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A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

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3RFS events!
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flyer where
the most people
will see it.
Thanks!

Tom Rawson Catches 3RFS in His New Release

Saturday, 3 February, 7:30 PM

Saying that **Tom Rawson** sings folk songs and tells stories is like saying Lance Armstrong rides bicycles. In the style of the great Pete Seeger, Tom is at the top of his craft. He's a master of warmth and wit that draws his audience in to feel and participate in his music.

Tom has been singing and storytelling on stage for about half of his fifty plus years. He is a song collector with a goal of spreading the songs of contemporary songwriters as well as keeping some of the older traditional songs alive. If his name sounds familiar, Tom has performed for 3RFS at the Grange and the Tumbleweed Music Festival, and regional events including Northwest Folklife Festival, Victoria Folk Music Society Concerts,

and Seattle 2nd Sunday House Concerts.

Tom has performed with folk music favorites Bill Staines, Linda Allen, and Anne Weiss. Tom is also the songleader at The Fellowship of Reconciliation annual regional conference at Seabeck, Washington, and an instructor at the Puget Sound Guitar Workshop. As well as teaching elementary school and performing, Tom maintains an abiding love of the railroads, having logged thousands of miles by boxcar across North America. He's also an avid trout fisherman, which could be why (he explains) he is such a great storyteller.

Tom's latest CD, "Where the Coho Flash Silver," was recorded live at the Victoria Folk Music Society, Victoria, BC, in April, 2006. It's the next best thing to being at one of Tom's concerts, containing fourteen contemporary and traditional folk songs. Tom weaves

his sing-along magic with the voices of the enthusiastic Victoria folk music community. Back-up is provided by Calvin Cairns, Janet Stark, Kim Willoughby, Margaret Chilibeck, Rick van Krugel, Jake Galbraith, Denis Donnelly, and Greg La Riviere.

If you've seen him before, you'll be there and if you haven't, come see what you've missed! (Look for Pete Seeger's autograph on Tom's banjo!)

You can get the new CD and experience an actual LIVE performance at the Kennewick Highlands Grange, 15th and Union. Tickets for this concert are available in advance for \$11 gen./\$9 seniors and students, at Bookworm stores, Battelle Performing Arts Business Center, and Octopus' Garden. Tickets cost \$1 more at the door. 3RFS members receive a \$3 discount on concert tickets.

Local Folk Events

February

- 2** Humphrey, Hartman & Cameron Benefit Concert for SIGN 7:00 PM Fri KHG
- 3** Tom Rawson Concert "Catch and Release" album release 7:30 PM Sat KHG
- 9** Doug Rice 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 BPABC Richland
- 24** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat KHG
- 25** Last Sunday Song Circle 2:00 PM Sun Round Table Pizza, Richland
- 27** Tumbleweed '07 Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Tues Richland Library

March

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- 25** Robin & Linda Williams and Their Fine Band Concert 7:00 PM Sun Location TBD
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KHG = Kennewick Highlands Grange, 15th and Union
All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
BPABC = Battelle Performing Arts Business Center, 716 Jadwin Ave., Richland
Round Table Pizza = 245 Torbett, Richland, 946-0667
Richland Library = 955 Northgate Dr., Richland, 942-7454
For information, call 509 528-2215

Newsletter Crunch

No it's not the name of a new Folklife breakfast cereal, and you may be wondering why our 3RFS membership application is on the front of this month's newsletter. The following letter from 3RFS President, John Perry will explain.

"3RFS is currently mailing Folk Talk to about 800 people every month. The cost of this is around \$4,000 per year. Each newsletter mailed costs us \$0.45. Only 120 of these newsletters go to actual dues-paying 3RFS members.

See Letter From the Prez, on page 2



2007 Membership Application

Your membership gives you voting rights in folklife elections, \$3 off most concerts, and is tax deductible! You'll even get a nifty membership card to show your friends and neighbors!

