



Three Rivers Folklife Society

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Local Folk Events

August

- 1** Down-home Organic Music featuring 3RFS & 3RDS Musicians
Columbia Park Bandshell
7-9 PM Fri
KSC
- 2** Dan Maher Tumbleweed Benefit with Chris Roe
7:30 PM Sat
- 9** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong
7:00 PM Sat
Round Table Pizza, Richland
7:00 PM Mon
BPABC
- 11** 3RFS Board Meeting
- 15** Mick Doherty & Kevin Shay Johnson House Concert, at 2001 Brantingham Rd.
7:00 PM Fri
Richland 628-0192
- 21** Humphrey, Hartman & Cameron at Storytime!
7:00 PM Thur
Richland Public Library
- 24** Tumbleweed Volunteer Orientation
2:00 PM Sun
RCC Patio
- 26** Tumbleweed Planning Meeting
7:00 PM Tue
RCC
- 30-31** Tumbleweed Music Festival
Sat-Sun
Richland Howard Amon Park

September

- 8** 3RFS Board Meeting
7:00 PM Mon
BPABC
- 12** All Open Mic Coffeehouse
7:30 PM Fri
All Saints'
- 13** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong
7:00 PM Sat
Round Table Pizza, Richland
- 20** Kat Eggleston Concert
7:30 PM Sat
KHG
- 27** Conta Dance
7:30 PM Sat
KHG

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
 Battelle = Battelle Auditorium, Battelle Blvd., Richland
 BPABC = Battelle Performing Arts Business Center, 716 Jadwin Ave., Richland
 KSC = Kennewick Senior Center, 500 South Auburn, east side of Keewaydin Park, across from the East Benton County Museum
 KHG = Kennewick Highlands Grange, 15th and Union
 Richland Public Library = Lee Blvd., corner of Lee and Goethals
 Round Table Pizza = 245 Torbett, Richland, 946-0667
 RCC = Richland Community Center, 500 Amon Park Dr.,



Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

August 2008

Dan Maher Concert Supports Tumbleweed

Saturday, 2 August, 7:30 PM

Dan Maher, the host of Northwest Public Radio's "Inland Folk," has been a strong supporter of 3RFS and has helped promote Tumbleweed Music Festival since it began in 1997. He not only has helped publicize 3RFS events (Tumbleweed especially), but for the past several years he has donated a concert where all proceeds go to supporting the festival. Through the generosity of Dan and many others, we are able to keep all the daytime events at Tumbleweed free to the public.

Dan has hosted the "Inland Folk" radio show for over 25 years. The three hour show, airing locally from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM on KFAE (89.1 FM), features all genres of folk music from blues to bluegrass.

Dan is known throughout the Northwest as a master of the sing-along and as a singer/songfinder who takes traditional, contemporary and popular songs and puts his own stamp on them so they become signature songs for him. Dan has produced four albums of music and is always looking for songs for the next one.

Seattle musician Chris Roe will also perform. Chris is a singer and with a strong interest in traditional song. She won first place in the 2007 Tumbleweed Music Festivals songwriting competition for her composition "The Gates of Troy."

This concert will be held at the Kennewick Senior Center. Tickets are \$11 general admission/\$9 seniors and students when purchased in advance at Bookworm stores and Octopus' Garden. \$1 more at the door. 3RFS members receive a \$3 discount.

Tumbleweed Music Festival for All Generations

Saturday-Sunday, August 30-31

The 12th Annual Tumbleweed Music Festival will be held in Richland's Howard Amon Park, and the Richland Community Center. There are 4 outdoor stages, an indoor dance stage, plus an open mic stage. The music at Tumbleweed runs the gamut of acoustic genres: blues, bluegrass, traditional, contemporary, ethnic, nautical, jazz, old-time and "alternative." There are also lots of dance groups and participatory dance, kid's activities, family-friendly entertainment, and local and regional arts and crafts and food vendors. There are about 100 different acts at the festival, which is free from 11:00 AM until 7:00 PM each day. Two evening events, a Saturday evening concert and Sunday evening contra dance, have an affordable ticket price of \$8 general/\$5 seniors and students.

The Saturday evening concert at 7:00 PM will feature four headline acts:

Dan Maher, the Hot Heads of Gypsy Jazz, Uncle Bonsai, and the Michael Carlos Band.

