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Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

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Heidi Muller and Bob Webb Return

Saturday, 3 December, 7:30 PM

Back by popular demand: Heidi Muller and Bob Webb will perform a special holiday concert to celebrate the release of their new CD, "Light the Winter's Dark." The concert and CD feature Appalachian and lesser-known holiday carols and songs for Winter Solstice on dulcimers, guitars, mandolin, electric cello, and voice.

From Charleston, West Virginia, Heidi and Bob perform an eclectic mix of original songs, traditional tunes and contemporary instrumentals. Heidi was a well-known performer in the Pacific Northwest for two decades before moving back home to New Jersey, where she met Bob at a Northeast Regional Folk Alliance conference. Bob's multi-instrumental talents at accompaniment and skills as a recording engineer led to their further collaboration, and they began performing together in 2003. Heidi and Bob have appeared at the NewSong Festival, Augusta Heritage Center, Central Florida Dulcimer and Autoharp Festival, Tumbleweed Music Festival

and Seattle Folklore Society concerts. They have shared the stage with Bill Staines, Robin and Linda Williams, Crooked Still, Kate Campbell, Johnsmith and Small Potatoes.

Heidi has played guitar for most of her life and written songs since the early 1980s. A finalist in the prestigious Kerrville, Texas "New Folk" song competition in 1989, she won second place in the Northwest Songwriters Contest in 1998, in Tacoma with her original "Gypsy Wind." Heidi's song "Good Road" has been the theme song for Northwest Public Radio's Inland Folk show for two decades. "Talk a Little Texan" and other songs have been recorded by artists including Small Potatoes, Maria Gillard and Gail Rundlett. "Her songs are as straightforward, uncomplicated, and compelling as an Appalachian ballad," writes the Heritage Music Review.

Bob Webb has played cello and guitar since childhood, and dulcimer and mandolin for over 20 years. He was a founding member of Stark Raven, which became the house band for the public radio show Mountain Stage. In his

years on the show, he accompanied musical stars Odetta, Tom Paxton, Shawn Colvin, Arlo Guthrie and many others. Bob is also a recording engineer and producer. He collaborated with Kate Long on the production of the 2002 radio series "In Their Own Country," which was nominated for a Peabody Award, and the 2008 radio documentary "Kettle Bottom." A song he recorded for Ann Savoy was included in the 2006 movie "All the King's Men." Bob is also known for his work with children. He directed programming at Great Oak Farm and Creative Capers kids' camps in West Virginia, taught over 700 children and adults to make and play his "boximer" cardboard dulcimers, and helped develop the Music Mentors program providing music lessons to at-risk children in Charleston, West Virginia.

You can enjoy Heidi and Bob at Battelle Auditorium, Battelle Blvd., Richland. Tickets are \$14 gen./\$12 seniors and teens if purchased in advance at Bookworm stores and Octopus' Garden and are \$2 more at the door. 3RFS members receive a \$3 discount.

Local Trio Featured at Coffeehouse

Friday, 9 December, 7:30 PM

Richland's acoustic trio Humphrey, Hartman and Cameron will perform a mix of their original songs, seasonal music, and sing-along carols at the December Coffeehouse. Complex melodic lines and quirky lyrics are highlighted with masterful arrangements on a variety of instruments. High energy performances are a Humphrey, Hartman and Cameron

signature. Janet Humphrey, a guitar teacher and internet forum moderator, plays fingerstyle guitar. Mary Hartman, a hydrogeologist (think "wet rocks"), plays guitar and fakes the banjo. Mary and Janet trade melody lines and weave in harmonies, and write award-winning songs on topics ranging from love to chocolate to goose poop. Michelle Cameron, a spectroscopist (look it up), creatively mixes

in cello in ways they wouldn't recognize at the symphony.

As usual, 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, 1312 Kimball Ave., 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 2012: Crossroads

Things were looking a little grim for a while there, but some wonderful volunteers have stepped up to fill vacated positions on our planning committee, so there WILL be a 2012 Tumbleweed Music Festival in September! Our new festival co-coordinators are Jim Coleman and John Bartholomew. We are still in need of a volunteer coordinator. This job is active during the summer and can be done via e-mail or phone.

The theme for the songwriting contest and the festival will be "Crossroads."

The next planning meeting will be Thursday, January 19, 7:00-8:30 PM, at the Richland Public Library, conference room B. For more information, you can contact Jim at 943-6260 or colemanjh@aol.com

David Rea: In Memoriam

October 1946 – October 2011

We are sad to report the passing of a great musician and friend, David Ernest Rea. David's love of life included sharing his remarkable musical talents and his wicked sense of humor. He always had a delight in silliness, especially word play, and more than a little taste for the finer things in life, including great food, great clothes, great dogs, great books, great movies, great banjos and great guitars. Many music-lovers in our area were privileged to enjoy David's performances and workshops at Tumbleweed Music Festivals over the years.

