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The Blackberry Bushes Are In Town

4 Dec., 8:00 PM & 5 Dec., 9:00 PM

The Blackberry Bushes String Band is a contemporary string band from Olympia. They take bluegrass instrumentation, draw from the deep roots of

American folk music, and add influences from indie rock, jazz, and pop. They have two shows coming up: Friday, December 4, at Brewminotti, 713 6th St., in Prosser. Beer, wine, and a light menu are available; all ages

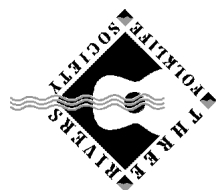
welcome. It's \$12 in advance or \$15 the day of the show. For more information, call 509 786-2269 or visit www.therootscellar.com.

The second show is Saturday, December 5, the Blackberry Bushes will play at the Emerald of Siam in Richland. This is an adults only show, with a \$5 cover charge.

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Winter's Return Concert

Saturday, 5 December, 7:30 PM

As daylight disappears and the cold intensifies, it's time to contemplate winter's return. We can all embrace "Winter's Return" with the music of William Pint, Felicia Dale, Tania Opland and Mike Freeman. The concert celebrates 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 of winter days.

Two world touring duos join forces to bring a celebration of winter to our stage. Pint and Dale play music of the sea with consummate skill and high energy, while Opland and Freeman collect music from around the world which they serve up with great wit and verve.

Since 1995 Tania Opland and Mike Freeman have been touring the world together from home bases half a world apart, with a unique and eclectic mix of songs in several languages and acoustic music played on more instruments than any sane duo would travel with: hammered dulcimer, guitar, recorders, cittern, violin, hurdy-gurdy, Native American flute, ocarina, and percussion. Their shows feature traditional and contemporary material from many cultures as well as original compositions, all presented with wit and style, and guaranteed to provide an evening of great music and entertainment for all, especially those seeking something a little off the beaten track. Mike's irreverent sense of humor and Tania's stunning vocals provide the springboard for a roller coaster ride across several continents and back again.

William Pint and Felicia Dale have won an ardent following across the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Poland and the Netherlands with their recordings and appearances at festivals and concerts. They gather together material from many locales and cultures including the West Indies, Wales and Brittany. No dead tradition, seafaring music is very much alive in the hands of Pint and Dale, and in the daily lives of people still dedicated to sailing tall ships in the 21st Century.

In a detour from their usual fare, these two remarkable pairs form a powerhouse quartet that makes music like no one else, offering a stunning collection of songs and instrumentals with a seasonal flavor.

This concert will be held in the Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., in Pasco. Tickets are \$14 general admission and \$12 for seniors, students, and 3RFS members, in advance at The Bookworm and Octopus' Garden, or at the door.

Are You Part of the 3RFS Database?

Dedicated folks have been hard at work updating and improving our 3RFS database system. This will help us track membership, volunteers, and fulfill requests for Folk Talk and the flyer. If you have provided 3RFS with an e-mail address, you will receive an e-mail about the new distribution. Follow the instructions to unsubscribe or update your contact information.

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Caleb Paul at Coffeehouse

Friday, 11 December, 7:30 PM

Caleb Paul is a Portland based guitarist, vocalist and songwriter who hails from the Caribbean Islands of Trinidad and Tobago. With lyrical soulful guitar workings tempered by the charismatic urgency with which he sings, his honest lyrics invite listeners to see old truths in a new light.

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

Celtic Music for Christmas

Wednesday, 9 December, 7:00 PM

Affiniti is an Irish trio made up of Emer Barry (soprano), Aisling Ennis (harp) and Mary McCague (violin). All three are classically trained and masters of their instruments but it is their genuine affinity with each other and their desire to create and perform together that makes them really special.

Emer, Mary, and Aisling all boast intimidating resumes. They have performed as solo and orchestral musicians throughout Ireland, the UK, Europe, the US, and Asia with artists including Kanye West, Michael Buble, Josh Ritter, Rod Stewart and Sinéad O'Connor. For this concert vocalist Howard Crosby, nephew of Bing Crosby, joins them. Howard has inherited his uncle's singing ability and is a popular performer throughout the Northwest, and also with Affiniti on portions of their US tours.

This concert benefits the Arts Task Force, a local non-profit whose mission is to foster and advance the arts of the Mid-Columbia by establishing a viable center for the performing arts. The concert will be held at the Uptown Theater in Richland. Admission is \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. For more information, see arts-centertaskforce.com.

New Songbooks!

"Rise Again" is a brand new sing-along songbook edited by Peter Blood and Annie Patterson who compiled the "Rise Up Singing" songbook. Like the old book, the new book includes lyrics and chords to 1200 songs. These are 1200 NEW songs; no overlap with the old books. 3RFS has ordered a bunch of the larger format books, and we will sell them for \$30. They would make great Christmas gifts for yourself or loved ones! We hope they will be here available for purchase at our December 5th concert.

Handbells Ring in The Season Too

Saturday, 12 December, 7:00 PM

Bells of the Desert, the Tri-Cities' premier handbell ensemble, invites you to enjoy their annual Christmas concert. This year they present "From a Distant Land," featuring Christmas music from around the world. You will enjoy holiday favorites like "Go Tell it on the Mountain," "Silent Night," and "Greensleeves," alongside international tunes like "Bwana Asifiwe," a traditional Swahili melody, and "Wexford Carol," an Irish Christmas carol. This one hour concert will be held at the Kennewick First United Methodist Church, 2 S. Dayton St. There is no charge for admission.