___ Individual (\$15) or ___ Family (\$20) Is this a renewal? Y N

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

I can help 3RFS with:

- ___ Providing refreshments at concerts
- ___ Taking admission at events
- ___ Serving on Board of Directors
- ___ Demonstrating folk arts
- ___ Tumbleweed Music Festival
- ___ Setting up chairs
- ___ Folding the newsletter
- ___ Publicity
- ___ Membership
- ___ Other _____
- ___ Fund raising
- ___ Coffeehouses
- ___ Song circles
- ___ Contra dances

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Letter from the Prez continued.

In order to maintain our cash flow and a balanced budget, we need to reduce the cost of Folk Talk. While the newsletter is an important promotional piece for us, the expense climbs while our income does not.

Our goal is to reduce the mailing list to 400 addresses. If you want to continue receiving Folk Talk, you may choose one of the following options:
1) Join 3RFS as a member, if you haven't already done so. All members receive the newsletter (See the membership form on the front of this issue.)
2) Contact 3RFS and request that you be left on the mailing list as a non-member. You can call 528-2215 to leave a message or e-mail us at mail@3rfs.org
3) Receive the electronic version of the newsletter instead. E-mail us at mail@3rfs.org that you want to be put on the distribution list for the electronic version and we'll take you off the list for the paper version.

If you don't want to receive Folk Talk at all, let us know now by e-mailing us at mail@3rfs.org or calling 528-2215 to leave a message.

If you're not a current member and we do not hear from you, we will most likely stop sending you Folk Talk in the near future.

Thank you for your support and cooperation in this matter."

John Perry,
 President, 3RFS

Annual Celtic Romp in March

Saturday, 3 March, 7:00 PM

The Tri-Cities' own, Desert Thistle Pipe Band, will present their annual fundraising concert at Richland High School Auditorium next month. Special guests include local favorites, Skweez the Weezle, Highland Dancers, and Scottish Dancers. Don't miss this opportunity to get your Celtic fix!

Doug Rice Returns to Coffeehouse

Friday, 9 February, 7:30 pm

Doug Rice's eclectic performance style is due, in part, to being steeped in so many musical styles from an early age. Music has always played a big part in Doug's family. His dad gave him a 4-string tenor guitar to play at the age of five and he's been hooked ever since.

In high school, Doug joined the Wayne McGuffin big band and studied guitar with local guitar icon, John LaChappelle. In college, Doug kept busy performing in several Jazz and Fusion groups and teaching private lessons. A highlight of his college career was studying classical guitar with James Reid, from the University of Idaho. It was his years with Reid and Doug's love of Jazz that really influenced his interest in fingerstyle guitar.

Doug graduated from Washington State University with degrees in music and education and taught instrumental music at Richland High School for 10 years before taking a job with Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. Making the career change from being a high school band director has, interestingly, opened up so many opportunities for Doug in music and has given him more time to pursue his musical interests (composing, recording, performing, and teaching).

Doug currently performs around the Tri-Cities as a soloist and as a member of several performing groups. He plays guitar for the Columbia Basin Jazz Orchestra and has played on various church worship teams. Doug also plays in two other bands: the Calypsonian Bandits (an Afro-Cuban/calypso quartet) and Times 2 (a top-40/oldies band).

Join us at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., in Richland. The coffeehouse will begin at 7:30 PM with an open mic session. Come early to sign up for open mic. Suggested donation at the door is \$8 gen./\$6 seniors/students. For information call 943-5662 or e-mail coffeehouse@3rfs.org or visit the website 3rfs.org/coffee.

Chantey Romance at February SSSSS

Saturday, 10 February, 7:00 PM

February is so short it only fits in 28 days again this year, but there is still time for our SECOND SATURDAY SEA SONG SINGALONG, right in the middle of the month and just a few days before Valentines' Day! How opportune! Learn a few new sea-going chanteys to serenade your honey on that romantic holiday. What more would a honey (guy or gal) want?

