

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

***DECEMBER HFMS MEETING/SONG CIRCLE — CANCELED

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

***DECEMBER 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

HFMS IS TEMPORARILY UNAVAILABLE ON SMILE.AMAZON.COM. WE ARE WORKING TO GET THIS RESOLVED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE! 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.

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

The holidays are upon us and as the winter months come closer so does the virus grow (I think there's a song in there somewhere?!). We are saddened at the thought of not being able to share our time with you this season, but heartened in knowing we are doing what is best to keep all of our loved ones safe at this time. We encourage everyone to "stay social" online and "in touch" virtually, enjoy distanced events, get outdoors as much as possible and remember to check on those living alone. 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. Wishing you the safest of Winter Holiday Seasons!!!

The Cast of Christmas Gift Bringers

by Andy Longo



At Christmas time in the United States, this can be a make it or break it retail season for merchants throughout the land. This season of gift giving has been inspired by the likes of several legendary gift bringers. In America and in Europe, Santa Claus, St. Nicholas and Father Christmas are well

known. In France, the gift bringer is known as Papa Noël, and his name has spread as far and wide as the others. He is also well known in the French Cajun area of Louisiana.

Now Santa Claus is fat and jolly, he has a wife and many elves to help him with his work. Also, he has eight reindeer to pull his sleigh along his delivery route. In contrast, Odin, the Viking gift bringer rides an eight legged horse, Sleipnir, as he goes about his gift distribution.



Now it must be difficult for a jolly and kind Santa or Father Christmas to deny gifts to those whose behavior was wanting throughout the year. Some as in the Czech Republic have a specialist for this. Mikulas, the gift bringer, travels with an angel and a devil who address the issue of naughty or nice. In Germany,

it was discovered that St Nicholas had an assistant, Krampus, a demon monster resembling a goat and having large claws. His jobs is to deal with the children who have not measured up.

I will end this trivia with the legend from my ancestors from Italy. We have a female gift bringer, the good witch, Befana. She brings candy to good boys and girls who leave their shoes by the front door. To the children who have not behaved, they receive a lump of coal. In



my family, there were gifts from Santa, and candy left in my stocking. I heard of the lump of goal and thought that so awful. In some cultures it is a minimal gift. The child who receives the lump of goal can at least toss it in the fire and feel the warmth. Also Befana receives from the parents, a glass of wine and a serving of salami left by the door alongside of the shoes to be filled with candy.





Whiskey on the bayou, pollen falls like rain.
 Difference between flowers and weeds
 To me they're both the same - ooooo
 Walking in the sunshine, water rushing by
 Thoughts in my mind, starting to find
 Words I'd like to try, musings I just might try **CHORUS**



Blanket in the meadow, tension melts away
 I can just sit, let the words come
 The sky knows what to say - ooooo
 Wind across my wine glass, chords sung in the air
 Bees buzz their tune, strumming through blooms
 Music everywhere, *melodies everywhere.* **CHORUS x2**



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

Join Texas Folklife in #KeepingFolkArtsResilient on #GivingTuesday. Anyone who donates to Texas Folklife between now and the end of Giving Tuesday will enter a raffle to win a gift basket presented by Tito's Handmade Vodka in Austin!



Several ways to get involved and donate can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1022064204925033>



Live on YouTube

Full line-up announcement coming soon. Look forward to hours of the best in Texas fiddling!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEk3YIM3dYI2ryy8aC0Fotg?utm_source=Texas+Folklife+Email+List&utm_campaign=1baa7200c8-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_05_30_03_36_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_54c4e079f0-1baa7200c8-252150338&mc_cid=1baa7200c8&mc_eid=fdbf08aca0



Connection, Discovery, Inspiration February 22-25, 2021

a four-day virtual event for the entire international folk community.

<https://folk.org/unlocked>



NTIF Sets Sail on the Virtual Ocean with Music and More!

<https://beta2021.ntif.org/?fbclid=IwAR0lyCTSJWxABPhgahYhyaRCEppE89-OfVWH-Lg3gTA6DPtt7l8OizwlGWA>

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>




MAYOR'S OFFICE OF
**CULTURAL
AFFAIRS**

CITY OF HOUSTON
Musicians and Music Venues
Economic Relief Program

A resource for Houston musicians and for-profit and nonprofit music venues economically impacted by COVID-19 to help sustain their operations during and after the pandemic.

<https://houstoncaresaboutmusic.org/> #HoustonCARESAboutMusic

-  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=MGQzY2thZXZxcjQ1dGVscWI0dWxiYTZpcmNAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2ZxllmNvbQ>
-  Join a Virtual Folk Dance from any number of countries
HERE <http://www.facone.org/>
HERE <https://daleadamson.com/events-calendar/>
-  See an extensive list of folk and acoustic virtual concert links
<https://folk.org/livestreams/month/2020-12/>

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

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>



Revels Houston presents a virtual, recorded Christmas Revels celebration of the Winter Solstice! The two-part video program includes a compilation of highlights from live, theatrical Christmas Revels productions staged by the company during the first half of its thirty-year history (1991-2004). Enjoy traditional music and dances of the holiday season from seven different cultures and eras!

