



**Three Rivers Folklife Society**

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# Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

April 2007

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**3RFS** events!  
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## Linda Waterfall Returns - with Dorian Michael

**Saturday, 21 April, 7:30 PM**

Linda Waterfall is a sparkling gem in the Northwest acoustic music world, and she's returning to the Kennewick Highlands Grange! Linda's music mixes elements of popular and jazz music with classically structured pieces and energetic blues - and rock-influenced rhythms. Critics often say that it's impossible to categorize her music.

Linda's great grandfather emigrated from Switzerland and his surname, Wasserfallen, was translated to Waterfall when he came through Ellis Island. Linda grew up in a musical family in the suburbs of Chicago, and trained in classical piano, composition, voice and theory.

After college, Linda performed professionally. She played in successful bands in Seattle in the 1970s. Her first album was released by Windham Hill Records in 1977. In 1979, she was voted Seattle's Best Solo Artist by a Seattle

Sun-KZAM poll.

She then began composing for grants and commissions, in vocal and instrumental styles that reflected her early classical training.

Her live performances elicit raves from the West Coast US to British Columbia, the Twin Cities, Boston and the rest of the USA. "Linda Waterfall, an extraordinary folk musician from Washington State, plays bristling, driving guitar and rolling, enveloping piano. If all that weren't enough, Ms. Waterfall is a moving, terrific singer, blessed with star-of-the-choir pipes." (Tom Surowicz, Twin Cities Reader)

Linda currently performs, tours, teaches songwriting at Cornish College of the Arts in Seattle, and gives private lessons in guitar and piano. She also composes and arranges choral music. "That Art Thou: Songs from the Vedas" and "Songs from the Dao De Jing" are her most recent choral compositions. In 2005, Linda celebrated the

re-release of "Body English" on CD. Linda's 10th and latest recording, "Place of Refuge," was released in August 2006.

This concert also includes guitarist Dorian Michael performing a guest set. Dorian calls himself a "blue-collar guitarist," and lives in the country in central California. In over 40 years of being a guitar professional, he has played plenty of blues, folk, jazz and rock and roll. So when he plays as an acoustic soloist he describes his music as "contemporary traditional." His original music that reflects his interest in a number of styles of music.

This concert will be held at the Kennewick Highlands Grange, 15th and Union. Tickets for this concert are available in advance for \$11 gen./\$9 seniors and students at Bookworm stores, Battelle Performing Arts Business Center, and Octopus' Garden. \$1 more at the door; \$3 off for 3RFS members.

### Local Folk Events

#### April

- 9** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon BPABC
- 13** Joni Laurence Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 14** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table  
Pizza, Richland
- 21** Linda Waterfall Concert 7:30 PM Sat KHG  
with Guest Set by Dorian Michael
- 28** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat KHG
- 29** Last Sunday Song Circle 2:00 PM Sun Round Table  
Pizza, Richland
- 30** Tumbleweed '07 7:00 PM Mon Richland  
Library  
Planning Meeting

#### May

- 11** Datri Bean Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 12** Badger Mountain 7:30 PM Sat Battelle  
Dry Band Concert
- 17** Hank Cramer Humanities Lecture 7:00 pm Thurs Richland  
Library
- 19** 3RFS Annual Meeting, 7:30 PM Sat KHG  
The Wanderers in Concert
- 21** Tumbleweed '07 7:00 PM Mon Richland  
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- 27** Last Sunday Song Circle 2:00 PM Sun Round Table  
Pizza, Richland

KHG = Kennewick Highlands Grange, 15th and Union  
All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland  
Battelle = Battelle Auditorium, Battelle Blvd., Richland  
BPABC = Battelle Performing Arts Business Center, 716 Jadin Ave., Richland  
Richland Library = 955 Northgate Dr., Richland, 942-7454  
Round Table Pizza = 245 Torbett, Richland, 946-0667

**For information, call 509 528-2215**

## Portlander, Joni Laurence, at the Coffeehouse

**Friday, 13 April, 7:30 PM**

Three Rivers Folklife Society welcomes Portland-based singer-songwriter Joni Laurence to the Coffeehouse this month.

