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Guitar Raffle Ends December 5!

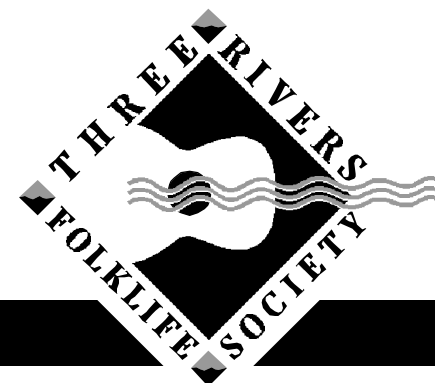
Your absolute last chance to buy some of the limited number of raffle tickets (500) for the Breedlove guitar is right around the corner. You can see photos of the guitar on our website at 3rfs.org. We will draw the win-

ning ticket at the 3RFS concert on December 5, featuring Dan Maher, Heidi Muller and Bob Webb. The prize is a Breedlove Atlas AJ250/SF Plus Jumbo Acoustic-Electric featuring a deep jumbo body, soft cutaway, solid Sitka spruce top, flamed-maple back and sides, Fishman Classic 4 pickup/preamp system, and built-in tuner. It retailed for \$1,339 (This model is dis-

continued and no longer available). A hardshell case is also included. Tickets are \$5 each.

The guitar was donated by Jay Howlett on behalf of Blah Blah Woof Woof music coop (blahblahwoofwoof.com). Thanks, Jay!!!

Proceeds go to help pay for the 2009 Tumbleweed Music Festival.



Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

December 2009

Muller, Webb & Maher on a Long Good Road

Saturday, 5 December, 7:30 PM

Some of us "old timers" in Three Rivers Folklife Society remember way back when Dan Maher chose a new theme song for his weekly 'Inland Folk' radio program on Northwest Public Radio. That song was Heidi Muller's "Good Road," off her then-new CD, "Matters of the Heart." To celebrate two decades of 'Good Roads,' Dan, Heidi, and Heidi's musical partner, Bob Webb, are on a Northwest tour. They will present a concert of new and old material in the Tri-Cities on the first Saturday of this month.

Heidi Muller and Bob Webb perform an eclectic mix of original songs, traditional tunes and contemporary instrumentals. Currently based in Charleston, West Virginia, their performances feature Heidi's songwriting and crystalline vocals backed by both of them on guitar and Appalachian dulcimer, and by Bob on electric cello and mandolin.

Heidi was a well-known performer in the Pacific Northwest for two decades before moving back home to New Jersey, where she met Bob at a Northeast Regional Folk Alliance conference. Bob's multi-instrumental talents at accompaniment (he's a 9-year veteran of the Mountain Stage Band) and skills as a recording engineer led to their further collaboration, and they began performing together in 2003. Heidi and Bob have shared the stage with Bill Staines, Robin and Linda Williams, Crooked Still, Kate Campbell, Johnsmith and Small Potatoes.

Heidi and Bob's CD, "Seeing Things" includes nine of Heidi's original songs, a cover of "I Will" by Lennon and McCartney, and three instrumentals that reflect a sense of place, stories and roots stretching from the Appalachians to the Pacific Northwest. "Muller's songs express down-to-earth sentiments in lovely poetry," writes Rich Warren of Sing Out! magazine. "She sounds

like she truly loves singing and wants nothing more than to share that with you." Victory Review describes the new songs as "created from true heart... sweeter, deeper and more meaningful than ever." Described by Dulcimer Players' News as "one of the dulcimer community's best songwriters and performers," Heidi has shared her music across the country for over 25 years, headlining at festivals including Kerrville and South Florida Folk, and opening for such artists as Nanci Griffith, Tanglefoot, Ramblin' Jack Elliott, Bill Staines and Jean Ritchie.

Bob Webb has played cello and guitar since childhood, and dulcimer and mandolin for over 20 years. He was a founding member of Stark Raven that became the house band for the public radio show 'Mountain Stage.' In his years on the show, he accompanied musical stars Odetta, Tom Paxton, Shawn Colvin, Arlo Guthrie and many others. Bob is also a recording engineer. **Continued on page 2. See Roads.**

Laddie Ray Melvin Plays for Coffeehouse

Friday, 11 December, 7:30 PM

Laddie Ray Melvin is a folk singer who has played music in the Pacific Northwest for many years. He is a songwriter who carefully crafts his lyrics and surrounds them with music from the American folk tradition. Country, blues, folk, and folk-rock are all colors in his musical palette.

