

THE COTTON PATCH RAG

The Newsletter of the Houston Folklore and Music Society

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SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT

presents

The Better Halves

(Jimmy Joe Natolie and Chrissie Natolie)



November 13, 2021 7:30PM

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

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

The Better Halves are an Austin musical duo specializing in making listeners smile.

With training at Berklee College of Music and GIT in Hollywood, **Jimmy Joe** is an amazing guitarist. Country, bluegrass, folk, jazz, Latin and classical styles create a widely appealing repertoire. He has an incredible talent for crafting story songs, and one of his car songs was featured on NPR's "Car Talk" and

Kerrville Folk Festival's Newfolk Contest Regional Performance.

Chrissie joins him with amazing vocal harmonies and rhythm guitar. Her whimsical, melodic songwriting earned her the chance to perform on Garrison Keillor's "**A Prairie Home Companion**".

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.

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 look forward to seeing you in person soon! Regarding mask, vaccines and distancing requirements we will ***follow the guidelines required by each venue.*** Please continue to check links for possible changes or cancellations.



NOVEMBER

MEETING and SONG CIRCLE

We will meet at *JP Hops House*,

TUESDAY, November 2nd 2021 - 7p



NOVEMBER PICKIN' PARTY

and will also meet at *JP Hops House*,

Sunday, November 21st, 2021.

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



THE OCTOBER CONCERT

a review by Andy Longo

Last month's concert was somewhat of a departure from the usual format. When I arrived there were two groups set up in front of the stage. To the left, The Merritt String Quartet was sitting, and to the right the Balalaika Orchestra was gathering together. On stage, there were various microphones ready for the Koshers Klezmer Band. The music began with offerings from the String Quartet. As I recall there were actually five members with Marissa Merritt playing the double



bass. They played a selection of pieces without introduction, but the pieces contained many strains of melodies that were familiar. Next, the Koshers Klezmer band began their set of energetic music. While Klezmer music is that of eastern European music in the Jewish tradition, some of the stylings of the clarinet and cornet players were



reminiscent of Dixieland jazz to me. Their vocals ranged from sweet to jaunty. Before their set was finished they had members of the audience dancing around the seated patrons. This was a challenge considering the arrangement of chairs for the evening's performance. After the break, we were treated to the music of the Balalaika Orchestra. The orchestra features several balalaika players which includes a bass balalaika, which on this night was played by Marissa Merritt. Long time member and former Second Saturday promoter, Paul Cooper, was among the balalaika players. The concert master for the group, Vassily Rodionov, was singing and playing on a dombra, a mandolin like instrument. Their pieces included some familiar melodies, and most striking was the powerful vocals of a young man who accompanied himself on the classical guitar. He treated us to a rendition of "Those Were the Days" in Russian.



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AND/OR

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WHILE YOU'RE SHOPPING...



Accordion Kings & Queens
[Virtual Silent Auction](#)
The auction will close at
11:59 PM Central Time on
November 15th (date subject
to extension).

NOVEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<p>1</p> <p><u>BLUEGRASS JAM 6P</u> CYPRESS TX</p> <p><u>EL LAGO IRISH SESSION</u> 6P CHELSEA WINE BAR</p>	<p>2</p> <p><u>HFMS SONG CIRCLE</u> 7P JP HOPS HOUSE</p>	<p>3</p> <p><u>WEST U BLUEGRASS JAM</u> 6P BUFFALO GRILL</p> <p><u>FRANK MARTIN GILLIGAN</u> 8:30 DOSEY DOE BREAKFAST BBQ & WHISKEY BAR</p>	<p>4</p> <p><u>CHUCK COLLINS HOSTS</u> THURSDAY OPEN MIC</p> <p><u>GREEN OAKS TAVERN</u> HUMBLE, TX</p>	<p>5</p> <p><u>CLANDESTINE 7P</u> MUCKY DUCK</p> <p><u>CURTIS MCMURTRY</u> 8:30P ANDERSON FAIR</p> <p><u>PIPER JONES 9:30P</u> MUCKY DUCK</p>	<p>6</p> <p><u>RAY WYATT & TOMMY</u> LEWIS 8PM</p> <p><u>JP HOPS HOUSE</u></p> <p><u>JONATHAN BYRD 8:30P</u> DOSEY DOE BREAKFAST BBQ & WHISKEY BAR</p>
<p>7</p> 	<p>8</p> <p><u>BLUEGRASS JAM 6P</u> CYPRESS TX</p> <p><u>EL LAGO IRISH SESSION</u> 6P CHELSEA WINE BAR</p>		<p>10</p> <p><u>WEST U BLUEGRASS JAM</u> 6P BUFFALO GRILL</p>	<p>11</p> <p>VETERAN'S DAY</p> 	<p>12</p> <p><u>BLUEGRASS KNIGHT OUT</u> 6:30P CYPRESS TX</p> <p><u>GAELIC STORM 8:30P</u> DOSEY DOE</p> <p><u>PAT BYRNE 8:30P</u> ANDERSON FAIR</p>	<p>13</p> <p><u>BLUEGRASS JAM NOON</u> KLEB WOODS NTR CNTR TOMBALL TX</p> <p><u>THE BETTER HALVES</u> 7P WEST U CMTY BLDG</p> <p><u>WILD RABBIT SALAD 8P</u> JP HOPS HOUSE</p> <p><u>DANA COOPER 9:30P</u> MUCKY DUCK</p>
	<p>15</p> <p><u>BLUEGRASS JAM 6P</u> CYPRESS TX</p> <p><u>EL LAGO IRISH SESSION</u> 6P CHELSEA WINE BAR</p>		<p>17</p> <p><u>WEST U BLUEGRASS JAM</u> 6P BUFFALO GRILL</p> <p><u>DAVID FAHL 7P</u> JP HOPS HOUSE</p>		<p>19</p> <p><u>ELIZA GILKYSON 7P</u> MUCKY DUCK</p> <p><u>SEAN DEVINE 8P</u> OLD QUARTER ACOUSTIC GALVESTON TX</p> <p><u>LESLIE KRAFKA &</u> WAYNE WILKERSON 8P JP HOPS HOUSE</p>	<p>20</p> <p><u>NHC DULCIMER JAM</u> 2P ADVENT LUTHERAN</p> <p><u>TOM TRANCHILLA &</u> BUDDY ALLEN 8P JP HOPS HOUSE</p> <p><u>BEN DANAHER 8:30P</u> DOSEY DOE BREAKFAST BBQ & WHISKEY BAR</p>
	<p>22</p> <p><u>BLUEGRASS JAM 6P</u> CYPRESS TX</p> <p><u>EL LAGO IRISH SESSION</u> 6P CHELSEA WINE BAR</p>		<p>24</p> <p><u>WEST U BLUEGRASS JAM</u> 6P BUFFALO GRILL</p>	<p>25</p> 		<p>27</p> <p><u>SLAID CLEAVES 7P</u> MUCKY DUCK</p>



