



Three Rivers Folklife Society

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Local Folk Events

November

- 1** Dorian Michael Workshop
Fingerstyle Guitar 1:00 PM Sat Perry's
- 1** Dorian Michael Concert
Michael and Keleran Millham open 7:30 PM Sat **CUUC**
- 8** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table
Richland
- 10** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon Pizza, BPAABC
- 14** Tom Rawson Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 15** Karelian Folk Music Ensemble 7:30 PM Sat Battelle
- 19** Cosy Sheridan House Concert 7:00 PM Wed Perry's
- 22** Contra Dance (Tentative) 7:30 PM Sat Location TBD

December

- 5** Cutters & Friends Christmas Concert 7:30 PM Fri **CUUC**
- 8** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon BPAABC
- 12** Joe Winters & Michael Skalstad Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 13** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table
Pizza, Richland
- 31** Tri-Cities First Night 6:30 - Midnight Wed CBC

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
Battelle = Battelle Auditorium, Battelle Blvd., Richland
BPAABC = Battelle Performing Arts Business Center, 716 Jadwin Ave., Richland
CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church
2819 W. Sylvester St, Pasco
Perry's = John & Micki Perry's, 1011 S. Dawes, Kennewick, 783-9937
Round Table Pizza = 245 Torbett, Richland, 946-0667

For information, call 509 528-2215



Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

November 2008

Dorian Michael, Fingerstyle Master, Returns

Saturday, 1 November, 7:30 PM

Fingerstyle guitarist Dorian Michael returns to the Tri-Cities this month for a solo performance. Dorian is always a popular performer in concerts and at the Tumbleweed Music Festival.

Dorian Michael started playing guitar as a seven-year old in Los Angeles just as folk music was about to have a renaissance. He has been a working guitarist for four decades and in that time has played plenty of blues, folk, jazz, and rock and roll. At some point along the way he started playing a few solo fingerstyle instrumentals, made a CD and decided he needed to hit the road and see if he could sell some. Three solo CDs and four ensemble CDs later, Dorian is still playing throughout the States and Canada. He calls his solo music "contemporary traditional," original music that reflects

his interest in a number of styles.

These influences come through in his original material, but it is a contemporary music that grows from, rather than mimics, those influences. When he plays someone else's music or a traditional piece, he always manages to add a few surprises. Says Dorian, "Some music makes you feel, some makes you think and some music is just for the fun of it. I try to get to all those places in the space of a performance."

Dorian has written two books on open tunings published by CenterStream Publications: "Open Tunings for Solo Guitar: 14 Songs, 9 Tunings" and "Arranging for Open Guitar Tunings." Recently Centerstream had Dorian do three instructional DVDs: beginning fingerstyle, intermediate fingerstyle and intermediate blues improvisation. Dorian isn't sure exactly when they'll

be available, but it will be soon.

Dorian also plays in a duo with mandolinist Kenny Blackwell, and co-leads a blues ensemble with vocalist Brett Hoover, The Cinders Blues Band.

Michael and Keleran Millham from Spokane, will open the concert. They performed at Tumbleweed as Sidhe a few years ago. Michael is a fingerstyle guitar player and Keleran (who was known as Kelly in the a cappella trio Lotus) is the songwriter for the duo.

This concert will be held at the new Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 West Sylvester Street in Pasco. Tickets are \$11 general admission, \$9 seniors and students if purchased in advance at Bookworm stores and Octopus Garden. Tickets cost \$1 more at the door.

Guitar workshop with Dorian Michael! See page 2 for information.

Multi-faceted Karelian Folk Music Ensemble

Saturday, 15 November, 7:30 PM

3RFS is excited to sponsor the traditional music of the Karelian Folk Music Ensemble. The ensemble is a lively Finnish and Russian trio, performing both vocal and instrumental music. You'll hear 15 instruments, 3 voices, and 3 languages, with a bit of humor and history included.

The trio hails from the Russian Republic of Karelia, the border region of NW Russia and Finland with a rich cultural heritage. It is the land of the Kalevala, ancient land of forests, lakes, small villages and epic songs.

The members of the group are Igor Arkhipoff, Arto Rinne, and Alexander "Sasha" Bykadoroff. They perform on a variety of instruments including mandolin, shepherd's flutes, trumpet, piano, Karelian harps, button accordions, scythe, goat horn and bells. Vocal music includes three part a cappella Russian songs, songs from the Kalevala, and songs from the U.S. in "Finnglish." They speak English well and have a great rapport with their audiences.

The trio has been featured in the Christmas Revels Northlands show, a theatrical show based on traditional

songs, music and dances from Scandinavia and Karelia. Concert performances in the U.S. have included the Cedar Cultural Centre, the Chicago Cultural Center, the Lotus Blossoms Festival, the Finnish Embassy, the Millennium Stage/Kennedy Center, and other clubs, museums, libraries and cultural centers. They have several recordings available on Gadfly Records.

The concert will be held at the Battelle auditorium, Richland. Tickets are \$15/\$13 in advance at Octopus' Garden or Bookworm stores, and are \$1 more at the door.

Tom Rawson Singing Stories

Friday, 14 November, 7:30 PM

Saying that Tom Rawson sings folk songs and tells stories is like saying Lance Armstrong rides bicycles. In the style of Pete Seeger, Tom is a master of warmth and wit that draws his audience to feel and participate in his music. Hailing from Seattle, he travels all over the Northwest with his user friendly songs, humorous stories, and acoustic folk philosophy. Armed with a long-necked banjo and other weapons of mass delight, Tom will have you singing along in no time.