Available on-demand beginning Saturday, December 19, 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/user/RevelsHouston>

OTHER FESTIVALS

STARTING FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2020 AT 12 PM
Ring in the Holiday Season with fun activities for the family at Jingle on the Boardwalk 🎄
Join us every weekend throughout the month of December.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3454236798030507/>



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>

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020

AT 9 AM CST – 5 PM CST

CyFair Nutcracker Market

Grab your favorite mask and lets shop 'til we drop and help get our local economy moving again. 150+ vendors! Women's and Children's Boutique Clothing, Home, Holiday and Garden Decor, Handmade and Fashion Jewelry, Gourmet food items...



<https://www.facebook.com/events/3508735782494438>



HTX Market

A monthly calendar of markets at some of your favorite hangouts all over HTX!!!

Eat. Shop. ♥ Do Good.

<https://www.htxmarket.com/calendar?view=calendar&month=12-2020>

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.

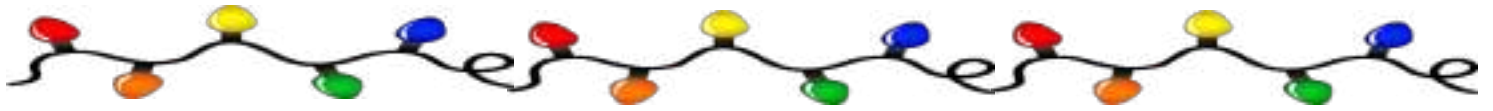
<https://www.facebook.com/events/325515428600082/>



**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/>



A LITTLE HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

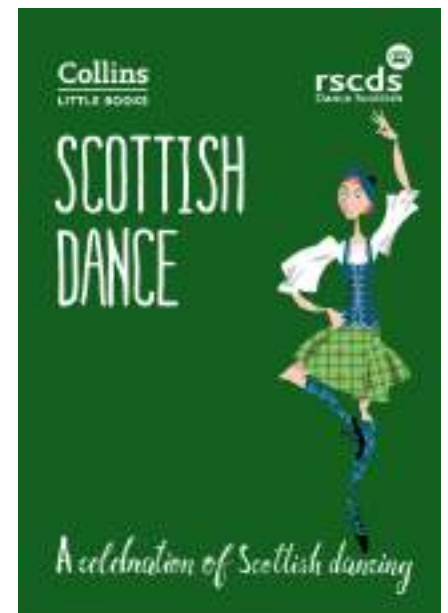


Say howdy to your neighbor in style with a Texas Folklife mask! Or check out other merchandise, including the 2020 Big Squeeze t-shirt and the 29th and 30th Annual AKQ Official Shirts while supplies last! Once these limited-edition shirts are gone, they will not be restocked, so make sure to get yours before it is too late! [Get Your TXF Merch](#)

Ideal for beginners, the Little Book of Scottish Dance, A celebration of Scottish Dancing is the new collaborative work between Harper Collins and RSCDS.

Simple ceilidh moves to more complex formations and set dances, illustrated through diagrams and photos. Popular traditional dances and several lesser known dances.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/Scottish-Dance-celebration-dancing-Collins-ebook/dp/B06Y59Y8GQ/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=Collins+Little+Book+of+Scottish+Dance&qid=1586180280&sr=8-1



FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY FOR "FRANK HAMILTON -- LAST MAN SINGING" planned as a public television documentary
www.gofundme.com/f/frank-hamilton-last-man-singing
a one-hour public television documentary sharing the contributions and unique, compelling perspectives of this under-recognized figure in America's modern folk music movement.



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HOLIDAY MERCH IS HERE!

Winter beanies, hoodies, trucker hats, tie-dyes, bandanas, wool felt banners, logo tees, postcard notepads, patches, onesies, and more to come! We've got you covered for the holidays, so **visit the shop** now while supplies last.



From *Trout Fishing In America* - Proper Cup of Coffee beans available! A new Don't Touch My Stuff coffee mug (appropriate for 2020)! Beans Barton beanies. CDs and t-shirts on sale - promo code TFIA15. <https://www.troutmusic.com>



KFF 2020 Gift Gallery Fundraiser
<https://www.kerrvillefolkfestival.org/fundraising-gift-gallery>



Spotlighting different artists and great gift ideas on their FB posts and SO MUCH to see and do on their events tab & website – I can't even begin!!

