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November Concert Features Tracy Spring

Friday, 16 November, 7:30 PM

Tracy Spring, singer/songwriter from Bellingham, displays rich, compelling vocals and versatile guitar playing. She's a writer of 3-minute novels, poetry, and music all rolled into one. Her wide musical range is demonstrated by the women she's been compared to: Sarah McLachlan, Tracy Chapman, kd lang, and Yo Yo Ma's cello.

An award-winning songwriter and seasoned performer, Tracy has played in folk venues and festivals throughout North America and Australia. Combining folk, blues, old R&B, and jazz influences, she displays a style all her own.

Tracy recently completed a five week tour of Southeast Alaska and the Yukon Territory, where she debuted a new guitar built especially for her by Rob Goldberg from Haines, Alaska. This masterfully built instrument features a small body with a big sound, with a longer scale to keep string tension elevated for the slack tunings she uses, as well as adding power to the instru-

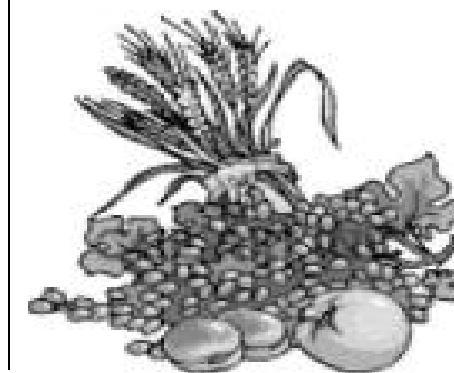
ment. The instrument also features stunning totemic inlays designed and created by Goldberg in mother of pearl, abalone, blue glass, and green mirrored glass. The appearance, musical quality and clarity of this guitar are exceptional.

Tracy's songs "Sometimes Angels," "Somebody's Child" (co-written with Becca Christel), "In Our Hands," and "What Would You Give To Change the World" have been used for soundtracks promoting philanthropy, raising funds for thousands of charitable organizations. In addition to these humanitarian anthems, she co-wrote (with Janis Carper and Becca Christel) "Of This World," recorded by Peter, Paul & Mary on their 2004 studio album, "In These Times."

Tracy is currently touring to promote her latest album, "Looking Forward-Looking Back," a collection of reflective songs ranging from expressive finger-style ballads to rockin' bottleneck blues. In a review written for the Folk & Acoustic Music Exchange by Mark Horn, "Tracy Spring sizzles

with passion and is steamier than an August night in New Orleans." and "Songwriting is only half the story. Tracy Spring sports an astounding vocal range with rich tone and exquisite phrasing. The result is an album that is as musically persuasive as its lyrics are engaging."

Tracy will perform at the Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco. Tickets are \$11 general admission and \$9 for seniors and students if purchased in advance at Bookworm stores and Octopus' Garden and are \$1 more at the door. 3RFS members receive a \$3 discount.



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Steve Cary Performs at Coffeehouse

Friday, 9 November, 7:30 PM

Steve Cary, a well-known local singer/songwriter and guitarist has been performing since he was 5 years old, and writing music since he was 14. With a broad variety of influences – Folk-Rock to Latin, Big Band to Reggae– he calls his musical blend "Free Range Fusion." Steve grew up in Corvallis, Oregon, singing every

kind of music he could in choirs, bands, and as a soloist. He has performed classical, swing, jazz, folk, rock, and spirituals throughout the West Coast. Fluent in Spanish, he writes in both English and Spanish – some songs in both. When he's not performing solo, you can hear Steve around town with the eclectic rock band Romagossa Blu.

Before Steve's performance, there

will be an open mic session to start off the evening. Slots are limited, so come early to sign up, if you want to perform. The coffeehouse is held at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1312 Kimball Ave., in Richland (drive around to the lower parking lot in the back). Suggested donations are \$8 general admission or \$6 teens and seniors at the door.

