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- Refreshments at concerts
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- Tumbleweed Music Festival
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- Membership
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- Coffeeshouses
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\$99.00, you will receive the above plus a free pass to the Saturday night concert.

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formances from 3RFS concerts.

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Tumbleweed Music Festival VIRTUAL 2020!

The pandemic has turned the entertainment world upside down. We all miss gathering together for concerts, coffeeshouses, workshops, and of course, Tumbleweed Music Festival in Howard Amon Park.

So, what is the best way to experience Tumbleweed Music Festival this year? Virtually, of course – for 2020, we're "TMFVirtual2020!" And the best part is, you're almost certainly already ready to be there! You can attend on your device of choice - computer, laptop, phone, tablet. You can attend at the place of your choice - home, deck, backyard, or on-the-go. And, until NEXT August, you can attend at the time of your choosing! As always for Tumbleweed, most of the TMFVirtual2020 Festival will be FREE, and it will be On-Demand! Here's how it's going to work:

1. Choose your device. You can find the festival on any internet-connected device: computer, laptop, smart phone, or tablet. Go to the festival website: www.TumbleweedMusicFestival.org. There you can choose from numerous "stages" to watch and listen to the great variety of music Tumbleweed is

known for. See the listing of performances here in the newsletter.

2. Choose your place. One of the advantages of a "virtual" festival is the ability to watch or listen from anywhere using your electronic devices! Stay in your air-conditioned home and watch on the larger computer screen; or, take TMFVirtual2020 outside with you, to your deck or backyard, or take it on the go with you. Some folks might even take the festival with them to Howard Amon park, for a "socially-distanced" yet familiar experience.

3. Choose your time. Much of the festival has been pre-recorded. You can watch those performances at any time that is convenient for you – for once, you'll have no worries about your favorite performers having their sets on different stages at the same time. How is this different from YouTube? The performers have put together sets specifically for Tumbleweed, there will be MCs announcing their sets, and the lineup of performances is all on our easy-to-navigate festival website.

4. Share TMFVirtual2020 with family and friends. Are there people far-

away you wish could come to the festival with you? This year is a unique opportunity to share Tumbleweed with them. Introduce them to your favorite performers, take a workshop together, and sing and dance together while apart!

5. Support the festival and the performers. There will be opportunities to support the individual performers through links to their tip jars and websites, where you can purchase their CDs or downloads. There will also be an opportunity to support the festival through ticket sales for the Saturday night concert, the Sunday Contra Dance, festival merchandise sales, and of course, direct donations to the festival. Your support will help defray the costs incurred this year, as well as work toward next year's BIG 25th anniversary festival.

We look forward to "seeing" you online! The festival website will be at www.TumbleweedMusicFestival.org, from September 3rd, and will remain up until about 2 weeks before #25thTMF, in 2021.

Roll On, Tumbleweed, Roll On!

We can't sing enough praises for the team making TMFVirtual2020 happen. The vision of coordinator David Carson and his planning team is amazing and the online festival will be even more so. The festival will Roll On as a totally enjoyable, memorable event.

Speaking of Roll On...that's what we call our annual appeal for patron donations to sustain Tumbleweed and Three Rivers Folklife Society. The finances of Tumbleweed look very

different this year. Because we are not live-in-the-park, we have reduced expenses (no facility, stage, equipment rentals or performer travel stipends), but added new expenses for website development, digital licensing and communications. We also face a much lower projected income with no raffle or silent auction, limited grants and sponsorships by businesses due to the covid virus, uncertain product sales, and loss of fund raising concerts. This

year, more than ever, we need to rely on our generous patrons.

Please consider a financial donation to help 3RFS and Tumbleweed Roll On. Enclosed is a Roll On donation envelope, or you can contribute directly via our PayPal account, tumbleweedchair@gmail.com. We have several categories of thank-you gifts based on your donation. If you've already donated, thank you, you'll receive your gift **Continued on Page 4, See Roll On.**

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TMFVirtual2020! Schedule as of 8/17/2020

North Stage Big Acts/ Big Names

Fine Company - Folk Songs Old and New
Trillium-239 - Tight Harmonies Loose Cannons
Mare Wakefield & Nomad - American Folk from Nashville
Heidi Muller & Bob Webb - Original Folk from Joseph, OR
Dan Maher - Participatory Folk

Harmony Ridge - Eclectic Folk Trio

Pennies on the Track - Colorado Folk Trio
Hank Cramer III - Traveling Folksinger from Winthrop
SeaStar - Original Celtic Folk

