM) Mucky Duck.
- Buenos Diaz (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- John Egan. (8:30PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.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>

Tuesday, 12/3 _____

- Mindy Smith. (7PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

Wednesday, 12/4 _____

- Bob Schnieder's Moonlight Orchestra.
Wortham Center presented by Mucky Duc
- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen,
(7:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>

Friday, 12/6

- Dana Cooper. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Bruce and Kelly - Holiday Shindig. (7PM & 9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Matt Harlan w/ Claudia Gibson and Lazarus Nichols. (8:30PM) JP Hops House.
- Tom Tranchilla and Buddy Allen.(6:30PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>
- Chuck Hawthorne / Libby Koch. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 12/7

- Albert and Gage.(8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Ian Moore (7:00PM & 9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Charm School (8:30PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Brian Kalinec.(8:00PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>
- Adam and Chris Carroll. 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.

Sunday, 12/8

- elHouston Songwriter Association Christmas Party and Awards. (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
- Ramblin Jack Elliott. 'Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Monday, 12/9

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

Tuesday, 12/10

- Noise for Toys fundraiser (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

Wednesday, 12/11

- 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, 12/12

- John Egan. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Nollaig, A Celtic Christmas w/ The Here and Now. (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Ken Gaines & Songwriter Showcase. (8:00PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>
- Nobody's Girl. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 12/13

- Lynn Langham and Doug Gill. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Radney Foster. (7:00PM & 9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Texas Songwriter Showcase JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>

Saturday, 12/14

- Traveler. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- James McMurtry (7:00PM & 9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Live music TBA. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Susan Martin & friends. (8:00PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>
- James Sturrock (Dreadneck Trio). Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Sunday, 12/15

- HFMS Pickin' Party. (2:00PM) JP Hops House. www.houstonfolkmusic.org
- Open Mic (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Amy Speace, Rod Picott, Wild Ponies Fulshear House Concerts. www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org

Monday, 12/16

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

Tuesday, 12/17

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

Wednesday, 12/18

- 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, 12/19

- Pat Byrne. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Martin Burniston's Christmas Sing-a-long. (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>
- Annual Old Quarter Christmas Party. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 12/20

- Martin Burniston's Christmas Sing-a-long. (7:00PM). Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Eric Sommer (8:30PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>

- Open Mic (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Painted Horse. (8:00PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>
- Charles Bryant / Van Buchanan / Alex Coba - Song Swap. Old Quarter. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 12/21

- Martin Burniston's Christmas Sing-a-long. (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Claudia Nygaard with Brian Kalinec (8:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- South Austin Moonlighters. 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 Christmas Part (4:00PM) <https://houstondulcimer.com>

Sunday, 12/22

- 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, 12/23

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

Tuesday, 12/24

- Bayou City Songwriters' Night open mic (8:00PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>
- Christmas Eve with Friends. (3:00 - 7:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>

Wednesday, 12/25—MERRY CHRISTMAS

Thursday, 12/26

- Bob Schneider (7:00PM & 9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Songwriter Open Mic.. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 12/27

- Terri Hendrix with Lloyd Maines. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Cory Morrow (7:00PM & (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Live music TBA. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Two Tons of Steel. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 12/28

- Terri Hendrix with Lloyd Maines. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Max Stalling. (7:00PM & 9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Live music TBA. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Jeff Plankernhorn. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Sunday, 12/29

- 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.

Tuesday, 12/31

- New Year's Eve with Shake Russell, Matt Harlan and Ken Gaines (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- New Year's Eve with Monte Warden and the Wagoneers. (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- New Year's Eve Party w/ potluck buffet (9:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>

Monday, 12/30

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

Thank you for supporting live music!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN HOUSTON FOLKLORE AND MUSIC SOCIETY
OR BUY THEM A GIFT MEMBERSHIP!**

(This is a great gift to share with family members who would enjoy learning about what you are up to. I have found that parents enjoy reading the newsletters.)

HFMS is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of folklore and folk/acoustic music. Activities include monthly SECOND Saturday CONCERT, monthly Pickin' Parties and monthly Monday night song circle/meeting. Dues are \$15 a year for a membership. Members receive our monthly digital newsletter, The Cotton Patch Rag, and the satisfaction of supporting and promoting live folk/acoustic music and other folklore activities in the greater Houston area. Make checks payable to the Houston Folklore and Music Society and mail to P.O. Box 542348 Houston, TX 77254 , **OR visit our website and pay on-line.** www.houstonfolkmusic.org

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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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Thank you!

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