A Very Acapella Christmas

Saturday, 12 December, 2:00 PM

The Coats is a Seattle-based acapella men's quartet who sing at Pike Place Market as well as tour regionally and nationally. One of their specialties is holiday songs. The group consists of bass singer Kerry Dahlen, baritone Doug Wisness, and Tenors Jamie Dieveney and Keith Michael Anderson. Their intense yet hilarious, interactive performance blends music and comedy so seamlessly that there is no event, stage, or function of any size that won't be left stunned and wondering, "How did all that come out of only four guys?!" The Coats will play at the Kennewick High Auditorium. The concert is sponsored by The Cancer Center Men's Club. Admission is \$25.

Rainy Camp for Folks Who Sing

Friday-Sunday, 29-31 January

Rainy Camp is a fantastic weekend of folksinging sponsored by the Seattle Folklore Society every year on the last weekend in January. It takes place at the Lake Retreat and Conference Center near Ravensdale, Washington, which is situated on a small lake and has heated cabins, comfortable beds, and great food. The camp is not for performers, though a few of the people who attend are performers, but it is for people who like to sing. There is a huge Friday night song circle and dozens of workshops on various themes all day Saturday and Sunday morning, a participants' concert on Saturday night, and late night jams and song circles. All this for around \$120 so it is a real bargain. Early bird sign-ups end December 15, so get your reservations in soon. Sign-ups will continue until the camp is full. For more information see the web site, www.rainycamp.org. P.S. It gets out before the Superbowl starts!

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Deadline for the January newsletter is December 15th.

Out of Town

December

- 4 The Blackberry Bushes String Band, 8:00 PM, Fri, Brewminotti, 713 6th St. Prosser

Merry SS Sea Song Singalong

Saturday, 12 December, 7:00 PM

There's nothing like group singing to foster a feeling of community and belonging. You don't have to be a "good singer" to join in at the Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong for sea songs and the like... just be willing to lend your voice. We meet the second Saturday of each month at Round Table Pizza in Richland. It's fun and informal. All are welcome and there is no cost except for the food and beverages.



Tumbleweed Music Festival News

Tuesday, 19 January, 7:00 PM

Gene Carbaugh and a group of very dedicated organizers have already started planning the 2016 Tumbleweed Music Festival. It's our 20th annual and is once again scheduled for Labor Day weekend. They have already decided on the theme for the song-writing contest, which is "Come Together." That's what the festival is all about. Performer applications will be online at 3rfs.org very soon!

Local Folk Events

December

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| 4 | First Friday Folkie Free-For-All | 7:30 PM Fri | Micki Perry's Kennewick |
| 5 | Winter's Return Concert | 7:30 PM Sat | CUUC Pasco |
| 5 | Blackberry Bushes String Band | 9:00 PM Sat | Emerald of Siam Richland |
| 7 | 3RFS Board Meeting | 7:00 PM Mon | Gene Carbaugh's Richland |
| 9 | Celtic Christmas Concert Affiniti with Howard Crosby | 7:00 PM Mon | Uptown Theater Richland |
| 11 | Caleb Paul Coffeehouse | 7:30 PM Fri | All Saints', Richland |
| 11 | SteelDrum Christmas Concert | 6:30 PM Fri | Chief Joe School, Richland |
| 12 | 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong | 7:00 PM Sat | Round Table Pizza, Richland |
| 12 | The Coats Concert | 2:00 PM Sat | Kennewick High School |
| 12 | Handbell Concert | 7:00 PM Sat | First United Methodist, Kennewick |
| 14 | 3RFS Board Meeting | 7:00 PM Mon | Gene Carbaugh's Richland |
| 18 | Lawrence Huntley Hammer Dulcimer | 5 - 8 PM Fri | Emerald of Siam Richland |

January

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| 1 | First Friday Folkie Free-For-All | 7:30 PM Fri | Micki Perry's Kennewick |
| 8 | Coffeehouse | 7:30 PM Fri | All Saints', Richland |
| 9 | 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong | 7:00 PM Sat | Round Table Pizza, Richland |
| 11 | 3RFS Board Meeting | 7:00 PM Mon | Gene Carbaugh's Richland |
| 16 | Dan Weber Concert | 7:30 PM Sat | CUUC Pasco |
| 19 | Tumbleweed 2016 Planning Meeting | 7:00 PM Tue | Gene Carbaugh's Richland |

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
Chief Joe School = Chief Joseph Middle School, 504 Wilson St., Richland
CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco
Emerald of Siam = 1314 Jadwin Ave., Richland
First United Methodist Church = 2 S. Dayton St., Kennewick
Gene Carbaugh's = 803 Birch St., Richland
Kennewick High School = 500 S. Dayton St., Kennewick
Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes St., Kennewick
Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., Richland
Uptown Theater = Uptown Shopping Center, Richland

For information, call 509 528-2215

We won't have a planning meeting in December, so the next meeting will be Tuesday, January 19. The meetings are on the third Tuesday every month and we welcome anyone and everyone who wants to be part of the process.