

THE COTTON PATCH RAG

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the Houston Folklore and Music Society

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SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS have been canceled for the remainder of 2020 and will resume when the Houston Folklore and Music Society AND West University Community Building both determine it will be safe from a public health perspective.

Second Saturday Concert is presented by the **Houston Folklore and Music Society**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of folklore and folk/acoustic music. Concerts are held in the West University Community Building at 6104 Auden (intersection of Auden and Rice Blvd). Contact Carolyn Davis (281-240-9797) or carolynadavis@aol.com for more concert information. Visit our website at: houstonfolkmusic.org.

SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS ARE ALL **TENTATIVE** for the foreseeable future

NO CONCERTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2020

January 9, 2021: Albert and Gage

February 13, 2021: Small Potatoes

March 13, 2021: TBD

April 10, 2021: Anne Hills

May 8, 2021: C. Daniel Boling

September 11, 2021: Paul Sachs

OTHER HFMS EVENTS

***NOVEMBER HFMS MEETING/SONG CIRCLE — CANCELED

Our monthly song circle meeting at the Jewish Community Center is canceled for public health reasons.

***NOVEMBER PICKIN' PARTY — CANCELED

Watch our web site, <http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/#pknpty> and emails for updates.

STAY HEALTHY AND OUT OF HARM'S WAY!!!



DEAR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSTON FOLKLORE & MUSIC SOCIETY

From March to the end of the year, the COVID19 virus has caused a cessation of our usual society activities, which include; monthly song circles, picking parties, and the production of the Second Saturday Concert series. Because of this, the board would like to grant an **extension to the expiration dates of your memberships by ten months**. We understand many of you have been supporting individual artists via contributions to their online performances; *we know how much they must appreciate your kind efforts!* If you have the ability and wish to *contribute to the HFMS*, **you would also have our deepest appreciation!** For online donations please go to houstonfolkmusic.org OR contact Paul Cooper, Treasurer at 713-204-1207 or pcooper1@peoplepc.com.



Please help Support Houston Folklore and Music Society

Have you enrolled in [SMILE.AMAZON.COM](https://smile.amazon.com)? Amazon shoppers can help support HFMS in our mission to continue promoting folk and acoustic music (and similar folklore traditions) in the greater Houston area. Doing so allows us to continue bringing excellent performers to Houston for Second Saturday Concerts. You can help **at no cost to you** when you 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 and Amazon will automatically donate 0.5% of the amount of your purchase to HFMS. Every little bit helps! Please send this information to everyone you know who might be willing to support our organization in this way. It only 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 as a charitable donation. Contact Paul Cooper, Treasurer at 713-204-1207 or pcooper1@peoplepc.com.

WHILE YOU'RE SHOPPING...

If you are looking for a way to support KFF and receive a beautiful commemorative souvenir at the same time, there were only 40 KFF2020 Celebration posters available to the public; now there's closer to 30. These aren't being re-printed, when they're gone, they're gone.

<https://www.kerrvillefolkfestival.org/product-page/kff20-20-october-virtual-celebration-poster>



JUST FOLKING AROUND

Austin Friends of Traditional Music has youth scholarships available to help pay for online traditional music lessons!

Full details at <https://aftm.us/resources/scholarships>





List of potential resources:

<https://aftm.us/resources/online-learning>



#SAVEOURSTAGES

<https://www.saveourstages.com/> This is our final push to Congress and there won't be another opportunity. We NEED the #SaveOurStagesAct and the #RestartAct passed in order to keep independent venues nationwide from closing permanently. Please help us #SaveOurStages now.

-  Partake in a wide variety of virtual song and dance!
<https://www.cdss.org/community/events-calendar>
-  Join an online Open Jam to keep the boredom away!
<https://calendar.google.com/calendar?cid=MGQzY2thZXZxcjQ1dGVscWI0dWxiYTZpcmNAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xlLmNvbQ>
-  Join a Virtual Folk Dance from any number of countries
HERE <http://www.facone.org/>
HERE <https://daleadamson.com/events-calendar/>
OR HERE <https://mailchi.mp/rscds/dance-scottish-at-home-582058>
-  See an extensive list of folk and acoustic virtual concert links
<https://folk.org/livestreams/month/2020-10/>

Google Map of
Old Time Jams (blue)
Festivals (red)
Fiddle Contests (purple)
Irish Sessions (green)
Contra Dance Bands (yellow)
in the US and Around the
World!
(confirm local listings)



https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?usp=sharing&fbclid=IwAR2j6RG6vSIXup_aMkmlGM5LKXhi_Xg1PIEkuG8rWCLRN-uwcN_nAxl0vKY&mid=1Fm6F6jxKmRH__8a-CGq67R69Y32IfXJ

I GOT A BIRD THAT WHISTLES...

by Andy Longo



When Bob Dylan sang about having a bird that whistles and a bird that sings, it was a melancholy tune about unrequited love. However in the eighteenth century, such words might have been an introduction to a tune most prideful. There was a fascination with songbirds

at that time. Consider that most birds are born with the sounds they make. Only four of the twenty-three major groups learn to make their sounds. These include the songbirds, parrots, hummingbirds, and lyrebirds.

