

# THE COTTON PATCH RAG

## The Newsletter of the Houston Folklore and Music Society

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### SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT

October 9, 2021 7:30 p.m.

## The Houston Balalaika Orchestra

with The Kosher Klezmer Band and The Merritt String Quartet



**West University Community Building, 6104 Auden (at Rice Blvd), Houston**

For purposes of social distancing, the building will only allow 52 attendees. To guarantee you have a seat you may email [carolyadavis@aol.com](mailto:carolyadavis@aol.com) by 2:00PM for a reservation and arrive BEFORE 7:20 P.M. No prepayment required—just a reservation. We expect to have enough seats for everyone, so even if you don't make a reservation come on out! We will most likely have space for you.

*Please wear a face mask. Vaccination is highly recommended for our audience members.*

## **About our artists:**

The **Houston Balalaika Orchestra** was founded in 1976. Currently under the direction of Pam Bingham, the orchestra performs throughout the Houston area an impressive repertoire of folk and semi-classical music from Russia and Eastern Europe, as well as the occasional popular or secular tune. The fire and grace of this unique music is always impressive, and leaves many audiences wondering how they missed being a fan of this incredible music for so long.

The **Kosher Klezmer Band** came together about 10 years ago, with members from several countries, including Israel, Bulgaria, Russia, Latvia, and yes, even Texas, to share their love of Klezmer music. The band performs traditional music from Eastern Europe, America, and Israel, and travels throughout Texas and the U.S. for weddings, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, festivals, and private parties. They have a CD coming out soon. Reserve your copy by contacting [pam@kosherklezmerband.com](mailto:pam@kosherklezmerband.com).

The **Merritt String Quartet** is a group of established Houston area musicians including Bill Tackett (violin), Christina LeBlanc (violin), Dr. Kenneth Holmes (viola), and HBO member Marissa Merritt (cello). They will perform an assortment of traditional Russian, Jewish and tango pieces.

**Second Saturday Concert** is presented by the **Houston Folklore and Music Society**, a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of folklore and acoustic music. Light snacks and refreshments are available for purchase. Tickets sold at the door (cash or check only) - adults \$18, seniors (65) and students \$14, children under 12 free. All profits go to the artists. Concerts are held the second Saturdays of each month (summers and December off) in the West University Community Building at 6104 Auden (intersection of Auden. and Rice Blvd.) Contact Carolyn Davis (281-240-9797) for more concert information or visit our website at: [www.houstonfolkmusic.org](http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org).

**November 13, 2021 – to be announced**

**January 8, 2022 - [Albert and Gage](#)**

**February 12, 2022 - [Anne Hills](#)**

**March 12, 2022 - [Daniel Boling](#)**

**April 9, 2022 – [Paul Sachs](#)**

## OTHER HFMS EVENTS

### ***DEAR MEMBERS OF THE HOUSTON FOLKLORE & MUSIC SOCIETY***

We are easing back into our social activities at long last, and ***will follow the guidelines required by each venue. Please continue to check links for possible changes or cancellations.*** We look forward to seeing you in person soon! Thank you for your contributions over the past year and half during the lock down; ***you have our deepest appreciation!***



### **OCTOBER MEETING and SONG CIRCLE**

#### **NEW PLACE AND DAY**

We will meet at *JP Hops House*, **TUESDAY**, October 5th 2021 - 7p



### **OCTOBER PICKIN' PARTY**

and will also meet at *JP Hops House*, Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Music starts at 3pm, but feel free to arrive as early as 2pm to socialize and set up!

Please help Support Houston Folklore and Music Society

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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 as a charitable donation. Contact Paul Cooper, Treasurer at 713-204-1207 or [pcooperowls0@gmail.com](mailto:pcooperowls0@gmail.com).

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**OCTOBER FEATURED SONG** by Paul Cooper  
**IT STUNG LOTS WORSE THAN A HIVE OF BEES**

This is one of the "orphan" lyrics Woody Guthrie wrote towards the end of his life when he was too sick with Huntington's Chorea to play the guitar, so he could not compose music. In 1998, Woody's daughter Nora commissioned Billy Bragg and the band Wilco to compose and record music for some of these lyrics. This version is from **Across The Water's** second CD, **Waterproof**. You can hear it on the HFMS Audio Archive page at [http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS\\_Audio\\_Archive.html](http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS_Audio_Archive.html). Capo IV to play along with the recording.

