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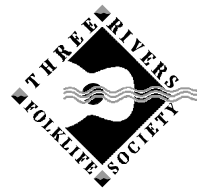
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- Membership
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- Fund raising
- Coffeehouses
- Song circles

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Trillium-239 Returns for TMF Benefit

Saturday, 20 April, 7:30 PM

Trillium-239 is not a new element in the periodic table, and it's not used in nuclear bombs or power plants. Trillium-239 is a powerhouse of musical energy and good humor that will benefit our 2019 Tumbleweed Music Festival on April 20th.

Trillium-239 is a familiar trio formerly known as "Humphrey, Hartman & Cameron." For years they endured people saying "Your name sounds like a law firm!" They explain that their new name combines a flower and a radioactive isotope. A trillium is a lovely little wildflower with three petals, while 239 is the isotope of plutonium historically produced on the Hanford Site... and it was the Hanford Site that was indirectly responsible for bringing the three members of the trio to Richland. The trio is known for complex melodic lines, quirky lyrics, award-winning songwriting, and masterful arrangements. Cello, guitars and banjo provide thoughtful support

for tight vocal harmonies.

Mary Hartman (banjo, guitar, vocals) finds inspiration in the sublime and the ridiculous. Her award-winning songs cover topics from love and mercy to goose poop and rear-end "cleavage." One fan described her pure alto voice as "filling a cathedral" and her writing reflects a wide range of musical styles. Blues, ballads and music hall "camp" are used to support Mary's thought provoking lyrics. Mary keeps a day job as a hydrogeologist, tirelessly studying wet rocks (she holds a State license for that!)

Janet Humphrey (guitar, vocals) is a transplanted easterner and her writing style reflects her diverse musical background. Degreed in music theory and composition, she's done commercial arranging, fronted a six-man jugband and taught fingerstyle guitar. Her love of blues is reflected in her original songs. Janet's lyric topics run the gamut from historical ballads that explore the human condition to whimsical blues about the mundane. Fan

favorites include "Chocolate Reverie" and "Red's Refrigerator Rag." Several Humphrey originals have been recorded by others. She daylights as an internet forum moderator.

Michelle Cameron is versatile on the cello, playing lines that are sometimes lyrical, sometimes rhythmic, and always interesting. The cello often provides a third voice to Janet and Mary's alto tones. Michelle's cello sometimes does double duty, finding unique ways to sound like bagpipes or jazz sax. Michelle even plays some screaming solos usually reserved for lead guitar (with fuzzbox). When she's not playing with the band or working at her day job as a nuclear chemist, Michelle makes appearances with regional symphonies, sea chantey singers and anyone willing to offer bacon bribes.

They have a new CD in the works! It has been 14 years since their last release, "What Turns You On?." They have recorded all the tracks for a new **Continued on page 2, see Concert**

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Post the enclosed flyer
where the most people
will see it. **Thanks!**

Cosmo's Dream at the Coffeehouse

Friday, 12 April, 7:30 PM

Americana trio Cosmo's Dream sings original tales of foggy-mountain megamalls, trailer-park guns and guitars, big black cats, Iditarod sled dogs, rising rivers, grandmas online, dark days ahead, beautiful beer, and Superman's dilemma.

This Tacoma-based trio, features familiar performers Steve Nebel on guitar, and Kristi Nebel on bass, who blend acoustic musicianship with solo vocals and dynamic three-part harmonies along with Gen Obata. The

Nebels bring passion, finesse and beauty with their songs of social justice, and pure simple love. They have traveled extensively having done nine tours in UK folk clubs and festivals. They have recorded more than 10 CDs, mostly of their own songs.

Joining them in Cosmo's Dream is Gen Obata on flatpick guitar and mandolin. Gen has been writing songs and playing flat-pick guitar and mandolin since the 1970s. He helped found the St. Louis-based bluegrass band The Seldom Home and was also a member of the eclectic acoustic bands

Raven Moon and City Folk. He has produced two solo CDs, Take Me Don't Take Me and Better Off on the Run.

The trio toured from Tacoma to St. Louis in February 2016 with the first Cosmo's Dream CD, Big Sky Blues, and toured the United Kingdom in August 2016.

