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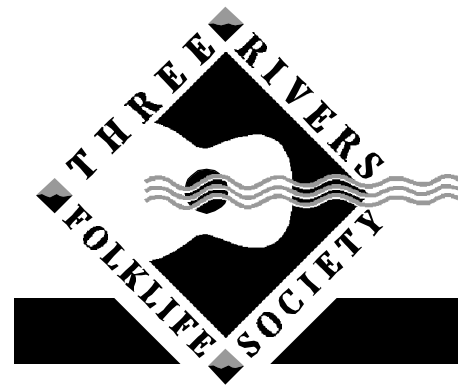
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Local Folk Events

March

- 9** Sunnay 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
- 17** St. Patrick's Day Potluck Ceiligh 6:30 PM Sat Perry's
- 24** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat KHG
- 25** Robin & Linda Williams and
Their Fine Group Concert 7:00 PM Sun KFUMC
- 26** Tumbleweed '07 7:00 PM Mon Richland
Library
- 28** Small Potatoes House Concert 7:00 PM Wed. Perry's
- 9** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon BPABC
- 13** Joni Lawrence Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 14** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table
Pizza, Richland
- 21** Linda Waterfall Concert 7:30 PM Sat KHG
with Guest Set by Dorian Michael
- 23** Tumbleweed '07 7:00 PM Mon Richland
Library
- 28** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat KHG
- 29** Last Sunday Song Circle 2:00 PM Sun Round Table
Pizza, Richland

KFUMC = Kennewick First United Methodist Church, Kennewick Ave. and Dayton
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
Perry's = John & Micki Perry's, 4205 W. 17th Ave., Kennewick
Round Table Pizza = 245 Torbett, Richland, 946-0667
Richland Library = 955 Northgate Dr., Richland, 942-7454
For information, call 509 528-2215



Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

March 2007

Robin and Linda Williams, with Their Fine Group

Sunday, 25 March, 7:00 PM

3RFS has the great pleasure to bring back, once again, the musical stars of "A Prairie Home Companion." For three decades now, Robin & Linda Williams have made it their mission to perform the music that they love, "a robust blend of bluegrass, folk, old-time and acoustic country." Today some might call it "Americana," but these two revered music masters were living and breathing this elixir 20 years before that label was turned into a radio format. As live performers they are second to none. But as gifted songwriters Robin and Linda have earned an even rarer honor, the devotion and deep respect of their musical peers. The list of artists who have covered their original songs include some of the greats of country music, names like Emmylou

Harris, Tom T. Hall, George Hamilton IV, Tim & Mollie O'Brien, Mary Chapin Carpenter, and Kathy Mattea.

Robin and Linda call Middlebrook, Virginia, their home, in the heart of the Shenandoah Valley. They met and fell for each other in 1971, on a visit to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, while Linda was teaching and Robin was a full-time musician on the coffeehouse circuit. It wasn't long before they discovered additional magic when they combined their voices in harmony.

Their career got its initial momentum in the Minneapolis folk scene. In 1975, they recorded their first album for a local record company there. The same year they made their first appearance on a little radio show, just starting up, called "A Prairie Home Companion" Their rich relationship with that icon of American broadcasting has contin-

ued for almost three decades. Folk and country fans alike loved their honest heartfelt music. In 1989 they signed with Sugar Hill Records. Around the same time, they began to tour with a band, "Their Fine Group." Band members include Jim Watson on bass, vocals and mandolin, and Jimmy Gaudreau on mandolin and mandola

The concert will be held at Kennewick First United Methodist Church, on the corner of Kennewick Ave. and Dayton. This concert is co-sponsored by Fluor Hanford, the Mid-Columbia Traditional Arts and Music Association, and Kennewick First United Methodist church. Tickets are available in advance for \$15 gen. / \$13 seniors and students at Bookworm stores, Battelle Performing Arts Business Center, and Octopus' Garden. Add \$3 more at the door. \$3 off for 3RFS and MCTAMA members.

Is this Your Last Newsletter?



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

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- 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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Are you a current, 2007, dues-paying, card-carrying member of 3RFS? Or have you called and told us you want to keep receiving Folk Talk even though you're not? If so, relax! You will continue to receive the newsletter in the mail unless you have asked that it only be sent electronically. If you are not a 3RFS member, you may not be receiving any more newsletters.

Recent requests for the newsletter will be honored. Requests from the last century will be deleted. We will not delete Tumbleweed Music Festival monetary supporters and volunteers.

These measures are needed to reduce newsletter expenses. You may receive the newsletter electronically by contacting us at mail@3rfs.org or by calling (509) 528-2215.

Please help us reduce costs without reducing attendance. John Perry, Prez

Coffeehouse Lets Sunmay In

Friday, 9 March, 7:30 PM

The March coffeehouse features the acoustic trio, Sunmay, which includes Deborah Bartley, Chris Pugh, and Andy Scheen. Dubbed "a storyteller in the purest sense" and "the latest folk savior to watch" by the Albuquerque Weekly, Deborah writes intelligent, intimate, and stunningly poetic songs. Her voice, compared to Beth Orton (Seattle Weekly) and Natalie Merchant (Willamette Week), is gorgeous and sincere, as she entwines her snapshot stories into the rootsy, ethereal sounds she creates with her bandmates.