In her fourth full-length recording, "With No Apology," Joni presents a collection of songs from the rock side of folk, written after she left her day job to face the challenges and rewards of her passion for making music. Drawn from her own experiences and the stories of those around her, Joni's intricate lyrics are the focal point of her songs. Her music is acoustic, grassroots and organic. She considers herself a "singer-songwriter of the modern folk kind."

St. Louis music connoisseur, Beatle Bob writes, in Sauce Magazine, "Laurence's melodies are instantly memorable, and her lyrics show a faith in reconciliation and resurrection. Her voice displays a range and depth with complexity."

Joni was born and raised in Quincy, Illinois. A self-taught musician, she spent 18 years "growing up" as a singer-songwriter, performing in all-female bands before going solo. Since 1998, Joni has toured in support of her independently self-released records, which include "Short Time," "Daphne Speak," "Trashbag Birdie" and "With No Apology." Joni has shared the stage with Patty Larkin, Carrie Newcomer, Cosy

Sheridan and John Gorka. Recently she toured with Catie Curtis performing live on PBS television.

With the encouragement of her fans, Joni moved to Portland. She is becoming recognized as the one to watch in local and regional music scenes.

Join us at All Saints Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Avenue, in Richland. The coffeehouse begins at 7:30 pm with an open mic session. Come early to sign up for a performance slot.

Suggested donation at the door is \$8 gen./\$6 seniors and students. For information call 943-5662 or e-mail coffeehouse@3rfs.org or visit the website at 3rfs.org/coffee.htm

## Front Row Seat on the Radio?

We know that you all have your copy of the Three Rivers Folklife Society live CD production, "Front Row Seat." Now, we would love to get wider air-play for the CD featuring various musicians performing at 3RFS concerts in recent years. We've already sent one to Dan Maher at Northwest Public Radio. Do you know of any other radio stations anywhere in the U.S., or beyond that features acoustic music? If so, please contact Harry Babad so he can send them a CD and we can sell more of the CDs to raise money for our Tumbleweed Music Festival. You can call him at 509-375-0328 or e-mail hbabad@owt.com

For those of you who may not have your "Front Row Seat" yet, You can now order the CDs from our website using PayPal to make your purchase. [www.3RFS.org](http://www.3RFS.org)

## Cowboys Sing For Their Supper

April 13 - 15, 2007

The 4th Annual Columbia River Cowboy Gathering is this month at the Benton County Fairgrounds, 1500 S. Oak in Kennewick. The gathering opens Friday, the 13th, at noon and continues through Sunday. The event features cowboy poetry, music, and dancing. For more information, go to [www.cowboygettogether.com](http://www.cowboygettogether.com). You can buy an admission wristband at Ranch and Home in Kennewick, or at the gate.

## Tumbleweed Needs More of You, Deja Vu

We've reserved the park, mailed out applications, designed a logo, and chased after some corporate grants. A few performer applications are already coming in and are available on our website [3rfs.org](http://3rfs.org). We have received checks from some generous donors and patrons! There's still lots to do, so get involved! Come to our

## Sing Along on the Last Sunday of April

Sunday, 29 April, 2:00 PM

Come sing along at Richland's Round Table Pizza! Bring a friend or three, copies of your favorite songs (about a dozen copies of each song to share), the "Rise Up Singing" song book (if you need one, we'll have some for sale), guitars, spoons, washtub bass, autoharps, harmonicas, enthusiasm, and a tuned or untuned voice. Thus saith Doc Babad in the key of flat. (He's the one that pulls us all together on the last Sunday afternoon of each month.) See you there!

## Michael Carlos Needs Our Help

During the month of April we will be accepting donations for Wenatchee singer-songwriter Michael Carlos at all Three Rivers Folklife Society events.

Michael was seriously injured in a car accident in November, and is still undergoing physical therapy and rehabilitation. He incurred extensive medical expenses that went beyond what insurance would cover. We will collect donations at all April events to help him out.