Come early to sign up for the open mic. The coffeehouse is held at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1312 Kimball Ave., Richland (go around to the lower parking lot in back). Suggested donations are \$8 general admission or \$6 teens and seniors at the door.

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CD, "Rare Isotope." It will not be available in time for the 3RFS concert, but they will sing songs off it, including "Mandela and Malala," "Bun Dance" (a.k.a. The Butt Crack Song), "Circus Love," and Linda Allen's "Termination Winds." It will also feature a couple of songs from the new Humanities Washington program: a 100-year old Women's Suffrage song called "She's Good Enough to Be Your Baby's Mother (and She's Good Enough to Vote with You!)," and their own composition, "Packhorse Librarian."

All of the members of Trillium-239 have been intimately involved in our Tumbleweed Music Festival. In fact, Janet was director of the first festival in 1997! They are pleased to provide this benefit concert to support the 23rd annual Tumbleweed Music Festival.

This benefit concert will be held at the Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., in Pasco. Tickets are \$14 general admission and \$12 3RFS members, either in advance at The Bookworm in Kennewick and Octopus' Garden in Richland, or at the door.

Trillium-239 WA Humanities Lecture

Thursday, 18 April, 7:00 PM

In 2017 The trio started working with the Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau presentations. In 2017 and 2018, their presentation was titled "Bandanas to Badges: Songs & Stories of Northwest Workers." In 2019 and 2020 they are presenting "Music with a Message: Songs of Social Change."

The new presentation is what they will bring to the Richland Public Library. This presentation is part of the Humanities Washington, Tri-Cities Community Lecture Series, sponsored by the Arts and Humanities Division at Columbia Basin College, and hosted by Three Rivers Folklife Society. It is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

Contra Corner

The reviews have been nothing but positive for our new venue (Trinity House Gym, at 1007 Wright Avenue, in Richland). If you haven't made it to a dance yet, come check it out! Our April Dance is will be held on Saturday, April 27. Tri Cities' Shady Court String Band will be playing with Mark Lewis from La Grande calling.

Dances begin with a Newcomer's Lesson at 7:00 PM, and we encourage experienced dancers to come and help the newbies. Our dance proper begins at 7:30 PM, but folks are welcome to arrive at any time.

Remember, no partner is necessary. Comfortable, smooth-soled shoes and layered clothing (it gets warm) are recommended. Cost is \$8 for adults; \$5 for students & seniors (62 & older).

We'll be starting our Summer Dance Series in May at Memorial Park in Pasco, so be sure to note new location beginning next month. It's going to be a great summer! Look forward to sharing the dance with you!

Contra Dance Beginner's Workshop

Saturday, 6 April, 1:00 - 4:30 PM

Exciting things are happening in the Three River's Contra Dance world! We are offering a Beginner's Workshop at the Richland Public Library on Saturday, April 6. The event is free to the public. Dan Clark, a long time enthusiast of contra dance in Walla Walla, has taught several beginning contra and caller workshops over the years. He will be our instructor. One More Tune, a new dance band here in the Tri-Cities, offered to play for the workshop at no charge. There will be two sessions:

1:00 - 2:30 PM- Intro to Contra Dance
This workshop will teach the basics needed to enjoy our monthly community dances. We welcome all dancers and encourage experienced dancers to come to offer assistance to the

newcomers.

3:00 - 4:30 PM- Beyond Intro to Contra
This session will build on the skills taught in first session with additional techniques and more complex dances.

Participants are welcome to enjoy both sessions. There is no charge, but donations are welcome. We look forward to seeing you soon!

On with the dance!

Let joy be unconfined.~ Lord Byron

Spring - Time for Singing at SSSSS

Saturday, 13 April, 7:00 PM

"Spring has sprung, the grass is riz, I wonder where the chanteys is?"

They is at Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong (SSSSS) at Round Table Pizza in Richland, same as in summer, fall and winter! We sing sea chanteys and other group songs in a fun, informal and non-threatening atmosphere. All are welcome and there is no cost except for the food and beverages. You'll find Round Table Pizza at the corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., in Richland.

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Deadline for the May newsletter is April 5th.

Tumbleweed Has Gone Social!