Almost every year, Dan Maher is the emcee for Tumbleweed's evening concert, but this year he will be a featured performer. Dan is sure to get the energy flowing and the crowd singing along. See the related article in this issue for more information on Dan.

The Hot Heads of Gypsy jazz is a talented Tri-City trio playing acoustic jazz in the style of Django Reinhardt. Doug Rice plays fingerstyle, jazz, rock, funk, and blues guitar. Joe Smart is well known locally and nationally as a bluegrass guitarist (2005 national flatpicking champion), but is equally talented in jazz. Kurt Gustafson can be heard playing his stand-up bass with local jazz combos and the Badger Mountain Dry Band. All together they are red hot!

Seattle-based trio Uncle Bonsai began singing their always-memorable, and

often-twisted songs in perfect harmony in the 1980s. They disbanded in 1989, but have re-formed with current members Andrew Ratshin, Arni Adler, and Patrice O'Neill. Their songs are original vignettes of the wonder and misery of life delivered with rapid-fire lyrics and exquisite harmony.

Not your usual singer-songwriter, Michael Carlos writes music that ranges from full-throttle rock, to Latin-influenced music in Spanish, to acoustic ballads with strings. Accomplished on guitar, keyboard, and accordion, Michael is a great example of a young performer who represents the next generation of acoustic music. He'll be joined by his band.

The Sunday contra dance will feature music from "Sweet Potatoes" and Sherry Nevins from Seattle will be calling. The Seattle-based band plays a mix of energetic Metis and Quebecois, carefully phrased for contra dancing. All are first timers at Tumbleweed

Free Daytime Events

Festival performers come from far and near. Local performers include Badger Mountain Dry Band, Humphrey, Hartman & Cameron, John and Micki Perry, Skweez the Weezle, Eric Herman, Mike Skalstad, the Sultana Dancers, and Ye Merrie Greenwood Gypsies.

This year's theme is "Generations" and there are great young musicians scheduled: Agnes Ingarra, Kelly Inez, Stephen Miller, Ron Greene, Wes Weddell, Adam Sweeney, Jim Portillo, and headliner Michael Carlos.

The open mic stage, hosted by the Mid-Columbia Traditional Arts and Music Association, offers everyone an opportunity to perform.

Spontaneous jams occur all over the festival grounds. The popular "Band Scramble" involves playing in a band drawn from a hat, and then performing on stage an hour later!

Sunday evening features a nautical extravaganza in memory of the late Bruce Mesford. The free concert will include Singer and Didele, Shanghaied on the Willamette, Constellation's Crew and the Cutters.

Tumbleweed has always featured music and storytelling for kids. This year we offer more, tentatively including participatory music, crafts, story-time, and a family dance. Visit 3rfs.org for more information.

Tumbleweed performers will offer over 40 free music and dance workshops! You can improve guitar skills with fingerstyle, blues, slide, dobro, jazz chords, or using the partial capo. You can join enthusiastic singalongs in workshops on songs of the Kingston Trio, Utah Phillips, John Stewart, or sea chanteys. There are two workshops on singing harmony. You can learn belly dance, waltz, line dance, Chinese folk dance, or contra dance.

Best-selling author Patricia Briggs will present a workshop on "dark creatures in folklore." Her recent fantasy novel, Iron Kissed, includes a scene at Tumbleweed!

For a complete schedule of workshops, go to 3rfs.org

Songwriting Contest

Saturday, 30 August, 5:00 PM

The theme of this year's Tumbleweed songwriting contest is "Generations." We received more entries than ever before. A judge pared these down to 10 finalists who will perform on the West stage before an audience and a panel of judges to compete for cash prizes and a one-of-a-kind trophy. The finalists are:

"Seeds," Jack Brown; "It's A Family Thing," Tory Christensen; "Debt Of Honor," Jay Howlett; "Grandmother's Piano," Janet Humphrey; "Tuck Me In," Larry Johnson; "Jesse James," Jeff Knoch; "Arlea's Lament (Baby Hiking Song)," by Karena Prater; "The House Of My Father," Daniel Rhiger; "My Father's Wildest Dream," T.R. Ritchie; and "The Dreams Of Generations," Steve Wacker.

