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Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

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Lee Murdock: Songs of the Great Lakes

Saturday, 18 February, 7:30 PM

Lee Murdock has uncovered a boundless body of music and stories in the Great Lakes. There is an amazing timelessness in this music. Great Lakes songs are made of hard word, hard living, ships that go down and ships that come in.

The music is grounded in the work song tradition, from the rugged days of lumberjacks and wooden sailing schooners. Lee comes alongside with ballads of contemporary commerce and revelry in the grand folk style. His fans have discovered a treasure in his songs about the Great Lakes, finding drama and inspiration in the lives of sailors and fishermen, lighthouse keepers, ghosts, shipwrecks, outlaws and everyday heroes.

With a deep understanding of the folk process, Lee's repertoire combines historical research and contemporary insights. Making folk music for the modern era, his work is a documentary and also an anthem to the people who live, work, learn and play along

the shores of the Great Lakes today. He explains, "I'm interested in trying to find the life in these songs; in making music that's exciting to people today. I am looking for the songs and the interesting stories, not only for the people who already enjoy folk music, but for those who think they don't like folk music. There is a real wealth of songs and stories from the Great Lakes which have not yet been explored."

Lee composed many of these stories into songs, "because they tell such fascinating and inspiring stories of people and events, and because no song has survived from traditional sources." His musical arrangements of new and traditional folk ballads, chanteys, and work songs are enjoyed by audiences with contemporary musical tastes, even if they have not listened to much folk music in the past. With this musical style, Lee hopes to introduce folk music to new audiences, as well as entertain the serious fans of maritime and traditional music.

Lee Murdock began his performing

career in the Chicago area in the mid 1970s, expanding his repertoire of blues and popular music as his interest in folk music and the maritime tradition grew.

Interestingly, it was a one-week residency with the Philadelphia Folksong Society which first linked Lee's musical identity with the Great Lakes. After a week of in-school performances which they sponsored, Lee took their enthusiastic response to heart, and has been taking his Great Lakes music programs to school children and adult and family concerts ever since. Educational programs continue to be one important aspect of the 150 shows Lee presents every year in the U.S. and Canada.

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

Steve Cary at the Coffeehouse

Friday, 10 February, 7:30 PM

Local guitarist and singer/songwriter, Steve Cary has been performing since he was 5, 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.

There will be an open mic session to start off the evening. Come early to sign up, if you want to perform. Slots are limited. The coffeehouse is held at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland (drive around to the lower parking lot in the back.) Suggested donations are \$8 general admission or \$6 for teens and seniors at the door.

Become a 2012 3RFS Member

The labels on last month's newsletter indicated that almost everyone on our mailing list was a member. That was a computer glitch, and if it said you were a member, you might have been at one time in the past 20 years but maybe not now.

Actually last year's memberships expired at the end of December unless you joined or re-upped at or after Tumbleweed, in which case your membership is good through 2012. If you off on concert tickets and \$1 off on dances so you will save money in the long run. Fill out the form in this newsletter and mail it to our P.O. Box with a check. You can also join at any 3RFS event.

MCTAMA=Bluegrass Jams & Shows

If you missed the Mid-Columbia Traditional Arts & Music Association's popular winter acoustic music show at the beginning of February, don't worry, they have an "outstanding" concert planned for early April.

MCTAMA is made up of The Mid-Columbia Bluegrass Association and the Three Rivers Cast Iron Cookers. Together they sponsor the Sacajawea Bluegrass Festival and Dutch Oven Rendezvous, held on the second weekend in June, and Heritage Days, held on the last weekend in September.

The lineup for the 2012 Bluegrass Festival and Dutch Oven Rendezvous will feature Balsam Range- winners of the 2011 International Bluegrass Music Association song of the year, The Bluegrass Regulators, Runaway Train, The New Five Cents Stringband and Top String.

More information can be found at www.mctama.org

Like Us on Facebook

Did you know that both Three Rivers Folklife Society and Tumbleweed Music Festival have a presence on Facebook? If you are among the millions of people who are on Facebook, you can get the latest news about 3RFS and Tumbleweed by "liking" us and checking out our Facebook posts. You can even become an administrator on our sites if you check with Chris Mesford or Micki Perry, but anyone can post. Thanks to Meryl Birn for getting us started. We miss you now that you've moved to Olympia!