South Stage Traditional Folk and Nautical

Tania Opland & Mike Freeman - Acoustic World Music
The Drunken Maidens - British and American Harmonies
Barbara & David Denz - Eclectic Celtic
David Ingerson - Acapella Songs of the Irish
The Blowins - An Irish Pub Band from Ireland
The Whateverly Brothers - Broad Spectrum Folkies

Les Strompettes - Hurdy Gurdy Divas and Their Beau
William Pint & Felicia Dale - Rockin' Music of the Sea
Tom Lewis - British Submariner Sings Sea Songs

West Stage Singer/Songwriters

Burgundy Pearl - Rich Vocals Mingling
Hank and Claire - Zestful Sweet Harmony Duo
Mike Murray - Award-winning Songs

Rob Kneisler - Songwriter/ Fingerstyle Guitarist
Patrice Webb - Award-winning Original Songwriter
Wes Weddell - Songwriter, Teacher, Citizen
Chris Baron - Portland Singer/Songwriter
Megan Cronin - Heart-felt Northwest Songwriter
Dan Weber - American Country Folk
Michael Henchman - Progressive Folk

River Stage No-Age Music

Micki Perry - Storysongs and Dancealongs
Dave: The Man with the Green Hat (David Maloney)

Sam Rasmusson - A Teacher/ Songwriter/Singer
Eyer Family Band - Cute kids + folks A Family Band
Julie Reddick - Time-tested Folk and Country
Chico Schwall - Folk Songs: Vintage and New
Cecelia Eng - Science Fiction Fantasy Filk Music
Alexander James Adams - Original Fantasy Folk
Tom Rawson - User-friendly Songs

Arts Gallery Stage Mixed Media

Early Birds and the Worms - Mountain Dulcimer Music
Mark & Cindy Lemaire - Great Guitar and Harmonies
Woman Alive - Lauren Curren -Acoustic Singer/Songwriter
Waterbound - Melody Magic with Mando and Autoharp
Bella Rose - Rich 3-Part Harmonies
Flip Breskin & Zeke Hoskin - Bellingham's Favorite Duo
The Sun Shakers - Eclectic Irish Folk

Community Center Stage Belles/Blues/ Bluegrass

Troupe Du Soleil - Middle Eastern and Turkish Belly Dancers
Lyle Morse - Traditional and Original Blues
Alan Kausal - From Folk to Swing and In Between
Michael "Hawkeye" Herman - Award-winner, Venerable Bluesman
The Rootsters - American Roots Blues

Jerry Callahan - Singer/Songwriter/ Guitarist
Silver Lining - Original Retro Folk

Badger Mountain Dry Band - Progressive Bluegrass Band

More Singer/Songwriters Too Many for One Stage!

Mo Mack - Folksinger/Songwriter
Deb Seymour - Folk Music Whimsy

Meander - Innovative Modern Folk
Elbridge Fletcher - Folk American

Released from Quiet - Acoustic Blues/Rock Duo
Betsy Wellings - Smooth and Poignant Originals

Mike Buchman - Songs from Deep in the Well
Thaddeus Spae - Old Man Shouts at Clouds
Robin Embry - Midwestern Song-writer/Storyteller
Steve & Kristi Nebel - Original Americana Duo

Little Bit Country, Little Bit Rock'n'Roll

Key Miracle - Benton City's Prodigal Songwriter
David Prince - Singer/ Songwriter/ Storyteller
Kerry Grombacher - New Orleans Cowboy

Larry Lotz - Country Folk Americana
Carl Christensen - Storytelling Singer/Songwriter
Appaloosa - High Desert Americana Duo
Mr. Sunshine - Acoustic Singer/ Songwriter
Hank Cramer IV - Contemporary Colorado Acoustic Rock

Saturday Night Concert Emcee-Dan Maher Suggested Donation \$15.00

The Go Janes - A Trio of Songbirds and Songwriters
Songwriting Contest Winner and Prize Announcements

David Maloney - Still Writing Great Songs
Shanghaied on the Willamette - Songs Plundered from Land & Sea

Julie Reddick: Who Has Seen the Wind?
Hank Cramer: Chilly Winds

Deb Seymour: Tropic Winds

Trillium-239: Termination Winds

Mike Murray: Range Fire

Waterbound - Four Strong Winds

Dan Maher: They Call the Wind Mariah
Tom Rawson: Blowin' in the Wind

Sunday Night Contra Dance Suggested Donation \$8.00

Live music by **Contraversitile** Caller David Gloor

Sunday Night Shanty Sing

Hosted by Shanghaied on the Willamette

Friday Night Youth Concert

Reilly Frank
 Chucky Charles Band
 Dawn Madison
 Desert Rovers
 Alex Baird
 Burbon and Bellows
 Chainsaw and the Fine Particulates

