
THE COTTON PATCH RAG

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Folklore and Music Society**

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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The Illinois songwriter is a masterful storyteller who can turn what seem like obscure historical references into engaging tales rife with vivid, stark imagery,” asserts Erik Ernst of *The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*.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.) Contact Carolyn Davis, (281-748-1131) or carolynadavis@aol.com for more concert information. Visit our website at: www.houstonfolkmusic.org

UPCOMING SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS

February 8, 2020 Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkin

March 14, 2020 TBA

April 11, 2020: Small Potatoes



OTHER UPCOMING HFMS JANUARY EVENTS

*****HFMS MEETING/SONG CIRCLE—January 6, 7:30PM**

Our monthly song circle meeting is **Monday, January 6** from 7:30 to 9:45PM 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.

*****January PICKIN' PARTY — Sunday, January 19, 2:00PM**

The next Pickin' Party is from 2:00-6:00 PM, **Sunday, January 19** 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. 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 December Song Circle / Meeting** at the Jewish Community Center was a small gathering with a room full of Hanukkah, Christmas, and other winter songs.



Another Monday evening of warm and interesting musical sharing.

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*****The December Pickin' Party** was at JP Hops House. Pickin' Party regular, occasional, and visiting pickers, storytellers and listeners were in attendance. Pam, of J.P Hops House, supplied bright holiday paper goods and tableware in the beautifully decorated room, for a festive seasonal gathering. Bob and Gay Pangle, who started our monthly Pickin' Parties in their home sometime in the last century (30 + years ago), bid our group, and Texas, goodbye, as they moved to Florida a few days later. We will miss them dearly.







Bitter-sweet farewells, good food, good music and good company! A lovely final Pickin' Party for 2019!

*** Featured Song

Paul Cooper

THE ANGELS SING A LULLABY

Ben Bedford returns to Second Saturday January 11 (see Page 1). Ben can bring history and literature alive with his songwriting, and this song from his excellent CD, *Lincoln's Man*, is a fine example. The last verse, with its interwoven references to Jack London's works, is a songwriting *tour de force*. I've transposed it to a lower key for easier singing. If you don't have the CD (you can buy it at the concert), you can hear the song on the HFMS Audio Archive page at http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS_Audio_Archive.html.

GOODBYE JACK

By Ben Bedford

D **A**
 You've been too long out to sea, in the great north weather
Bm **G**
 With your right hand on a writing pen, a bottle on the other.
D **A**
 Steam power will not bring you back, nor intentions of the best
Bm **G**
 Your body broke in two, your spirit stood the test.

Hard livin' on the Frisco bay, it ain't no way to go –
 There's scoundrels on the briny deep, and the hills are full of gold.
 They say you were an S O B and hard to get along –
 Still I figure you were worth at least a poor man's song.

CHORUS:

D **A**
 Goodbye Jack, welcome home.
Bm **G**
 The angels sing a lullaby, you've been too long alone.
D **A**
 There's a place, won't go dry.
Bm **G** **D**
 It's somewhere 'tween the Milky Way and the South Pacific sky. Goodbye Jack.

Your soul transcended snowbanks and rivers' icy brinks
Your body stumbled down the street to the taverns for a drink.
But if I listen hard enough I can nearly always hear it
As animal brutality contends with human spirit.

CHORUS

Like miners pan for gold, you lived your life too fast
Slowly stealin' vital signs from things not meant to last.
But you poured it out on the page with your uncommon wit
From mountains capped with silver down the streets of grime and grit.

CHORUS

Your love of life was forfeit, you tried to build that fire
From Dawson to the sea, with the men of Forty Mile.
And a daughter of Aurora's waitin' at the rainbow's end
She's callin' to the wild, with the League of the Old Men.

CHORUS

Goodbye Jack. Goodbye Jack. Goodbye Jack.



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Annual Acoustic Music Retreat

Returning to Sam Houston State University

Huntsville, TX

January 3-5, 2020

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



*****LOCAL CALENDAR FOR January 2020*****

Compiled by Carolyn Davis

Confirm with venue for details and updates.