Birds sing for natural reasons; to communicate within their species, to establish territory, and apparently for the joy of it. When a nightingale hears a tawny owl, one of its major predators, it may tend to silence for a bit, but then return to singing. Unique to every bird is a vocal organ called a syrinx located at the base of the trachea and in many birds is as small as a raindrop. It is an organ capable of making two sounds at once.

While songbirds are prolific singers, they do not sing in the harmonic scale devised by humans. The golden weaver has been known to sing in the pentatonic scale. That is, until humans became involved with songbirds in eighteenth century Germany and France. At that time, individuals sought to train songbirds to sing and to enter into competitions for which lavish prizes were awarded. There was no recorded music available for training so two instruments were used to produce melodies literally "for the birds". One was a high pitched flute called a [flageolet](#) and the other was a small barrel organ called a [serinette](#).

There is an anecdote from the 1930s in which a New South Wales farmer maintained a lyrebird as a pet. He would play his flute often near the bird. The bird learned only to sing a short fragment of one of his tunes, and he decided it best to let the bird have its freedom. Thirty years later, it was observed in the area that the lyrebirds were singing songs with flute like characteristics!

[COMPILATION OF BIRDS SONGS](#)



When I was a young man adrift upon the Dales
 I met a girl beside the bridge across the River Swale
 Her forebears roamed the Cotswolds and held the Normans there
 There was Saxon fire deep in her eyes, and Dog-Rose in her hair.



Sixteen generations since the brothers went to sea
 Richard fought the Spanish fleet off Plymouth and Torquay
 John set sail for America in a cold Southampton rain
 And though it's been four hundred years their blood runs in my veins.

CHORUS

When I was an old man I walked the long way home
 With memories as yellow as a wall of Sherbourne stone.
 The Old Bridge Inn at Topsham was my refuge from the air
 Though the Queen once called within those walls I found a welcome there.

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*******FROM THE EDITOR*******

Two steps forward... Well, we've come along way but some parts of the country are seeing an increase in pandemic cases again. We hope you and yours are staying safe. But should you need anything and don't know where to turn, remember you can reach out and we'll do what we can to find information for you. You're not alone! Don't isolate! Keep music in your life and bring it to someone in need if you can! If you know of any local or virtual events coming up that you'd like to share, or if you have an article you think may be of interest to the folk music community, please email **Cehlana**: Celtic.Music@aol.com and be sure to include **LOCAL EVENTS** (or **CPR Article**) in the subject line; we'll do our best to include it in the next issue.

UPCOMING & UPDATED FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL EVENTS around Texas & the US

FIDDLE HELL ONLINE NOVEMBER 5-8, 2020

160 WORKSHOPS, 35 CONCERTS, AND 34 JAMS

FIDDLE, CELLO, MANDOLIN, GUITAR, OLD-TIME BANJO, SINGING, AND MORE!
THURSDAY THROUGH SUNDAY WITH ONLINE ACCESS FOR THREE MONTHS BEYOND!

<https://fiddlehell.org/>

A virtual weekend of workshops, jams, concerts, and lots of opportunities to socialize with the teachers and one another!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/89360398464480>

<https://oldtime-central.com/the-fall-oldtime-gathering>

...instructors cover Bluegrass, Cajun, Cape Breton, Electric, French Canadian (Québécois), Gypsy Jazz, Irish, Jazz, Klezmer, New Acoustic, New England, Old-Time Southern, Scandinavian, Scottish, Swing, Western Swing...



Join us in the heart of the Davy Crockett National Forest for the 9th annual Old Mill Music Festival: 2020 Texas Edition
November 6th & 7th!

Come and see some of the best in the business at this all acoustic two day event.

<http://www.oldmillmusicfestival.com/>

Friday 6th November, DSAH will issue a special Virtual Autumn Gathering edition with links to Saturday 7th November, following on from the AGM afternoon, there will be a DSAH evening event. With a playlist of 9 popular dances, there will be videos of dancing, photos and facts to enjoy from the sofa, or to join in with as you dance around the living room!

<https://www.rscds.org/events/rscds-agm-2020>





Connection, Discovery, Inspiration
February 22-25, 2021
a four-day virtual event for the
entire international folk
community.

<https://folk.org/unlocked>

Virtual Dream Cafe

Community. Communion between audience and performers. Cyclical energy. Inspiration, anticipation, spontaneity; SHARED transcendent moments. Things we sorely miss! The VDC attempts to recreate this atmosphere, until live music venues are able to reopen.