**WAY OVER YONDER IN THE MINOR KEY**

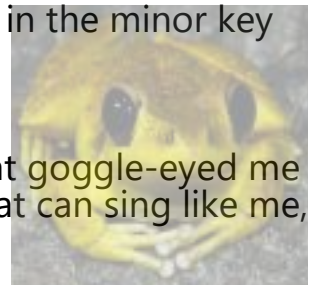
by Woody Guthrie

**G** I live in a place called Okfuskee **C** And I had a little girl in a hollow tree. **G**  
**C** I said, little girl it's plain to see **G** Ain't nobody that can sing like me;  
**D** Ain't nobody that can sing like me. **Em**  
**G** She said, it's hard for me to see **C** How one little boy got so ugly. **G**  
**C** Yes, my little girlie, well that might be, **G** But there ain't nobody that can sing like me  
**D** Ain't nobody that can sing like me. **Em**



**REFRAIN** **C** Way over yonder in the minor key **G D** Way over yonder in the minor key **Em**  
**D** There ain't nobody that can sing like me. **Em**

We walked down by the buckeye creek To see that froggy that goggle-eyed me  
 To hear that west wind whistle to the east There ain't nobody that can sing like me,  
 Ain't nobody that can sing like me.



Oh, my little girlie will you let me see Way over yonder where the wind blows free.  
 Nobody can see in our hollow tree, And there ain't nobody that can sing like me,  
 Ain't nobody that can sing like me. **REFRAIN**



Her Momma cut a switch from a cherry tree, And laid it on to she and me.  
 It stung lots worse than a hive of bees. But there ain't nobody that can sing like me,  
 Ain't nobody that can sing like me.

Now I have walked a long, long ways, Still look back to my tanglewood days.  
 I've led lots of girls since then to stray, Sayin ain't nobody that can sing like me,  
 Ain't nobody that can sing like me. **REFRAIN x2**

*Ain't nobody that can sing like me.*

# I GOT A BIRD THAT WHISTLES, I GOT A BIRD THAT SINGS...

*by Andy Longo*

An expecting human mother may caress her belly and sing to her unborn child because of the love she has for her baby. Birds sing to their eggs, and for various reasons. In the case of birds that lay eggs of precocious hatchlings, born with their eyes open and covered in down that are able to move about, this is part of imprinting. The hatchlings can fend for themselves provided they keep close to their mother. In the case of birds that lay eggs of altricial hatchlings, born with their eyes closed and very helpless, there are other reasons. For Zebra finches, the songs of the mother heard within the egg,

prepares the hatchling for the seasonal temperature. This change is important when ambient temperatures are running high. For Fairy wren, it provides a life saving defense. The Fairy wren mother teaches her hatchlings by singing the call they need to learn for feeding time.



The Cuckoo, a parasitic bird, will lay its egg in another species nest. When the Cuckoo egg hatches, it is usually much larger than the native hatchling and will instinctively push the native bird out of the nest, and consequently be raised alone by the unsuspecting mother bird. However, the Fairy wren will only feed the hatchlings that sing her song and thusly the parasitic hatchling will perish and not be a threat to her hatchlings.

Cartoon Contribution  
from Andy Longo



## FROM THE EDITOR

September presented its share of challenges! Hopefully everyone came out unscathed from Hurricane Nicholas! If you know of anyone in need don't hesitate to use the email below to reach out. If we can't help, we will find someone who 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 Cehlina: [Celtic.Music@aol.com](mailto: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.