Jane Titland Memorial Songwriting Contest Emcee Wes Weddell

Patrice Webb: Cold Winds of Winter

The Go Janes: Who Can Name the Wind
Sam Rasmusson: Cherry Tree Breeze

Tania Opland: The River

Key Miracle: I Love the Wind

Jeffrey Minnick: The Wind in This Country
Lynette Hensley: Solo Flight

Michael Henchman: Saddle the Wind

Lynn Graves: Trying to Stop the Wind
Ron Dalton: The Wind and I

Sunday Night Concert "Wind" Theme

Micki Perry: October Winds
Bella Rose: Hickory Winds

We Have Workshops Too!

Although TMFVirtual2020 is made up of largely prerecorded content, we will have some live events: our Workshops! The workshops will be held via Zoom, and also livestreamed. The number of direct participants for each workshop will be limited, but everyone will be able to watch the live-streamed version, which will be recorded and be available online for most of a year. Signups will open for the workshops soon. Here's the schedule (Times PDT):

Saturday, 5 September
 11:00am–12:00pm “Chord Science for Songwriters” by Chico Schwall.
 1:00pm– 2:00pm “Capoeira Martial Arts Workshop” by “Find Your Center” of Pasco.
 2:30pm–3:30pm: “Flamenco Dance Workshop” by “Find Your Center” of Pasco.
 4:00pm-5:00pm “Lead Guitar Made Easy” by Steve Peterson.

Sunday, 6 September
 11:30am-12:30pm “Western Swing for Guitar” by Patrice Webb.
 1:30pm-2:30pm “Bottleneck Slide Guitar” by Stanislove.
 3:30pm-4:30pm “Running a Zoom Music Event” by Chris Glanister.

But wait! We have two more live, real-time events during TMFVirtual2020! The traditional Shanty Sing after-party and our Contra Dance with a live band and caller! The Shanty Sing is Sunday, 6 September from 6:00pm – 7:30pm, led by

Jonathan Lay and Gordie Euler of Shanghaied on the Willamette.

The Contra Dance is Sunday, 6 September, 8:00pm – 9:30pm. Suggested donation is \$8.00.

Links to all events will be found at the festival website, tumbleweedmusicfestival.org.

Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong

Due to COVID-19, 3RFS cancelled most of our monthly activities, including the famous Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong (SSSSS), typically held at Roundtable Pizza in Richland. Beginning in June, we started a virtual version of SSSSS using Zoom Web. While Zoom is not ideal for music, it works well enough to share songs between friends. The software is free and runs on PC, MAC, iPhone, or Android devices with a camera and microphone. If you'd like to join in, send a request to Jim Honeyman at jhoneyman2b@charter.net to receive an invitation to the Zoom session each month. If you need help getting the Zoom software running on your system email Jim. We also livestream the session to Facebook beginning at 7pm, if you just want to watch. Search for SSSSS or check Jim Honeyman Live feed on FB to view it live at 7:00pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month. For September; we're having a Sea Shanty sing hosted by Shanghaied on the Willamette on Sunday, the 6th,

at TMFVirtual2020! so there won't be a separate SSSSS next month.

Someday... We'll Be Together...

The good news is that Three Rivers Folklife Society is still presenting Tumbleweed Music Festival in spite of Covid-19! The not so good news is we are still uncertain about when we will be able to be together in person for events like concerts, coffeehouses, contra dances and singalongs. We have held a few Second Saturday Sea Song Singalongs on Zoom. They weren't perfect, but at least we can see and hear each other and visit a little. Thanks to Jim Honeyman for that!

Unfortunately, we in the Tri-Cities are still in Phase 1.5 of the reopening plan. We can't get together in groups of more than 50 (socially distanced) until Phase 4. This puts future 3RFS events on hold until we can meet safely. The health and safety of our members and followers is our first priority. Since the majority of our audience members are in a vulnerable age group, we need to stay home and stay safe. We miss the community we have developed as Three Rivers Folklife Society and hope that we can be together soon. We all need to work together now towards that goal.

Stay home! Stay Safe! Stay healthy! Stay sane! And don't forget to wash your hands! Join us at TMFVirtual2020!