Tom has been singing and telling stories on stage for almost three decades. He calls himself a "song harvester" with the goal of spreading the songs of contemporary songwriters as well as keeping some of the older traditional songs alive. Tom has performed at many events in the Pacific Northwest, including Winter Folk Festival (Florence Oregon), Tumbleweed Music Festival, Northwest Folklife Festival (Seattle), and Victoria Folk Music Society Concerts. In 2007 he performed at the Our Way Home Reunion peace conference in Castlegar BC, sharing the stage with Holly Near, Country Joe McDonald, and Rosalie Sorrels.

Tom maintains an abiding love of the railroads having logged thousands of miles by boxcar across North America. He is also an avid trout fisherman, which is how (he explains) he became a storyteller.

Tom has two CDs to his credit. The most recent, "Where the Coho Flash Silver," was recorded live in concert at the Victoria Folk Music Society in April, 2006.

The Coffeehouse will begin with an open mic session-- come early to sign up - at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball, Ave., Richland. Suggested donation at the door is \$8/\$6 senior and students. For more information contact Alan Page at 943-5662.

Dorian Michael Guitar Workshop

Saturday, 1 November, 1:00 PM

Dorian Michael will present a finger-style guitar workshop on Saturday afternoon, at the home of John and Micki Perry, 1011 South Dawes St. in Kennewick. The workshop is designed for guitar players at all levels.

Dorian's previous workshops at the Tumbleweed Music Festival have been popular, but this one will allow more attention to individual coaching and instruction. The cost is \$15 and reservations are encouraged. For reservations and directions, call 509-783-9937.

Poet Laureate Presents at WSU

Thursday, 6 November, 7:30 PM

Samuel Green, the state's first poet laureate, is making his first official visit to the Tri-Cities in conjunction with the Open Mic Poetry Reading Night at Washington State University, Tri-Cities. The Legislature established the position of poet laureate in 2007 to build awareness and appreciation of poetry across the state. Governor Chris Gregoire named Green to a two-year term as the inaugural poet laureate. Green is author of 10 poetry collections, including the newly released book "The Grace of Necessity," and has spent 30 years as editor of a small press that highlights Washington poets. He lives on Waldron Island in San Juan County.

Open Mic Poetry Reading Night will be held in the WSU Tri-Cities East Building Auditorium at 2710 University Drive, Richland. Admission is free and open to the public. Following a reading by Green, the microphone is open to poets of all ages and levels of experience who would like to share their poems. (509) 372-7250. <http://www.tricity.wsu.edu>

Cozy Sheridan House Concert

Wednesday, 19 November, 7:00 PM

Singer/songwriter Cozy Sheridan, from Moab, Utah, will perform her original songs at an intimate house concert at the home of John and Micki Perry, 1011 South Dawes, Kennewick. She will be accompanied by her partner TR Ritchie, who performed at this years Tumbleweed Music Festival and at a 3RFS concert this year.

It has been many years since Cozy has been in our area. Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of the most insightful and witty female singer/songwriters in the country. Cost for the concert and refreshments is \$15. Reservations are recommended. Call 783-9937 for reservations and directions.

Board Member Needed

Harry Babad has resigned for personal reasons after serving faithfully for many years. He will still be an active 3RFS member but we need to fill his spot. Please call Alan Page (943-5662) if you are interested in serving.

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Deadline for the December newsletter is November 15th.

Out of Town

November

15 Walla Walla Contra Dance
Saturday, 7:00 PM instruction; 7:30 PM dance
Stateline Grange
<http://fam.bmi.net>

November Events at Tamástslíkt

Immerse yourself in the history, culture and hospitality of the people who have lived on this land for more than 10,000 years. More than just a museum, Tamástslíkt celebrates the traditions of the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla Tribes. With dramatic exhibits, renowned artwork and interesting - and yes, fun - events year-round. Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute takes you on a 10,000-year voyage in a single afternoon. Tamástslíkt offers free admission to exhibits on the first Friday of each month.

Events scheduled for this month:
November 1, Reservation Roadshow. From 9-12 noon & 1-4:45 PM the institute will offer collectors and Tribal members a chance to have their artifacts and family heirlooms examined and valued by professional conservators. They will also provide advice on the best methods of preserving family treasures such as regalia items, beadwork and basketry, and pricing artifacts. The event is free and open to the public.

November 8, Free public program on basket weaving. Minerva T. Soucie is a member of the Burnes Paiute Tribe and a consultant, artist, storyteller, basketweaver, and speaker on Paiute history and cultural resources. In 1990 Minerva was named Harney County's "Woman of the Year." At 9 AM, she will demonstrate the art and skill of basketweaving, and at 1 PM will give a lecture.

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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!

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| _____ Demonstrating folk arts | _____ Membership | _____ Contra dances |
| _____ Tumbleweed Music Festival | _____ Other _____ | |

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Contra Dance Venue Still Needed

Saturday, 22 November, 7:00 PM

We've got the band and the caller. We still need a place to dance. The Contraversatiles and Cindy Rakowski are lined up, but we are still looking for a reasonably priced wood dance floor for dancing. If you know of a place call Cindy at 308-6408 so we can continue to support this activity..

Time to Give Thanks for SSSSS!

Saturday, 8 November, 7:00 PM

We're congregating a little early this month, but that gives us time to sing a few pounds off before the feasting at the end of the month! You won't go hungry, though, comestibles and quaff are available as usual as we chantey away at Richland's Round Table Pizza. Join us!