### Zen Moments

by Andy Longo

Tom Waits, the songwriter, expresses this thought in *Come On Up to the House*

**“The only things you can see  
is all that you lack”**

Max Lucado, a minister, expanded on this

**“Gratitude lifts our eyes off the  
things we lack so we might see  
the blessings we possess.”**





# OCTOBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 <u>DANA COOPER 8P</u> OLD QUARTER ACOUSTIC GALVESTON TX  <u>BRIAN POUNDS AND JOHN NAPIER 8:30P</u> ANDERSON FAIR	2 <u>WYLDE MEADE 6:30P</u> EQ HEIGHTS <u>MONTEKO 7P</u> MUCKY DUCK <u>MARK GORMAN 8P</u> OLD QUARTER ACOUSTIC GALVESTON TX <u>WARREN HOOD 9:30P</u> MUCKY DUCK
3	4 <u>BLUEGRASS JAM 6P</u> CYPRESS TX  <u>EL LAGO IRISH SESSION</u> 6P CHELSEA WINE BAR	5 <u>ACOUSTIC OPEN MIC 6P</u> SWANNY'S GRILL <u>VOLUME DEALERS 7P</u> MUCKY DUCK  <u>HFMS SONG CIRCLE</u> 7P JP HOPS HOUSE	6 <u>WEST U BLUEGRASS JAM</u> 6P BUFFALO GRILL	7 <u>ROCHELLE AND THE SIDEWINDERS 7P</u> MUCKY DUCK <u>BRI BAGWELL 8P</u> OLD QUARTER ACOUSTIC GALVESTON TX  <u>WALT WILKINS AND DARDEN SMITH 9:30P</u> MUCKY DUCK	8 <u>BLUEGRASS KNIGHT OUT</u> 6:30P CYPRESS TX <u>KEVIN GALLOWAY 7P</u> MUCKY DUCK  <u>RYAN CULWELL 8P</u> OLD QUARTER ACOUSTIC GALVESTON TX <u>MATT HARLAN 8:30P</u> ANDERSON FAIR <u>CHRIS PIERCE 9:30P</u> MUCKY DUCK	9 <u>PAT BYRNE 7P</u> MUCKY DUCK <u>HOUSTON BALALAIKA</u> ORCHESTRA 7:30P WEST U CMTY BLDG  <u>SHAKE RUSSELL AND MICHAEL HEARNE 8P</u> OLD QUARTER ACOUSTIC GALVESTON TX <u>RYAN CULWELL 9:30P</u> MUCKY DUCK
10 <u>JOHN PRINE BIRTHDAY &amp; LIFE CELEBRATION</u> 6P JP HOPS HOUSE	11 <u>BLUEGRASS JAM 6P</u> CYPRESS TX <u>EL LAGO IRISH SESSION</u> 6P CHELSEA WINE BAR  	12 <u>ACOUSTIC OPEN MIC 6P</u> SWANNY'S GRILL <u>LOST AUSTIN BAND 7P</u> MUCKY DUCK	13 <u>WEST U BLUEGRASS JAM</u> 6P BUFFALO GRILL <u>DALE WATSON 8P</u> OLD QUARTER ACOUSTIC GALVESTON TX	14 <u>BEN SOLLEE 7P</u> MUCKY DUCK <u>RUTHIE COLLINS 9:30P</u> MUCKY DUCK	15 <u>RUBY DICE 7P</u> MUCKY DUCK <u>ROB LYTLE 8P</u> JP HOPS HOUSE <u>LISA MORALES 8P</u> OLD QUARTER ACOUSTIC GALVESTON TX <u>JAMES STEINLE 8:30P</u> ANDERSON FAIR  <u>CORY BRANAN 9:30P</u> MUCKY DUCK	16 <u>NHC DULCIMER JAM</u> 2P ADVENT LUTHERAN <u>JAMIE LIN WILSON 7P</u> MUCKY DUCK <u>BILLY HARTMAN</u> ZACH PACH & JACK BARSDALE 8P OLD QUARTER ACOUSTIC GALVESTON TX <u>KEN GAINES AND WAYNE WILKERSON</u> 8P JP HOPS HOUSE
17 <u>HFMS PICKIN' PARTY</u> 2P JP HOPS HOUSE  <u>DEL MCCOURY 7P</u> DOSEY DOE	18 <u>BLUEGRASS JAM 6P</u> CYPRESS TX <u>EL LAGO IRISH SESSION</u> 6P CHELSEA WINE BAR <u>HAYES CARLL 7P</u> OLD QUARTER ACOUSTIC GALVESTON TX	19 <u>ACOUSTIC OPEN MIC 6P</u> SWANNY'S GRILL <u>HAYES CARLL 7P</u> OLD QUARTER ACOUSTIC GALVESTON TX	20 <u>WEST U BLUEGRASS JAM</u> 6P BUFFALO GRILL	21  <u>SARAH SHOOK 9:30P</u> MUCKY DUCK	22 <u>HAYES CARLL 7P</u> MUCKY DUCK  <u>BUDDY MONDLOCK</u> 8:30P ANDERSON FAIR  <u>CARLL HAYES 9:30P</u> MUCKY DUCK	23 <u>BLUEGRASS JAM NOON</u> KLEB WOODS NTR CNTR TOMBALL TX <u>STEVE POLTZ 7P</u> MUCKY DUCK <u>BROKEN SPOKES 8P</u> OLD QUARTER ACOUSTIC GALVESTON TX <u>STEVE POLTZ 9:30P</u> MUCKY DUCK
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October Calendar