Ray has produced two of his own independently recorded CDs: "Rocky Ground" and "In the Aftermath," a collection of tunes that considers what it means to be human in troubled times.

He also performs and records with musicians Brad Keeler and Lyle Morse.

For over three decades, Ray has played festivals like Northwest Folklife in Seattle, the Tumbleweed Music Festival in Richland, Washington, and many acoustic friendly venues like the Hot Club Coffee House in Troy, Montana, and the singer/songwriter showcase at The Dalles, Oregon. His work is sometimes heard on the radio show 'Inland Folk' on Northwest Public Radio and the 'Singer Songwriters on Sunday' show on

Q104. KEWU, the inland northwest's only jazz station, has played cuts from "Rocky Ground" as well, and Ray has appeared on Spokane public radio's "Nacho Celtic Hour."

The Coffeehouse will start with an open mic session. Come early to sign up, or call Alan Page at 943-5662. The Coffeehouse is held at All Saints' Episcopal Church, located at 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland (drive around to the lower parking lot in the back). Suggested donation at the door is \$8 general/\$6 senior and students.

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neer and producer. Bob is known for his work with children. He directed programming at Great Oak Farm and Creative Capers kids' camps in West Virginia, taught over 700 children and adults to make and play his "boximer" cardboard dulcimers and helped develop the Music Mentors program that provides music lessons to at-risk children in Charleston, West Virginia.

Dan Maher, from Pullman, hosts Northwest Public Radio's 'Inland Folk' program and promotes folk music around the region. He is well known for his unlimited collection of folk songs and his boundless energy. Dan and Heidi are friends from way back, and love to join voices in duets.

The concert will be held at Battelle Auditorium, Battelle Blvd., Richland. Tickets are \$14 general admission/\$12 seniors and students in advance and \$2 more at the door (this is different from most concerts). 3RFS members get \$3 off and Battelle Staff members get \$1 off.

Laddie Ray Melvin Workshop!

Saturday, 12 December, 1:00 PM

Laddie Ray Melvin will conduct a workshop on Songcrafting the following day after his performance at the Coffeehouse. The workshop will cover songwriting basics for aspiring songwriters at all levels. The cost is \$15. Bring an instrument if you play one and any works in progress you would like to share.

The workshop is Saturday, December 12, at 1:00 PM at Micki Perry's, 1011 S. Dawes in Kennewick.

Call 509-783-9927 or 509-528-2215 for reservations and directions.



**First Night Now
New Year's Tri-Cities**

Thurs., 31 December, 5:30PM-12:00AM

New Year's Tri-Cities (formerly First Night) is an alcohol-free, family oriented celebration that allows families a chance to join together in a safe, fun-filled environment to enjoy the visual and lively arts and an opportunity to uplift human spirit and celebrate all that is good and right in the world!

The headline act this year is Gloriana. Amid soaring four-part harmonies and electric stage presence, it's clear that Gloriana represents an exciting new force in country music. The four talented and enthusiastic young musicians join forces to create a fresh, one-of-a-kind sound from Nashville.

Other performers include The Gothard Sisters, returning for a third-straight year. They are multi-talented violinists and Irish dancers who perform around the Seattle area. Skweez the Weezy, a Celtic band, has been a crowd favorite on New Year's Eve for nearly a decade. The band's musical mix includes traditional, modern and original tunes and songs from Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Cape Breton and the USA. Many more entertainers are yet to be announced. For more information visit newyearstricities.com.

Admission to all the events requires a button, which is \$10.00 for adults, and \$3 for kids up to 12 years old. Children 5 and under get in free! You can purchase buttons at the door or online.

Get VIPaccess and a sneak peak preview of performers, including comedian Brad Upton and hypnotist Jerry Harris by purchasing a 'Friends of First Night' booster button! It's \$50 and allows you access to the special appreciation night concert on December 30th, and admission to the main event New Year's Eve, plus reserved seating for the two Gloriana shows. To purchase your 'Friends of First Night' collector button, contact Tom Powers at tlpowers1@verizon.net or visit newyearstricities.com.