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BLUEGRASS JAM 6P
CYPRESS TX

EL LAGO IRISH SESSION
6P CHELSEA WINE BAR

30

PLEASE CHECK LINKS FOR DETAILS, CHANGES OR CANCELLATIONS.
CALENDAR EVENTS MAY INCLUDE GENRES OTHER THAN FOLK MUSIC.

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Discovery Green
Conservancy presents
[Día de los Muertos](#)
Nov 1, 2021, 4:00 pm



HTX
Market
EAT. SHOP. ❤️ DO GOOD.

[November Calendar](#)

[For More Information!](#)



[TXU Energy presents Zoo Lights](#)
November 15, 2021 – January 9, 2022
5:30-10:30 p.m., last entry at 9:30 p.m.
Buy early for the best price!

The Young Fables
By RESERVATION Only!
Nov 21, 2021 - 4:30 PM
Fulshear House Concerts,
Weston Lakes, TX



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

Thursday, November 4, 2021

8:00PM

Over the Rhine

FREIGHT & SALVAGE

2020 Addison Street
Berkeley, CA



Saturday & Sunday

November 6th & 7th, 2021
outdoors at the Moab City
Ballfield
Moab, Utah

Texas Renaissance Festival

saturdays, sundays &
Thanksgiving Friday
through
November 28, 2021





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 4th and 5th 2022



Cottonwood Art Festival is currently accepting Artist Applications for Spring 2022



INTERNATIONAL FESTIVALS & TOURS



Dancers from the UK, North America and continental Europe take part in a weekend of classes, discussion forums and workshops.

All enjoy social events! Dance with us on the Friday ahead of Saturday evening's civic reception and grand ball! Book Tickets

JUST FOLKING AROUND



[Handmade Music School](#) - Crosspicking guitar, Mandolin techniques, Music Theory for Fiddlers, Harmony singing and SO MUCH MORE! A different lesson every week!



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[Santa Clara Valley Fiddlers Monthly Jam](#)

[Old Time Jams and Other Genres \(Calendar\)](#)

[Su & Jules's Online Old Time Session](#)

[Golden Link / Webster Folk Jam Online](#)



[Golden Link Folk Singing Society Virtual Sing Arouds](#)

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[San Francisco Folk Music Club Community Calendar](#)



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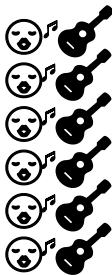
[Judith's Virtual Folk Dance Calendar](#)

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[North Bay Country Dance Saturday Evening Waltz Parties on Zoom](#)

[Bay Area Country Dance Society](#)

[Folklore Society of Greater Washington - Dances](#)



[Folk Alliance Internation Live Stream Concerts Calendar](#)

[Golden Link Folk Singing Society Concerts](#)

[Virtual Dream Café - concerts](#)

[Any Sunday Songwriters - concerts](#)

[Southwest Pickers Covenant Series Concerts](#)

[Folklore Society of Greater Washington Online Concert Series](#)

[Google Map](#) of **Old Time Jams**, **Festivals**, **Fiddle Contests**, **Irish Sessions**, and **Contra Dance Bands** in the US and Around the World!
(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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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.

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