From lead guitar player for Gordon Lightfoot, Ian & Sylvia, Joni Mitchell and others, to a singer/songwriter in his own right, David had a long and rich career in music. Joni Mitchell literally sang his praises: "David he would sit in some dark

corner, Seemed to melt the shadows with his eyes, And the song that he was playing Was nothing less than prayin' And nothing more than sayin' "I'm alive."

Won't you play, Little David, Play Little David, play."

You can look at www.davidreamusic.com for more on David's life and career and for information on an upcoming musical tribute. If you wish to send a card to his widow, Kathleen Stokes, her address is 7328 SE 69th Ave., Portland, OR 97206.

Bagpipes for Christmas

Monday, 5 December, 6:30-8:30 PM

Always loved the music and wanted to learn how to play? Thinking of giving or receiving bagpipes for Christmas? Join us in this two hour introduction to piping. Meet members of a pipe band, try a chanter, and share the experience! Discover if this is the instrument for you! Sponsored by Kennewick Community Education. Pre-registration is required; phone 222-5080. The class will be held at Kennewick High School.

ZimFest!

If you love the music of Zimbabwe, mark your calendars for August 2-5, 2012. "Zimfest" comes to Moscow Idaho! For information, e-mail 2012@zimfest.org.

Looking for Live Music?

A lot of local wineries, restaurants, and clubs feature live music, and many of these events are listed on <http://calendar.tri-cityherald.com>. Bookmark it!

First Night Tri-Cities

Saturday, 31 December

First Night Tri-Cities is an annual, family-friendly event celebrating the arts and the passage of one year to the next. Nowhere else in the Tri-Cities will you be able to celebrate New Year's Eve with your entire family -- no matter what their age -- enjoying such a wide variety of visual and performing arts that is affordable and accessible to all. A low-cost general admission button is all it takes to get into venues to savor live music, get a kick out of a hypnotist, have your children participate in Kid's Zone activities, and then gather for the excitement of a year-ending/year-beginning spectacular fireworks display. First Night is held on the campus of Columbia Basin College, in Pasco. The entertainment schedule had not been posted at press time, but you can look for it at <http://www.firstnighttricitities.com>.

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Deadline for the January newsletter is December 15th.

Out of Town

December

- 10** Walla Walla Contra Dance 7:30 PM, Sat, Unity Church of Peace, 810 "C" Street
- 31** Walla Walla New Year's Eve Contra Dance, Details TBD For information call Howard Ostby at 509 938-7403 or Dan Clark at 509 522-0399.

Support Needed for the Morgans

After the tragic death of their daughter Arwen, this summer, our friends Philip and Teresa Morgan are in need of emotional support. Teresa has been in the hospital and she is needing some financial support as well. A series of "rent parties" and benefit concerts are taking place in the Seattle area, and we hope to have a fundraiser in the Tri-Cities after the new year begins. Financial contributions and cards and letters for Teresa can be sent in care of her daughter, Laura Clark, at 8031 41st Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98115. Philip's address is 2218 W. Barrett St, Seattle, WA 98199. Seattle benefit concerts include the following.

- Dec. 11, William Pint and Felicia Dale, Broadside and the Handsome Cabin Boys at The Center for Wooden Boats. 10010 Valley St, Seattle 206-382-2628.
- Jan. 26, Performers TBA, Q Cafe, 3223 15th Ave, W. Seattle, Call 206-352-2525 For more info.

Be a 2012 Member!

Your Three Rivers Folklife Society membership will expire at the end of December, unless you've joined since Tumbleweed. Fill out a form and mail it to our P.O. box with a check. You can also join at any 3RFS event.

Local Folk Events

December

- 2** First Friday Folkie Free-For-All 7:30 PM -Fri, Micki Perry's
- 3** Heidi Muller & Bob Webb Concert 7:30 PM Sat Battelle
- 9** Humphrey, Hartman & Cameron 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 Richland Library
- 31** Tri-Cities First Night Sat Columbia Basin College

January

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- 13** Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
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- 19** Tumbleweed Music Festival Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Thurs Richland Library
- 21** Hawkeye Herman Concert 7:30 PM Sat CUUC
- 22** Hawkeye Herman Workshop Blues Guitar 1:00 PM Sun Micki Perry's
- 28** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat Shufflers' Shanty

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
 Battelle = Battelle Auditorium, Battelle Blvd., Richland
 Columbia Basin College = 2600 N. 20th Ave., Pasco
 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

For information, call 509 528-2215

Carols & Chanteys @ SSSSS in December

Saturday, 10 December, 7:00 PM

Join us in December as we mix sea chanteys with carols and pizza! The second Saturday of each month we "occupy" Round Table Pizza. We are the 99% who love pizza and song! We also love the double-takes we get

from other diners when we strike up the first chantey. Sometimes they even join in! We meet monthly at Round Table Pizza in Richland, on the corner of Torbett and George Washington Way. No experience necessary, and there's no charge except for the food and beverages.