Michael has been a very popular performer at the Tumbleweed Music Festival and the 3RFS Coffeehouse and is considered a well-loved member of our extended folklife family.

How do you know when there is a bodhran player at your front door? The knocking gets faster and faster and faster.

planning meeting Monday, April 30, 7:00 pm at the Richland library, or call Mary at 943-0327.



## Free Concert in May! For Members

This year the Three Rivers Folklife Society Annual Meeting will be held on May 19, at the Kennewick Highlands Grange. The nominating committee has done worked diligently to come up with a slate of officers and board members for you to vote on. There will be a short meeting for the election and then the concert by long time 3RFS favorites, **The Wanderers**.

The concert is free for 3RFS members and regular price for non members. 3RFS Board member nominees will be listed in the May Newsletter along with their bios so you can make

There were two people walking down the street. One was a folk musician. The other one didn't have any money either.

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**Deadline for the May newsletter is April 10.**

## April Out of Town

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**5** Greg Brown concert, 7:30 PM Thurs., Seasons Performance Hall, Yakima, 509-248-0747

**21** Walla Walla contra dance 7:30 PM Sat., Stateline Grange, Old Milton Highway & Ferndale Road. 509-938-7403 or 509-522-0399

**27-29** NE Oregon Music and Dance Festival, La Grande <http://www.smdf.neofs.us/>

## The Fiddlers are Coming for Dance!

Saturday, 28 April, 7:30 PM

The band, Scatter Creek, from in and around Ellensburg, love to play the old fiddle tunes for dancing pleasure. They'll be here in April for our pleasure! And how much luckier can we get -- Mitchell Frey from Moscow Idaho, is coming back for the second time this season. Take a break from your planting, mowing, carwashing and work, for the last rousing Contra dance of this season.

Bring your friends, family and snacks to share for an evening of fun, music, and dancing, at the Kennewick Highlands Grange on the corner of 15th and Union. Admission at the door is \$8 general/\$5 seniors and teens. Kids under 12 are free. 3RFS members get a \$1 discount

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# Yes! I want to help the 2007 Tumbleweed Music Fest succeed!

I would like to be a:  Patron, \$50.00  
 Donor, \$100.00  
 Contributor, \$250.00

Please send me two tickets to the  
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 Sunday Evening Contra Dance

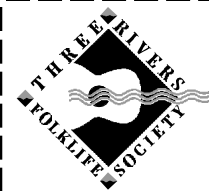
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Send to: 3RFS Tumbleweed Festival, P.O. Box 1098, Richland, WA 99352  
Enclose your check payable to *Three Rivers Folklife Society*. Thank You!



## 2007 Membership Application

Your membership gives you voting rights in folklife elections, \$3 off most concerts, and is tax deductible! You'll even get a nifty membership card to show your friends and neighbors!

Individual (\$15) or  Family (\$20) Is this a renewal? Y N

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### I can help 3RFS with:

<input type="checkbox"/> Providing refreshments at concerts	<input type="checkbox"/> Setting up chairs	<input type="checkbox"/> Fund raising
<input type="checkbox"/> Taking admission at events	<input type="checkbox"/> Folding the newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Coffeehouses
<input type="checkbox"/> Serving on Board of Directors	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity	<input type="checkbox"/> Song circles
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<input type="checkbox"/> Tumbleweed Music Festival	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

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## April Showers Bring More SSSSS Songs!

Saturday, 14 April, 7:00 PM

Come all ye sailors and wailers and sailor, wailer wannabees! If you've never been to a Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong, you've missed something great!. Why not walk the plank, take the plunge and find out how fun singing chanteys can be? The songs are sung at Richland's Roundtable

Pizza on the second Saturday (get it?) of each and every month.

We'll dock precisely at the usual time of 7 pm-ish, in expectation of the usual great times singing and laughing with those of the same persuasion. Arrrrgh! (That was a space filler) Keep in mind the usual comestibles and libations will be available for the usual reasonable prices.