Tumbleweed Music Festival 2013

Thursday, 29 November, 7:00 PM

Gene Carbaugh, a long-time 3RFS volunteer, has agreed to be Festival Coordinator for the 2013 Tumbleweed Music Festival! Tumbleweed is a group effort, with many people volunteering to take on responsibilities so that all the necessary jobs get done. Some areas that will need to be covered for the 2013 festival include: publicity, program, fundraising, arts and crafts and food vendor coordination, hospitality, grounds and services, volunteer coordination, and the info booth.

Our first planning meeting will be held on Thursday, November 29, at 7:00 PM in the Richland Community Center Conference Room. At this meeting we will determine who is willing to do what tasks, and pick a theme for Tumbleweed 2013. If you are interested in volunteering in a specific area or have ideas for a theme, you can contact Gene in advance at eugene.carbaugh@moleninc.com or by calling 509 946-0504.

Renew Your Memberships Now!

Memberships in Three Rivers Folklife Society generally expire in the month of January but if you join or rejoin at or after Tumbleweed your membership will carry over through 2013.

Members receive a \$3 discounts on concert tickets and \$1 off on contra dance admission so in the long run they save you money. More importantly, you are supporting folk music in the Tri-Cities, getting a free concert at our annual meeting and, best of all, your Folk Talk newsletter mailing label will say "Member" instead of "Non-member." Beat the rush and join (or re-join) now instead of waiting until January. Membership dues are \$15 for an individual and \$20 for a family.

Mary Hartman New CD Concert

Saturday, 3 November, 7:30 PM

Mary J. Hartman (of the local trio, Humphrey, Hartman & Cameron) has recently released "Water the Land," a CD of Christian-themed music. Mary wrote 9 of the 13 songs on the collection, which covers a wide range of styles from quiet, contemplative folk ("Body of Christ") to bluegrass gospel ("My Savior Leapt") to classical (Schubert's "Ave Maria".) Guest musicians include Michelle Cameron, Janet Humphrey, May-Lin Thomas, Doug Rice, Jim Honeyman, John April, and Sheila Gephart.

Mary and friends will perform songs from the new CD as well as secular fare at a CD release concert in the "gathering space" in Christ the King Catholic Church at 1111 Stevens Drive, in Richland. The public is welcome! There is no admission charge, but donations will be accepted to benefit the local office of Catholic Family and Child Services. Profits from sale of the CD (at any time) will also benefit CFCS. You can hear clips from the CD at cdbaby.com. For more information, call Mary at 509 713-3547.

Spokane Fall Folk Festival

Saturday-Sunday, 10-11 November

The Spokane Folklore Society presents their 17th Annual Fall Folk Festival. Don't worry about cold weather because it's an all-indoor festival at Spokane Community College (The Lair), 1810 N. Greene St. This festival is known for a variety of musical styles including bluegrass, Irish, Scandinavian, klezmer, African, Peruvian, Hawaiian, contemporary folk, blues, and more.

The festival is FREE and runs 11 AM to 10 PM Saturday and 11 AM to 5 PM Sunday. For more information go to <http://spokanefolkfestival.org/>

Live Music at Emerald of Siam

You've known of Emerald of Siam, in Uptown Richland, for their fantastic Thai food for a couple of decades. Did you know that besides providing some of the best food in the Tri-Cities they now feature live music during the dinner hour and later in the evening?

Their November lineup includes the following:
 November 1, Thursday 5:30-8:30 PM – Tom Gnoza, folk and blues
 November 2, Friday, 5:30-8:30 PM – Dan Myers, eclectic ambient music
 November 3, Saturday, 5:30-8:30 PM – Jami Cooper, singer-songwriter
 November 8, Thursday, 5:30-8:30 PM Don Millard, blues
 November 9, Friday, 5:30-8:30 PM Chelsea Spence, harp
 November 17, Saturday, 5:30-8:30 PM Steve Cary, acoustic Latin-folk-blues.