<https://www.facebook.com/VirtualDreamCafe>

WED, NOV 4 AT 7:15 PM CST

VDC Presents: The Full Spectrum: Noah Zacharin, Rebecca Jasso, and Sue Fink In-the-Round <https://fb.me/e/1LUgJuLJB>

WED, NOV 18 AT 7:15 PM CST

VDC Presents: In Our Hearts: Anne Heaton, Katie Dahl, and Sue Fink In-the-Round <https://fb.me/e/cdKCN8hii>

*****CLOSED FOR NOW*****



INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES STILL AVAILABLE!!

Get in on the ground floor of something special.

May open again if funding becomes available. Contact [Mark Zeus](#) directly if interested!

<http://www.theamericanahouston.com>

JP Hops House

Houston's Premier Brew Pub and Music Venue

<https://www.jphopshouse.com/>

Ready and waiting for county permission!

OTHER FESTIVALS



Texas Renaissance Festival

October 3 - November 29 9 am - 8 pm

Saturday, Sunday & Thanksgiving Friday

<https://www.texrenfest.com/tickets-season-passes>

a FREE online event with opportunities for you to donate to help keep the fest going strong with a big 2021 live comeback next year. November 14th, 2020 12pm - 7pm
<https://fb.me/e/3clq5yw4n>



DEC 5 AT 10 AM CST – DEC 6 AT 6 PM CST
Dickens on The Squares

This year's event will take place in five separate locations, each featuring a dedicated entrance and exit, strict capacity limits, mask requirements, etc

<https://fb.me/e/3lbrf1REB>

You are cordially invited to compete (or spectate) at the “Hill Country Hye-Land Games”. (Scottish Highland Games) This will be a small backyard game held at the Hye Cider Company in Hye, Texas on February 27, 2021. A perfect warm-up game for your upcoming season. Men's open, men's Masters, and women's classes.



<https://www.facebook.com/events/325515428600082/>



SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021 AT 9 AM – 7 PM
AND

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021 AT 11 AM – 6 PM
San Antonio Highland Games and
Celtic Music Festival 2021

<https://www.facebook.com/events/621652532023686/>

LOCAL FOLK MUSIC VENUES



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

3 PM CST

Jim and Susie Malcolm

Scotland to Texas

To register and receive the Zoom link,
please email susie@jimmalcolm.com
(mention Houston)

Suggested donation \$10-\$15/person

The Mucky Duck is streaming concerts
on Facebook and YouTube almost daily
AND is having some live shows again!

<https://www.mcgonigels.com/#shows>



IS BACK!!! Limited in house seating
will be available for upcoming shows
AND live streaming

<http://andersonfair.net/>

Old Quarter Acoustic Cafe shows
are currently ONLINE ONLY.

Refunds available for all canceled live shows:

http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com/?page_id=1767



November 28th It's a Party In The
Parking Lot! Giving Thanks for the
Joy of Music & You in our lives!

Bring the Mosquito Spray (Hey, it's
Houston), and a Chair - OR -
LET US KNOW if you want to
RESERVE A SEAT at a table!

EQ Heights will be offering their

Delicious Coffees, Adult Beverages and Tasty Treats! *RSVP not required but
strongly recommended!* Celtic Music & Folk Music, and Russian Folk Music

<https://www.facebook.com/events/810265336442711>

MORE LOCAL EVENTS



Monday, November 2, 2020

Molly's 10th Annual

Charity Golf Tournament

benefiting Texas Prader-Willi Association

<http://www.theirishsociety.org/CalendarofEvents.html>

NOVEMBER 13th & 14th 2020

Bay Area Nutcracker Market
The Pasadena Convention Center
and Municipal Fairgrounds



<https://www.facebook.com/events/2699395333643203>



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2021

6:30 PM

Houston Irish Stew Cook-off

Cook & Volunteer Meeting

<https://www.facebook.com/events/469651743994044/>



Houston and The Woodlands *in-person classes* for the Fall are cancelled:
<http://www.houstonrscds.org/events-2020/4594786198> Virtual classes
will continue on our [Houston RSCDS Facebook page](#) at 7:30pm Tuesdays.



http://www.folkdancers.org/?fbclid=IwAR2BaQTNf7Gj7ZfOjZQRijKs5a9_xaV-tM5uCdBGBwSuy_xo6OUOgSEnMdY