Alternates: "The House That Grandpa Built," David Tieman; "Railroad Town," Laddie Ray Melvin; "Last Town On The Line," Nancy K. Dillon.

Win the Raffle Guitar or Ship or Both

3RFS is holding two raffles to benefit Tumbleweed Music Festival this year. Jay Howlett of "Blah Blah Woof Woof" music has donated a Breedlove guitar - a Dreadnought Atlas, Model AD SM-20, listing for \$699, gig bag included. Only 400 tickets are available at \$5 each.

Our other raffle prize is a scale model of the USS Constellation, donated by Hank Cramer and Ferryboat Music. Ship tickets are \$2 each.

Photos of the prizes are at 3rfs.org. We'll draw for the winners Sunday afternoon, August 31, at the festival. You don't have to be present to win.

Thank Our Sponsors!

Tumbleweed Music Festival is deeply grateful to all who donate money or services and help keep the festival free (mostly). We receive major grants from

the City of Richland's hotel/motel tax program, Battelle, and the Washington State Arts Commission. Other sponsors include Blah Blah Woof Woof Music Cooperative, Ferryboat Music, Grate Design, Winsome Design, Precision Sound, Tri-City Herald, Ariel Gourmet & Gifts, Johnson Motoring Services, The Bookworm, Hampton Inn, Clarion Motel, and Round Table Pizza.

This is only a partial list. All business sponsors and individual donors will be on our website and in the festival program. If you or your business want to donate, please fill out the attached form (for individuals) or call Mary at 528-2215 for business sponsorships.

Tumbleweed Stuff!

Tumbleweed merchandise helps publicize the festival and raises funds to pay for it. All will be available at the Dan Maher concert, August 2, and at the Festival, August 30 & 31.

2008 T-shirts. New logo by Grate Design, blue and forest green 15-\$17 TMF ball caps invarious colors, with "timeless" logo by Grate Design. \$15. Buttons. With 2008 logo. \$2 for one; \$10 for 5!! What a deal!

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Deadline for the September newsletter is August 15th.

Out of Town

August

6 Walla Walla Contra Dance, Wed., 7:30 PM, Pioneer Park Gazebo, Walla Walla, Admission is FREE

Volunteer Orientation

Sunday, 24 August, 2:00 PM

Volunteers, please come to the orientation session before the festival. It's a good chance to learn about what you'll be doing at Tumbleweed. We'll be behind the Richland Community Center, on or near the patio.

Our volunteer coordinators are currently busy lining people up for the festival. If they haven't contacted you yet and you want to help, please call Kim at 375-6139.

August SSSSS - Your Final Chance!

Saturday, 9 August, 7:00 PM

Your final chance to practice, that is, before all the chantey and nautical singing you'll be doing at the festival! Newcomers are welcome to share in food, drink and camaraderie. See you at Richland Round Table Pizza! (And again at the festival!)

Hammered Dulcimer House Concert

Friday, 15 August, 7:00 PM

Two members of The Oregon Trail Band, Mick Doherty and Kevin Shay Johnson, will perform in a rare Tri-City appearance for an intimate audience limited to 30 people. This house concert will be held at John Cadwell's home in Richland, 2001 Brantingham Road.

Contact Sharon Crow for tickets and directions. Call 628-0192 or e-mail sharoncrow@charter.net or

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- _____ Fund raising
- _____ Coffeehouses
- _____ Song circles
- _____ Contra dances

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Organic Music in Columbia Park

Friday, 1 August, 7:00 PM

Members of Three Rivers Folklife Society and 3 Rivers Dulcimer Society will present an evening of down-home organic music on Friday, August 1st from 7-9 PM on the community stage in Columbia Park. The concert is part of the Kennewick Parks and Recreation Department's series of free summer

concerts in the park.

Featured performers will include folk duo John and Micki Perry, members of the 3 Rivers Dulcimer Society playing traditional tunes on mountain and hammered dulcimers and other instruments, and hammered dulcimer master Laurence Huntley. Laurence was a former member of the Whammadiddle Dingbats and Cascadia Folk Quartet, and a Portland street performer who recently relocated to Pasco to work for the Burlington Northern- Santa Fe as a conductor.