**Navidad With
Mastersingers**

Friday, 18 December, 7:00 PM

Sunday, 20 December, 3:00 PM

The Mid-Columbia Mastersingers present choral Christmas concerts featuring two works in Spanish, "Navidad Nuestra" (Our Christmas) by Ariel Ramirez, and "Los Pastores" (The Shepherds) by Steven Sametz. The choir will be accompanied by guitar, percussion and harpsichord. The concert also features "Fantasia on Christmas Carols" by Ralph Vaughn Williams, and "Deutsches Magnificat" (German Magnificat) by Heinrich Schutz for double chorus, harpsichord and cello.

Friday's concert is at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 520 S. Garfield, in Kennewick. Sunday's performance is at the Salvation Army Temple, 303 W. Clark, Pasco. Admission is \$15/adults, \$12 Seniors/college students. Young people 18 and under get in free.

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Deadline for the January newsletter is December 15th.

Out of Town

December

- 4** Walla Walla Contra Dance 7:30 PM Fri, Unity Church of Peace, 810 "C" Street at Walla Walla Regional Airport
- 31** Walla Walla Contra Dance Thurs, 7:30 PM potluck and 8:00 PM dance, Unity Church of Peace

Walla Walla Dances in the New Year

The Friends of Acoustic Music, based in Walla Walla, will host two dances in December. An advanced contra dance will be held Friday, December 4th, from 7:30 to 10:30 PM at the Unity Church of Peace. Carla Arnold and Friends play the music with dances called by Howard Ostby, Dan Clark, Cindy Rakowski, and Mark Lewis. Admission is \$5, with \$2 off for Walla Walla Friends of Acoustic Music members

The New Year's Eve Potluck and Dance will also be at the Unity Church of Peace. Stay tuned for a possible venue change, though. The potluck is at 7:30 PM with dancing at 8:30. The live music will be performed by the Wednesday Night Band. Callers will be Howard Ostby and Dan Clark.

For both events, please bring finger foods to share. Apple cider will be provided. Contras, squares, and other dances will be taught. Please no lug boots or narrow heel shoes.

Contra Dark In Dec.

Three Rivers Folklife Society will be bringing Contra dances back on Saturday, January 23, 2010, after taking the month of December off. (Walla Walla's not that far away if you have to feed your Contra dance hunger!)

Local Folk Events

December

- 4** First Friday Folkie Free-for-All 7:30 PM Fri Micki Perry's
- 5** Good Road 20th Anniversary Concert 7:30 PM Sat Battelle Heidi Muller, Bob Webb and Dan Maher
- 11** Laddie Ray Melvin Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 12** Laddie Ray Melvin Songwriting Workshop 1:00 PM Sat Micki Perry's
- 12** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza, Richland
- 14** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon RCC
- 18 & 20** Mid-Columbia Mastersingers (See article for details) Navidad Nuestra
- 31** New Years Tri-Cities 5:30 PM-12 AM Thurs CBC

January

- 8** Joe Winters & Mike Skalstad 7:30 PM Fri All Saints' Coffeehouse
- 9** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza, Richland
- 11** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon RCC
- 16** Joe Jencks Concert 7:30 PM Sat CUUC
- 23** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat Shuffler's Shanty
- 25** Tumbleweed 2010 Planning Meeting 7:00 PM MonRCC

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
Battelle = Battelle Auditorium, Battelle Blvd., Richland
CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco
Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes, Kennewick
RCC = Richland Community Center, 500 Amon Park Dr.
Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett, Richland
Shuffler's Shanty = 717 N. Irving St., Kennewick

For information, call 509 528-2215

Holidays on the High seas

Saturday, 12 December, 7:00 PM

If you get sick of "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree" and "pa-rum-pa-pum-pum," come to the Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong! (SSSSS) There you'll be able to join in some "heave aways," "haul aways," and "Liverpool Judies" instead. We will

sing ourselves around the world with chanteys and songs from land and sea.

We gather on that infamous second Saturday of each month at Richland's Round Table Pizza on the corner of George Washington Way and Torbett. They make great pizza, and they've been putting up with us for years.