*****LOCAL CALENDAR*****

NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Daylight Savings Ends FALL BACK						
JIM & SUSIE MALCOLM FROM SCOTLAND TO TEXAS (HOUSE CONCERT) https://www.facebook.com/jimandsusie	REAL LIFE REAL MUSIC (8PM) https://www.doseydoetickets.com/shows/1024		PAT BYRNE 5PM https://www.mcgonigels.com/shows/pat-byrne-this-show-will-also-be-live-streamed-on-youtube	RESTLESS HEART 8:30PM https://www.doseydoetickets.com/shows/855	DALE WATSON 8:30PM https://www.doseydoetickets.com/shows/758	MIKE & THE MOONPIES 8:30PM https://www.doseydoetickets.com/shows/1017
JEFF CANADA (7PM) https://www.doseydoetickets.com/shows/965			WILD RABBIT SALAD 7:30PM https://www.mcgonigels.com/shows/wild-rabbit-salad-this-show-will-also-be-live-streamed-on-youtube	PATRICE PIKE 7PM https://www.mcgonigels.com/shows/patrice-pike/	BRUCE ROBINSON 7PM https://www.mcgonigels.com/shows/bruce-robinson-this-show-will-also-be-live-streamed-on-facebook	PIPER JONES 7PM https://www.mcgonigels.com/shows/piper-jones-this-show-will-also-be-live-streamed-on-facebook-and-youtube
				SONGWRITERS IN THE ROUND 8:30PM http://andersonfair.net/		CLANDESTINE 9:30PM https://www.mcgonigels.com/shows/clandestine-this-show-will-also-be-live-streamed-on-youtube
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		SCOOTER BROWN 7:30PM https://www.doseydoetickets.com/shows/1033	Veterans' Day REAL LIFE REAL MUSIC 8PM https://www.doseydoetickets.com/shows/1023	AATW STRING BAND 8:30PM https://www.doseydoetickets.com/shows/932	NEAL MCCOY 8:30PM https://www.doseydoetickets.com/shows/733	"Playing Safe Outdoors" Jam (2pm NHCDS) http://houstondulcimer.com/event/playing-safe-outdoors-jam-at-bear-creek-pioneer-park/
			JORDIE BAIZAN 7:30PM https://www.mcgonigels.com/shows/jordi-baizan	STAEHELY BRO'S & THE FLYIN' A'S 7PM https://www.mcgonigels.com/shows/staehely-brother-and-the-flyin-as/	SISTER MORALES 7PM https://www.mcgonigels.com/shows/sisters-morales-this-show-will-also-be-live-streamed-on-facebook-and-youtube-7pm	ADAM HOOD 8:30PM https://www.doseydoetickets.com/shows/957

NOVEMBER cont....

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
					PAT BYRNE & ANDREA MAGEE 9:30PM https://www.mcgongigels.com/shows/pat	ORDINARY ELEPHANT 7PM https://www.mcgongigels.com/shows/ordinary-elephant
						COLIN GILMORE 9:30PM https://www.mcgongigels.com/shows/colin-gilmore
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		KYLE HUTTON & FRIENDS 8PM https://www.doseydoetickets.com/shows/1022	MARKET JUNCTION (8PM DOSEY DOE) https://www.doseydoetickets.com/shows/1012		SAWYER FREDERICKS (8:30PM DOSEY DOE) https://www.doseydoetickets.com/shows/777	November Monthly Club Meeting (2pm online NHCDS) http://houstondulcimer.com/event/november-monthly-club-meeting/
					OPIE HENDRIX 7PM https://www.mcgongigels.com/shows/opi	JOSH GRIDER & DAVID LEE 8:30PM https://www.doseydoetickets.com/shows/1014
						SUE FOLEY 7PM https://www.mcgongigels.com/shows/sue-foley
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
				Thanksgiving	COOL FREDDIE E 8:30PM https://www.doseydoetickets.com/shows/934	TRACY BYRD 8:30PM https://www.doseydoetickets.com/shows/1029
						MARKET JUNCTION 7PM https://www.mcgongigels.com/shows/market-junction
						WYLDE MEADE & Friends @ EQ Heights 4:15PM https://fb.me/e/1bl6SED26

Thank you for supporting live music!

PLEASE KEEP OUR HISTORIC ORGANIZATION ALIVE DURING THIS PANDEMIC. INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN HOUSTON FOLKLORE AND MUSIC SOCIETY OR BUY THEM A GIFT MEMBERSHIP!

HFMS is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of folklore and folk/acoustic music. Activities include the following monthly events: *Second Saturday Concerts*, Monday night song circle/meetings, and Pickin' Parties. Dues are \$20 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.

Fill-out, print, and mail this page along with check(s) payable to **Houston Folklore and Music Society**, P.O. Box 542348, Houston, TX 77254 , **OR visit our website and join on-line at houstonfolkmusic.org**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Membership Renewal Re-Joining

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

NAME

STREET

CITY

STATE

ZIP

PHONE

(wk)

E-MAIL:

Enclosed is \$20 Annual Dues Enclosed is additional tax deductible donation to nonprofit organization.

Thank you!

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