

Folk Talk

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Winter's Return: A Celebration in Music

Saturday, 4 December, 7:30 PM

Celebrate winter and all its diverse festivities with voices, guitars, drums, whistles, hammered dulcimer, hurdy-gurdy, recorder, mandolin, violin, and songs that will bring a bright spot to the darkest winter day. This special concert features Seattle's foremost nautical music duo: William Pint (guitar, octave mandolin) and Felicia Dale (hurdy-gurdy, tinwhistle), and the Kitsap Peninsula's trans-Atlantic world music team: percussionist/guitarist Mike Freeman (UK/Ireland) with multi-instrumentalist Tania Opland (Anchorage/Suquamish).

"William Pint and Felicia Dale rank among North America's most exciting interpreters of music based in the traditions of the British Isles and France... unconventional but spine-tingling... unique and mesmerizing," so says Dirty Linen magazine. William and Felicia play the music of the sea, from sea-themed contemporary songs to traditional shanties, the work songs sung aboard the tall ships to organize the labor of the crew. Those crews were English, Irish, German, French, from the West Indies, the United States and other sea going nations,

but the music itself was inspired by the oceans that link all these places together. William and Felicia take all of this as a source of inspiration for their music, giving it their own spin with guitar, hurdy-gurdy, mandolin and other exotic sounds. The result is an unusually energetic and exciting approach to folk music.

Mike Freeman and Tania Opland met in England in 1994, and have toured the UK from Shetland to the Channel Islands, Norfolk to Cornwall, Scotland and Wales. Performances in North America have ranged from Maine to the Aleutian Islands, and from British Columbia to Texas.

Mike's roots are in Eastern Europe, with grandparents from Hungary, Russia and Romania. Born and raised in Manchester, England, he spent many years in Norwich working as a designer, cabinetmaker and teacher before moving to Ireland. He has played guitar and percussion with an assortment of bands, accompanied Middle Eastern and African dance troupes, performed at countless festivals in Britain, and is featured on recordings as musician, arranger and producer. Mike's main instrument is the Gambian djembe, from which he draws amaz-

ing sounds, but he plays everything from dholak and darabouka to bones, bodhran and congas, and composes tunes on guitar and mandolin.

Originally from Alaska, Tania has traveled extensively in the U.S., Canada, Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Britain. She now lives on an Indian reservation in Washington State, her vast repertoire reflecting the diversity of the communities whose music she has shared. She has appeared on radio and TV in the U.S., Canada, Russia, Uzbekistan, Scotland, Ireland and England. Her five solo albums have received excellent reviews in acoustic music magazines on both sides of the Atlantic. From early classical training, Tania moved on to explore many different fiddle styles and a wide range of wind instruments, and such exotic instruments as chang, gidjak and doira, giving her a style rich in techniques and traditions.

This concert will be held at the Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., in Pasco. Tickets are \$11 gen./\$9 seniors and students if purchased in advance at Bookworm stores and Octopus' Garden or they are \$1 more at the door. 3RFS members receive a \$3 discount.

Laddie Ray Melvin Warms up the Coffeehouse

Friday, 10 December, 7:30 PM

Laddie Ray Melvin is a folksinger and songwriter who has played music in the Pacific Northwest for many years. As a songwriter, he carefully crafts his lyrics and surrounds them with music from the American folk tradition. Country, blues, folk and folk/rock are all colors this artist works with as

he sings of life, death, family, love, hope and our shared humanity.

From Spokane, Ray has produced three independent CDs: Rocky Ground (2002); The Aftermath (2006) a collection of tunes considering what it means to be human in times of trouble; A City Glows In The Distance (2009), a collection of songs that are intentionally spare.

The Coffeehouse begins with an open mic -- come early to sign up. 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 seniors and students. For more information, call Alan Page at 943-5662.

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No Tumbleweed in 2011?????

That is a very real scenario, if we can't find some new volunteers! Four key volunteers who have brought you many of the past 14 festivals have bowed out. They are tired and burned out. The Tumbleweed Steering committee is looking for volunteers to head up 1) publicity, 2) fund raising, 3) volunteer coordination, and 4) food vendors. If you would like to be part of the 2011 Festival, call Micki Perry at 783-9937 or 528-2215 or Duane Horton at 628-0709 or 420-6796. If you have a friend or partner who would like to time-share a position - great! These positions need to be filled by the end of December 2010 because the theme for the next festival is chosen in January 2011. If these positions are not filled by the end of December, there will be no January meeting and no 2011 festival. Please help us continue one of the most popular music festivals in this region into its 15th year.

There will be an emergency 2011 Tumbleweed Music Festival planning meeting on Thursday, December 30, at the Richland Library at 7:00 PM. Please be there. We need your help!



Bring in 2011 at First Night Tri-Cities

Friday, Dec. 31, 5:30 PM-12:00 Midnight

First Night Tri-Cities is a family-oriented, alcohol-free celebration that allows the community to join together in a safe, fun-filled environment to enjoy the visual and lively arts while welcoming the new year. By using the arts as a backdrop and the community as a stage, First Night Tri-Cities is an opportunity to uplift human spirit and celebrate all that is good and right in the world.

Performers are too numerous to list here, but will include Christina & Alia, the Gothard Sisters, Jerry Harris, Skweez the Weezle, and the Broadway Babes.

Christina and Alia are sisters from Idaho Falls who were featured on NBC's "America's Got Talent" earlier this year and finished in the Top 10. Both sisters have Cystic Fibrosis and were told they wouldn't be able to sing, but they have proved their critics wrong! Neither young lady lets the disease hold her back!