The Tumbleweed Music Festival has now widened our social media footprint by starting an Instagram feed! You will find us on Instagram as TWeedMusicFest - our posts there will automatically cross-post with the Tumbleweed Facebook page. Caroline Carson will be curating this feed for us.

To begin generating interest, we are beginning a series of "Tumbleweed Rewind" posts (#tumbleweedrewind), using some of the hundreds of pictures we have collected, going back at least as far as 2003. There are some very fine memories in those! Then, as the festival comes closer and we begin to confirm performers, look for a series of posts titled "Tumbleweed 2019 Performers." We'll also be tagging each post with #23rdTMF, to help make us visible and findable.

We also have a Twitter feed reserved with the same name (@TWeedMusicFest), but no current plans to start that one up yet, unless (hint, hint) someone out there would like to step up and volunteer to run that one for us.

So, be on the lookout for a more social Tumbleweed!

Elections in May

The long-term health and well-being of 3RFS requires that we have officers and board members who will guide the organization. The board meets the second Monday of each month. Elections will be held at the annual meeting and open mic May 10th.

Please contact Connie Eckard about how you might serve at 947-3614 or by email at connie_eckard@msn.com

The 3RFS and TMF Leadership team is seeking volunteers to support the newsletter, concerts, social media, treasure, database, and volunteer coordinator. Contact Jim Kelly if you would like to pitch in and help support our organization at thisoldjim@gmail.com Join us at any of our events in March and April to learn more.

Local Folk Events

April

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| 5 | First Friday Folkie Free-For All | 7:30 PM Fri | Micki Perry's Kennewick |
| 6 | Contra Dance Workshop | 1:00-5:00 PM Sat | Richland Library Richland |
| 8 | 3RFS Board Meeting | 7:00 PM Mon | Gene Carbaugh's Richland |
| 12 | Cosmo's Dream Coffeehouse | 7:30 PM Fri | All Saint's Richland |
| 12 | Badger Mountain Dry Band | 5:00-8:00PM Fri | Emerald of Siam Richland |
| 13 | 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong | 7:00 PM Sat | Round Table Pizza, Richland |
| 16 | Tumbleweed 2019 Planning Meeting | 6:30 PM Tues | Richland Community Center |
| 18 | Trillium-239 Humanities WA Presentation Songs of Social Change | 7:00 PM Thur | Richland Library |
| 20 | Trillium-239 Concert | 7:30 PM Sat | CUUC Pasco |
| 20 | Tumbleweed Benefit | | |
| 20 | Tumbleweed Performers and Song Contest Entries due | | |
| 27 | Three Rivers Contra Dance Shady Court String Band/Mark Lewis | 7:00 PM Sat | Trinity House Richland |

May

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| 3 | First Friday Folkie Free-For All | 7:30 PM Fri | Micki Perry's Kennewick |
| 4 | Hank Cramer/Dan Maher Album Release Concert | 7:30 PM Sat | CUUC Richland |
| 10 | 3RFS Annual Meeting and Open Mic Potluck Dinner | 7:30 PM Fri 6:00PM | All Saints Richland |
| 11 | 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong | 7:00 PM Sat | Round Table Pizza Richland |
| 13 | 3RFS Board Meeting | 7:00 PM Mon | Gene Carbaugh's Richland |
| 17 | Just Folk House Concert Zeke Hoskin and Flip Breslin | 7:00 PM Fri | Micki Perry's Kennewick |
| 18 | Three Rivers Contra Dance One More Tune/Caller Seth Richards | 7:00 PM Sat | Memorial Park Pasco |
| 21 | Tumbleweed 2019 Planning Meeting | 6:30 PM Tues | Richland Community Center |

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
Gene Carbaugh's = 803 Birch St., Richland
CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco
Emerald of Siam = 1314 Jadwin Ave., Richland
Memorial Park = 350 N. 14th Ave., Pasco
Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes St., Kennewick
Richland Community Center = 500 Amon Park Dr., Wellness Room
Richland Library = Richland Public Library, 955 Northgate Dr., Richland
Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., Richland
Trinity House = Trinity House of Tri-Cities, 1007 Wright Ave., Richland

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