You'll find the usual singin' still at the usual Richland Round Table Pizza as usual at 7PMish on the dot or not. Still no cover charge as usual, and the usual food and grog of your choice at the usual reasonable prices.

Be there! Ahoy!

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Deadline for the March newsletter is February 10.

February Out of Town

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- 9** John Hammond concert
 7:30 PM Fri, Yakima Valley Museum, 2105 Tieton Dr., Yakima, www.yakimavalley museum.org
- 10** Misty River concert 7:00 PM Sat, Hermiston HS Performing Arts Center, www.hermiston chamber.com 541 567-6151
- 10** Apple Valley Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat, Broadway Grange, 10th & Washington, Yakima 509 966-0044
- 17** Walla Walla contra dance 7:30 PM Sat, Stateline Grange, corner of Old Milton Highway & Ferndale Road. 509-938-7403 or 509-522-0399.

March

- 3** Montana Skies 7:00 PM Sat Hermiston HS Performing Arts Center, www.hermiston chamber.com 541-567-6151

Dance Your Heart Out in February!

Saturday, 24 February, 7:30 PM

The February dance will feature the ever-charming trio "Out of the Wood" from Sand Point, Idaho. Their blend of traditional, Celtic, New England, Quebecois, and Southern Old Time music is always a dancing pleasure. The Tri-Cities' own Contra Dance ambassador, Cindy Rakowski, will be calling dances that delight and challenge us. Cindy calls dances throughout the Inland Empire.

All dances will be taught - no experience necessary. Bring your friends, family and snacks to share for an evening of music, dancing, and fun at the Kennewick Highlands Grange, on the corner of 15th & Union. Admission at the door is \$8/\$5 seniors and teens. Kids under 12 are free. 3RFS members get a \$1 discount.

Yes! I want to help the 2007 Tumbleweed Music Fest succeed!

I would like to be a: Patron, \$50.00
 Donor, \$100.00
 Contributor, \$250.00

Please send me two tickets to the
 (check one) Saturday Evening Concert
 Sunday Evening Contra Dance

My tickets, buttons, and poster can be mailed to me at:

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Send to: 3RFS Tumbleweed Festival, P.O. Box 1098, Richland, WA 99352
 Enclose your check payable to Three Rivers Folklife Society. Thank You!

Benefit Concert for SIGN

Friday, 2 February, 7:30 pm

Local musicians, Humphrey, Hartman & Cameron, will perform a concert at Battelle Auditorium to benefit a local organization that assists people all over the world.

The Surgical Implant Generation Network (SIGN) is a nonprofit organization that provides medical devices and surgical training for bone repair to more than 150 hospitals in 45 developing countries. Founded by Dr. Lewis Zirkle, SIGN has projects in Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Venezuela, Honduras, Mexico, the Philippines and in Africa. Surgeons in other countries have expressed interest in beginning SIGN projects in their nations. For more information on SIGN, contact them at 509 371-1107, or see their website, www.sign-post.org

Tumbleweed 2007

We still need a theme for TMF 2007, but Howard Amon Park and Richland Community Center are officially reserved! Our next planning meeting is Tues., Feb. 27, 7:00 PM, Richland Library. For more info, you can catch Mary at 943-0327 or hartmanm@3-cities.com).

Singalong Sunday is Here Again!

Sunday, 25 February, 2:00 PM

In the month of February the Last Sunday Sing-Along will be on the 25th, the last Sunday in February! Round Table Pizza in Richland and 3RFS welcome all singers from 2:00-5:00 PM. Help establish a new Three Rivers Folklife society tradition -- no experience necessary! Bring your copy of "Rise Up Singing" if you have one, or buy one at the sing-along. Song

Your Front Row Seat is Still Available!

3RFS is pleased to offer our first set of CDs, albums that highlight the very best of the efforts of our fine concert artists between 1993 and 2006. These make great additions to your collection and make fine gifts. Your purchase also helps keep the TMF music flowing! You can purchase this double-CD set for \$15 at any 3RFS concert, or on our website, 3rfs.org.