Check out who's playing on the calendar at emeraldofsiam.com/music. The Emerald of Siam is located at 1314 Jadwin Ave., in the Uptown Shopping Center, in Richland.

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Deadline for the December newsletter is November 15th.

Out of Town

November

10-11 Spokane Fall Folk Festival 11:00 AM Spokane Community College, N. 1810 N. Greene Street, Spokane
<http://spokanefolkfestival.org/>

Dance Off That Pumpkin Pie!

Saturday, 24 November, 7:30 PM

This month's dance features the music of House Blend, with Carla Arnold on fiddle, Dave Arnold on guitar, and Larry Smith on flute, whistle, and bodhran. Carla, Dave and Larry are from La Grande, Oregon. Our own Cindy Rakowski will be calling. So to recover from your 'Black Friday' shopping come out to dance at Shufflers' Shanty. There will be a "Thanksgiving Leftovers" potluck at 6:30, so bring something to share - and some friends!

Beginners are welcome and no partner is necessary. All dances are taught. There is no better way to hear great music that gets your feet moving. Bring friends and family for an evening of music, dancing and fun at Shufflers' Shanty, 717 N. Irving St., Kennewick.

The cost at the door is \$8 general admission or \$6 for seniors and teens. Kids under 12 are free. \$1 off for 3RFS members.

Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong Brightens the Month!

Saturday, 10 November, 7:00 PM

Are the shorter days and gloomy weather getting you down? Research has shown that singing sea songs with a group lifts your spirits as much as a five-mile run. (Actually we just made that up, but we think it's true!)

Join us as we meet to enjoy stimulating company and sing sea chanteys at Round Table Pizza in Richland, on

Local Folk Events

November

2 First Friday Folkie Free-For-All	7:30 PM -Fri,	Micki Perry's Kennewick
3 Mary Hartman CD Release Concert	7:30 PM -Sat,	Christ the King
9 Steve Cary Coffeehouse	7:30 PM Fri	All Saints' Richland
10 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong	7:00 PM Sat	Round Table Pizza, Richland
12 3RFS Board Meeting	7:00 PM Mon	Tim Riordan's
16 Tracy Spring Concert	7:30 PM Fri	CUUC Pasco
24 Contra Dance	7:30 PM Sat	Shufflers' Shanty Kennewick
29 Tumbleweed 2013 Planning Meeting	7:00 PM Thurs	RCC Richland

December

1 Hank Cramer & Friends Concert	7:30 PM -Sat,	Battelle
7 First Friday Folkie Free-For-All	7:30 PM -Fri,	Micki Perry's Kennewick
8 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong	7:00 PM Sat	Round Table Pizza, Richland
10 3RFS Board Meeting	7:00 PM Mon	Tim Riordan's
14 Winters & Skalstad Coffeehouse	7:30 PM Fri	All Saints' Richland
31 First Night Tri-Cities		Columbia Basin College Pasco

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
 Christ the King = Christ the King School and Church, 1111 Stevens Dr., Richland
 CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco
 Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes St., Kennewick
 RCC = Richland Community Center,
 Tim Riordan's = Richland, 948-4814
 Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., Richland
 Shufflers' Shanty = 717 N. Irving St., Kennewick

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the corner of Torbett St. and George Washington Way, on the Second Saturday of every month. You'll find friends who love to visit and sing sea songs together. No experience is necessary, and there's no charge except for the food and beverages. Sailor lingo lesson

Bung hole: This sounds nasty, but it isn't. It's simply a hole in a barrel to get at the stuff inside. The bung is the

stopper that plugs the hole. Often used to quiet someone, as in, "Shut yer bung hole!"

Scupper: a drain at the edge of a deck exposed to the weather, for allowing accumulated water to drain away. Evidently not a place you would want to find yourself, especially if you are a drunken sailor, as in, "Throw him in the scuppers with the hose-pipe on him!"