<<HFMS EVENTS>>

Monday, 1/6 _____

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

Sunday, 1/19 _____

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

Saturday, 1/11 _____

- Second Saturday Concert : Ben Bedford (7:30PM to 10:00PM). W. University Community Bldg, 6401 Auden. www.houstonfolkmusic.org

<<<EVENTS AROUND TOWN>>>

Wednesday, 1/1

- HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thursday, 1/2

- Johnny Nicholas & Cindy Cashdollar. (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Mary Battiata. (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, 1/3

- Dawne & Hawkes. (7PM) Mucky Duck
- Mike Stinson 9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Odd Toddler. (8:30PM) JP Hops House.
- Helene Cronin, Eric Korb . (8:30PM) Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>
- GABE WOOTTON SONGWRITER SERIES WITH HEATHER LITTLE & BRANT CROUCHER Grifters & Shills / Black Lung Lucy / Mighty Orq. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 1/4

- Shake Russell & Michael Hearn (7:30PM) Mucky Duck
- Ken Gaines & Wayne Wilkerson hosting Shaunna I a Dress. (8:30PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- John & Candi w/ Chuck Collins and friends. Americana Houston. <http://theamericanahouston.com>
- Gabe Wootton Songwriter Series w/ Heather Little & Brant Croucher. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- Ella & Celia, Wylde Meade & Terese Weber (4:15PM) EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>
- HATDS Contradance (7:30PM) West U Community Center.

Sunday, 1/5

- Open Mic (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Brian Kalinec & friends. EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>
- Gurf Morlix. Fulshear House Concerts. www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org

Monday, 1/6

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

Tuesday, 1/7

- Band of Shepherds & Emily Cole. (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

Wednesday, 1/8

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

Thursday, 1/9

- Girls Night Out - Giulia Millanta - Barbara Nesbit - Kelly Green. (7:00PM) Mucky Duck
- Beet Root Revival (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Ken Gaines in the round with Wayne Wilkerson & Keith Rea (8 PM). JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Songwriter Open Mic.. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 1/10

- Market Junction.. (7PM) Mucky Duck
- Hamilton Loomis 9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Texas Songwriter Showcase. (9PM) JP Hops House.
- Song Prompt Showcase. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 1/11

- Second Saturday Concert : Ben Bedford (7:30PM to 10:00PM). W. University Community Bldg, 6401 Auden. www.houstonfolkmusic.org
- Derailers (7:00PM) Mucky Duck
- John Gaar. (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- The Fowler Brothers. (8:30PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Brandt Mc Dermott Band. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- HATDS Contradance (7:30PM) West U Community Center.

Sunday, 1/12

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

Monday, 1/13

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

Tuesday, 1/14

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

Wednesday, 1/15

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

Thursday, 1/16

- Kym Warner (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Micah Motenko. (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Sarah Burton and Hank Woji. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Matt Harlan & Ali Holder. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- HATDS English Country Dance (7:15PM) First UU Church. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>

Friday, 1/17

- Lera Lynn. (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Jason Eady. (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Nathan Evans Fox and Jackson Grimm. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Kevin Galloway. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 1/18

- Dar Williams. (6:00PM & 9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Ray Wyatt. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Jordi Baizan & Brad Boyer. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- N. Harris County Dulcimer Society. <https://houstondulcimer.com>
- HATDS Contradance (7:30PM) West U Community Center. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>

Sunday, 1/19

- HFMS Pickin' Party. (2:00PM) JP Hops House. www.houstonfolkmusic.org
- Open Mic (6:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>

Monday, 1/20

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

Tuesday, 1/21

- Nathan Quick. (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Justin Farren & Ben de la Cour. (8:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>

Wednesday, 1/22

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

Thursday, 1/23

- Sarah Grace and the Soul. (7:00PM). Mucky Duck

- Charlie Mars (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Great Aunt (from Australia) Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- Songwriter Open Mic.. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 1/24

- Christy Hays. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Two Tons of Steel. (7:00PM). Mucky Duck.
- Sheila Marshall (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- TBA JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Brandon Rhyder. Old Quarter. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 1/25

- Brian Pounds. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Pat Byrne. (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Shelley King (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- TBA JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>
- Christy Hays Full Band. Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Sunday, 1/26

- 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, 1/27

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

Tuesday, 1/28

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

Wednesday, 1/29

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

Thursday, 1/30

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

Friday, 1/31

- Adam and Chris Carroll. (8:30PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Lisa Morales. (7:00PM) Mucky Duck
- Shane Alexander (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Live music TBA. JP Hops House. <http://jphopshouse.com>

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

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