Coffeehouse Recipes

3RFS coffeehouses and concerts are famous for delicious baked goods. As space permits, we will feature some yummy recipes in Folk Talk. If you have a favorite recipe, or a request for the recipe of a treat you've savored at one of our events, drop us a line at info@3rfs.org or call 528-2215.

Seven Layer Bars

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter
- 1-1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup butterscotch chips
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1-1/3 cups shredded coconut

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Place butter in 13 x 9" inch pan and melt in oven. Swirl to coat bottom and sides with butter. Spread the crumbs evenly over bottom of pan. Layer chocolate chips, butterscotch chips, and the nuts over crumbs. Pour the condensed milk over nuts. Sprinkle the coconut over the condensed milk. Bake until the edges are golden brown, about 25 minutes. Let cool and enjoy!

Tumbleweed 2012: Crossroads

Do you want to help steer the 2012 Tumbleweed Music Festival in the right direction? Our next planning meeting is Thursday, February 23, 7:00-8:30 PM, at the Richland Public Library, Conference Room B. Be sure to mark the festival dates on your calendar in permanent ink: September 1-2.

We are in need of a volunteer coordinator. This critical job is done mostly by telephone (and e-mail, if you wish) and is most active in the two months before the festival (July and August). We also need help from people interested in web design, graphics, sales, grounds and facilities, etc. For more information, you can contact Jim at colemanjh@aol.com or 943-6260.



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Deadline for the March newsletter is February 15th.

Out of Town

February

18 Walla Walla Contra Dance
 7:30 PM, Sat, Unity Church of Peace, 810 "C" Street at the Walla Walla Regional Airport

SSSSS Loves Songs in February!

Saturday, 11 February, 7:00 PM

Sailors sang sea chanteys to keep their minds focused on work. We sing sea chantys for fun! Come join us at Round Table Pizza in Richland, on the corner of Torbett St. and George Washington Way, on every Second Saturday of the month. You'll find friends who love to visit and sing sea songs together. No experience necessary, and there's no charge except for the food and beverages.

The 29th Counts!

In Irish legend, St. Bridget struck a deal with St Patrick to allow women to propose to men every 4 years. In some places, a man was expected to pay a penalty, such as a gown or money, if he refused a marriage proposal from a woman on Leap Day. In the middle ages if a man refused a woman's proposal on the 29th he had to buy her 12 pairs of gloves so the woman could wear the gloves to hide the embarrassment of not having an engagement ring.

Old Favorites at February Dance

Saturday, 25 February, 7:30 PM

Our February dance features some of our favorite old friends. The band Contraversatile, featuring Shelley Jenkins on piano, Gary Miller on accordion, and Lynnel Rowan on per-

Local Folk Events

February

- 3** First Friday Folkie Free-For-All 7:30 PM -Fri, Micki Perry's
- 10** Steve Cary Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 11** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza, Richland
- 13** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon Tim Riordan's
- 18** Lee Murdock Concert 7:30 PM Sat CUUC
- 23** Tumbleweed Music Festival Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Thurs Richland Library
- 25** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat Shufflers' Shanty

March

- 2** First Friday Folkie Free-For-All 7:30 PM -Fri, Micki Perry's
- 9** Michael Carlos Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 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
- 22** Tumbleweed Music Festival Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Thurs Richland Library
- 24** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat Shufflers' Shanty
- 31** Tumbleweed Benefit Concert with Humphrey, Hartman & Cameron 7:30 PM Sat CUUC

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., 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
 Tim Riordan's = 2353 Benton St., Richland

For information, call 509 528-2215

cussion, will be here from Yakima to play their favorite jigs and reels. Dan Clark will travel from Walla Walla to share his favorite dances. We always rely on Dan's elegant calling style for a fun evening of dance, both for experienced dancers and newcomers. If you haven't danced before, this is a great opportunity to come and join us -you KNOW you want to!

All dances are taught so no experience or partner is necessary. Bring friends and family and snacks to share for a great evening of music, dancing and fun. It all takes place at Shuffler's Shanty, 717 N. Irving St., Kennewick. Go to 3rfs.org for a map. Cost at the door is \$8 general admission or \$6 seniors and teens. Kids under 12 are free. \$1 off for 3RFS members.