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



<https://fresharts.org/champion-local-artists/hou-arts-community-happenings/>



Folk musicians need your support this Christmas. We are sharing gift ideas to buy direct from creators, helping to keep our scene afloat into the new year. Follow the hashtag **#FolkForChristmas** (on social media) for your Christmas shopping to support artists, share the music, and spread the joy!



LOCAL FOLK MUSIC VENUES



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/>



*****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!

MORE LOCAL EVENTS



**Houston and District Branch
Virtual SCD Class: Christmas
Party**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020
AT 7:30 PM**

**Come dance and Be Merry as
we celebrate! Wear red and
green or your favorite
Christmas outfit!**

**[https://www.facebook.com/ev
ents/381733333069766](https://www.facebook.com/events/381733333069766)**



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=IwAR2BaQTNf7Gj7ZfOjZ
QR1jKs5a9_xaV-tM5uCdBGBwSuy_xo6OUOgSEnMdY](http://www.folkdancers.org/?fbclid=IwAR2BaQTNf7Gj7ZfOjZQR1jKs5a9_xaV-tM5uCdBGBwSuy_xo6OUOgSEnMdY)**

DECEMBER 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 FESTIVE LIGHT UP OLD TIME SESSION 1:30PM (ONLINE) https://www.facebook.com/... Houston and District Branch Virtual SCD Class 7:30PM (ONLINE) https://www.facebook.com/... SHAKE RUSSELL 7PM (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigel.com/...	2 AMANDA PASCALI & THE FAMILY 7PM (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigel.com/... VDC Presents: Strong & True: Laura Joy, Emily Hurd, and Sue Fink In-the-Round 7:15PM (ONLINE) https://www.facebook.com/... PAT BYRNE 5PM (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigel.com/...	3 JOHN EGAN 7PM (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigel.com/... SONGWRITERS IN THE ROUND (KEN GAINES & WAYNE WILKERSON) 8:30PM (ANDERSON FAIR) http://andersonfair.net LAURA KOVACIC 9:30PM (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigel.com/...	4 COPPER CHIEF 8:30pm (DOSEY DOE) https://www.doseydoe.com/... TONY KAMEL 7PM & 9:30PM (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigels.com/...	5 LISA MORALES 7PM (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigel.com/... WRECKS & JANET BELL W/ GARY RAGAN 8PM (OLD QUARTER) http://oldquarteracoust.com BRIAN WHITE 8:30PM (DOSEY DOE) https://www.doseydoe.com/... Staehely Brothers 9:30 (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigel.com/...
6 WYNONNA & THE BIG NOISE 7:30PM (DOSEY DOE) https://www.doseydoe.com/...	7	8 NOISE FOR TOYS FUNDRAISER (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigel.com/... SHAKE RUSSELL 7PM (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigel.com/...	9 SUZANNA CHOFFEL 7:30PM (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigel.com/...	10 Hanukkah begins ANDREA MAGEE 7PM (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigel.com/... ANNIE MOSES BAND CHRISTMAS 8PM (DOSEY DOE) https://www.doseydoe.com/...	11 TWO TONS OF STEEL 7PM (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigels.com/... TAB BENOIT 8PM (DOSEY DOE) https://www.doseydoe.com/...	12 VIENNA TENG LIVE 1PM (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigel.com/... LIBBY KOCH 7PM (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigel.com/... TAB BENOIT 8PM (DOSEY DOE) https://www.doseydoe.com/...
13 THE GATLIN BROTHERS 7PM (DOSEY DOE) https://www.doseydoe.com/...	14	15	16 JOHN DOE 8PM (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigel.com/...	17 JOSHUA RAY WALKER 7PM (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigel.com/... JOE BURLISON'S CHRISTMAS JAZZ 8:30PM (DOSEY DOE) https://www.doseydoe.com/...	18 SARAH GRACE 7PM (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigels.com/... BART CROW BAND 8:30PM (DOSEY DOE) https://www.doseydoe.com/...	19 MONTE WARDEN 7PM (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigel.com/... ZANE WILLIAMS – THE WILDER BLUE 8:30PM (DOSEY DOE) https://www.doseydoe.com/... TRISH & DARIN 9:30PM (MUCKY DUCK) https://www.mcgonigel.com/...
20	21 Dec. Solstice (GMT) 	22	23 KT TUNSTALL 8PM (DOSEY DOE) https://www.doseydoe.com/...	24 Christmas Eve 	25 Christmas Day 	26 Kwanzaa begins  GIOVANNIE & THE HIRED GUNS 8:30PM (DOSEY DOE) https://www.doseydoe.com/...
27	28	29	30 CORY MORROW 7:30PM (DOSEY DOE) https://www.doseydoe.com/...	31 New Year's Eve  Kelley Peters Trio – Speakeasy 7:30PM (DOSEY DOE) https://www.doseydoe.com/...		

DISCLAIMER: Calendar includes all music events from venues that support folk music – events may include other genres. Please check venue or musician websites for show details!

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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