The Gothard Sisters are multi-talented violinists and Irish dancers who perform around the Seattle area at various events. The group features Greta (23), Willow (21) and Solana (15). They made their Tri-Cities debut in 2007 and are back again by popular demand with an all-new performance.

Jerry Harris returns for his sixth performance at First Night. Jerry is one of the most talented and sought-after hypnotists in the country. His dynamic personality combined with his mesmerizing voice will quickly and easily induce an altered state of consciousness. Jerry's many years of professional training and experience will overcome any fears and misconceptions about hypnosis. Once he has explained the process to his volunteers and the audience, Jerry drops all who are willing into a deep sleep.

The Celtic music performed by Skweez the Weezle has been a crowd

favorite at First Night for nearly a decade. The band's musical mix includes traditional, modern and original tunes and sounds from Highland and Lowland Scotland, Ireland, Wales, Cape Breton and the U.S. The band has performed as a quartet, trio and duo throughout Washington, Oregon and Idaho at festivals, Highland Games, concerts, coffeehouses, wineries and more.

The Broadway Babes are a quartet of girls, ages 11-17, who sing Broadway tunes and other melodies with their own special twist. They have performed at First Night for the past five years and have sung the National Anthem for the Tri-City Americans and Dust Devil games and performed at numerous fundraisers.

First Night takes place on the campus of Columbia Basin College, 2600 N. 20th Avenue, Pasco. Purchase a button for admittance to all venues for \$10/adults, \$3/kids 6-12. Kids 5 and under are free. Buttons will be available online beginning December 1st -- www.firstnighttc.org, or at Yoke's Fresh Market stores. Other button outlets, and additional information, are listed online.

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Deadline for the January newsletter is December 15th.

Out of Town

December

4 Walla Walla Contra Dance
 7:30 PM Sat, Unity Church of Peace, 810 "C" Street, Walla Walla

31 New Year's Contra Dance
 Fri., 7:30 PM Potluck, 8:30 PM Dance, Tucker Timberrib, 84847 Winesap Rd., Milton-Freewater, Oregon

No Contra Dance in December

We'll be taking a break from the dance floor in December. The dancing will return in January with the first dance of the year on Saturday, the 22nd, at Shuffler's Shanty in Kennewick.

Holiday Mood is Free-for-All

Friday, 3 December, 7:30 PM

The First Friday Folkie Free-for All is a song circle, and we welcome all genres of music and all levels of proficiency. You don't have to lead or teach a song, but everyone has a chance to pick a song or tune or two that everyone can sing or play.

Join us at Micki Perry's house, 1011 S. Dawes, on the corner of 10th and Dawes in Kennewick. Bring a dessert or snack to share and be prepared for a sweet time of sharing favorite songs and tunes.



Local Folk Events

December

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| 3 | First Friday Folkie Free-for-All | 7:30 PM FRI | Micki Perry's |
| 4 | Winter's Return: A Celebration in Music - William Pint, Felicia Dale, Tania Opland & Mike Freeman Concert | 7:30 PM Sat | CUUC |
| 4 | Romagossa Blue | 6:00-9:00 PM Sat | Bookwalter Winery |
| 9 | Blue Mountain Spanish Sound | 6:00-9:00 PM | Thurs Bookwalter Winery |
| 10 | Laddie Ray Melvin Coffeehouse | 7:30 PM Fri | All Saints' |
| 10 | Tri-Cities Steel Band Association Christmas Concert | 6:30 PM Fri | Chief Jo Middle School Richland |
| 11 | 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong | 7:00 PM Sat | Round Table Pizza, Richland |
| 13 | 3RFS Board Meeting | 7:00 PM Mon | Richland Library |
| 23 | Rob Rigonion, Guitarist | 6:00-9:00 PM | Thurs Bookwalter Winery |
| 30 | 2011 Tumbleweed Meeting | 7:00 PM Thurs | Richland Library |
| 31 | First Night Tri-Cities | 5:30 PM - Midnight | Fri CBC Pasco |

January 2011

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| 10 | 3RFS Board Meeting | 7:00 PM Mon | Richland Library |
| 14 | Jesse Campos & Friends Coffeehouse | 7:30 PM Fri | All Saints' |
| 22 | Contra Dance | 7:30 PM Sat | Shuffler's Shanty |
| 29 | Keeler, Melvin & Morse Concert | 7:30 PM Sat | CUUC |

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
 Bookwalter Winery = 894 Tulip Lane, Richland, 627-5000
 Chief Joseph Middle School = 504 Wilson, Richland
 CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco
 Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes St., Kennewick
 Richland Library = Richland Library, 955 Northgate Dr., at Goethals Dr. and Swift Blvd.
 Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., Richland
 Shuffler's Shanty = 717 N. Irving St., Kennewick

For information, call 509 528-2215

We'll Singalong Sea Songs & Carols!

Saturday, 11 December, 7:00 PM

Santa always says Yo, Ho, Ho! as up the chimney he go, go, goes! Celebrate the holidays by joining us for the Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong in December. If you've never come before, give yourself the gift of music being shared by friendly (slightly

crazy) people. You don't need a great singing voice and the songs are easy to learn. You can also sate your hunger and slake your thirst for a reasonable price, if you wish.

Join us around 7:00 PM at Richland's Round Table Pizza on the corner of Torbett and George Washington Way.