Pat Byrne at  
Fulshear House Concerts  
5:30p October 3rd, 2021  
By Reservation Only



OCT 8 AT 10 AM CDT –  
OCT 9 AT 4:30 PM CDT  
Spring Klein  
Funky Junque Gypsy Market



**North Harris County Dulcimer Society**  
Will be at Old River Winfree Founders Day  
October 9 2021 9am to 6pm



**SEE YOU OCTOBER 9 & 10TH AT OUR DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL!**

**Watch for information:**

**To Volunteer**

**[www.bayoucityartfestival.com](http://www.bayoucityartfestival.com)**



**CALL FOR VISUAL ARTISTS**

Bayou City Art Festival Memorial Park • March 25 - 27, 2022  
Application Deadline: December 5th Entry Fee: \$45

**Application**



In-person dances for Houston have been suspended (again).

**Zoom dances** from Houston and Austin every Friday from 7:30-9:30



**HOUSTON DISTRICT**

**ROYAL SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY**

**ONLINE ONLY CURRENTLY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**  
Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm  
**Scottish Country dance class!**



**All HATDS in-person events remain suspended until further notice.**

**For More Information!**

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



[Tickets On Sale Now!](#)

Proof of Vaccination Required!  
Weekends October 1<sup>st</sup> through  
3<sup>rd</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>



[October 8th through 10th, 2021](#)  
Camping and jamming at Lake Cachuma





**For More Information**  
**Hill Country Arts Foundation**  
**120 Point Theatre Rd**  
**Ingram, TX**

**Mary Gauthier** (Jaimee Harris opens)  
**8pm October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**2020 Addison Street**  
**Berkeley, CA 94704**



**October 15 & 16, 2021**  
**Friday 4:30p to 10p**  
**Saturday 11:30a to 10p**  
**Farmers Branch, Texas**

**Austin String Band Jam Camp**  
**October 15<sup>th</sup> thru 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**  
**Camp Ben McCullough**  
**Driftwood, Texas**





**[AJ Croce](#)** plays classics by his late father Jim Croce, some of his own tunes, and more! **FREIGHT & SALVAGE**

7p Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Berkeley, CA 94704



**[El Cerrito Free Folk Festival](#)**

will be online on Saturday, October 23. Save the date! Details will be posted on the festival website as they become available.



October 27 through October 31, 2021  
Classes, Sessions, Workshops, Happy Hour, Concerts, Dances,  
Jamming and More...

**[For More Information - Registration - Scholarships](#)**





**Festival of Texas Fiddling!**

**December 3-5, 2021**

**Twin Sisters Dance Hall**

**Blanco, TX**



**Peter Yarrow and Noel Paul Stookey**

**(of Peter, Paul & Mary)**

**March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 2022**



**INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS & TOURS**



**8-16 October 2021**

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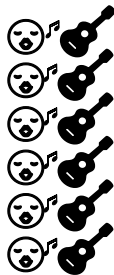
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(confirm local listings)



**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.**

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