Chris Pugh and Deborah Bartley began playing music together in 2000. They soon enlisted upright bassist, Andy Scheen, to join them. Chris Pugh and Andy Scheen had formed the Seattle band, Swallow, in the late 80s, releasing two records on Subpop. Sunmay recorded 14 songs at the studio of friend, Colm Meek. After listening to the recording, Colm encouraged them to work on a full release. Over the next few months, working with Colm and several friends, including Mark Ekert (Heliotroupe), Scott Vanderpool (Chemistry Set, Room Nine), and Red Diamond, Sunmay completed the 11 songs that make up "You Can Make Beautiful Things." The collection defies easy categorization. Full of the understated sparseness of old country folk, it is woven throughout with pure pop sensibility and lush orchestration. The record showcases Sunmay's split affinity for acoustic purity and electronic experimentation.

Join us at All Saints' Episcopal Church, at 1322 Kimball Avenue, in Richland. The coffeehouse will begin at 7:30 PM, with an open mic session. Come early to sign up for a performance slot. We had to turn people away last month!

Suggested donation at the door is \$8 general/\$6 senior and students.

For information or directions, call 943-5662 or e-mail coffeehouse@3rfs.org

Search Begins for River Songs

Gary Eller, from Nampa, Idaho, has received a generous grant from the Idaho Humanities Council to search for songs of the Salmon and Snake River region. They are interested in songs about specific people, places and events in the area. The songs need not be about old events (though often they are), or in any particular musical genre. Gary is most interested in songs that reveal something about the social fabric of the region.

Visit his song collecting link at <http://www.bonafidaho.com>.

Spring Festival for Dance in La Grande

Friday - Sunday, 27-29 April

Dancers and other music lovers from La Grande, Oregon, want you to join them for a fabulous weekend of elegant contra and old time square dancing. Spring Festival registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, and they strongly encourage early registration. Full registration includes participation in all events as well as meals from Friday evening to Sunday morning.

Saturday registration includes activities and meals on Saturday only.

The deadline for registration and fees is April 7, 2007. More information and application forms are available by calling or going to <http://smdf.neofs.us/>

Small Potatoes are in the House!

Wednesday, 28 March, 7:00 PM

They are passing through the area and stopping at the Perrys' for a house concert. If you would like to join Small Potatoes for this evening of music and friends, contact the Perrys' at 783-9937. The cost is \$15. Seating is limited so call early to make sure you are there.

St. Patrick's Plays Potluck at Perrys'

Saturday, 17 March, 6:30 PM

Since our Saint Patrick's Day concert with Campbell Road was cancelled, we created another opportunity to celebrate the holiday with food and music. John and Micki Perry will host a Saint Patrick's Day Potluck and Ceileigh on Saturday, March 17th, at their new home, at 1011 South Dawes in Kennewick.

All are welcome but please RSVP at 783-9937, so we will have an idea of how many people to expect. Bring an Irish dish, bread, or dessert to share, the beverage of your choice, musical instruments and songs. (And don't be forgettin' your wearin' of the Green!)

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Deadline for the April newsletter is March 10.

March Out of Town

March

8 Songwriters Tour concert -Lyle Lovett, John Hiatt, Guy Clark, Joe Ely. 7:00 PM Thurs. Wildhorse Casino, Pendleton wildhorseresort.com or 800 654-9453, ext. 1128.

16 The Paperboys concert 7:30 PM Fri., Seasons Performance Hall, Yakima 509 248-0747

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.

30-31 Pine Stump Symphony Winthrop, Washington. Call 509 996-3528 for more info.

Favorites Play for March Contra

Saturday, 24 March, 7:30 PM

The March Contra Dance will feature some old and new friends. The Mill Creek String Band from Goldendale, WA, are making their Tri-Cities contra debut. Mill Creek String Band is well known and much loved for their frequent appearances at dances and dance camps in Portland and La Grande. Their old-timey sound is sure to make them one of our favorites as well.

Dan Clark's warm smile and smooth style are regular features of each contra dance season. He's been calling and dancing in the Walla Walla area and throughout the region for over 20 years, and he loves to spread the culture of exuberant, community-building dances.

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 and Union. Admission at the door is \$8 general/\$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
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Please send me two tickets to the
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 Sunday Evening Contra Dance

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March SSSSS - a Prelude for St. Pat's

Saturday, 10 March, 7:00 PM

We romanced and ate to sea chanteys in February and now we are ready to bring March in like - a lamb or a Lion! Which will it be? With songs of the sea it could be a minnow or a shark! The louder we sing the bigger the roar.

Join us for the March Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong on the 10th, in preparation for green beer on St. Patrick's Day. If you drink enough of the regular stuff you may very well turn green early. Early or not, it's a great time for lots of great Irish (or not) chanteys, so let's work up that leprechaun spirit and look for the pot o' gold at the usual Richland Round Table Pizza, at the usual 7PMish (on the dot or not), with the usual non cover charge, and the usual reasonably priced comestibles

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Applications Posted for Tumbleweed

The 2007 planning committee picked the theme for this year's songwriting contest: "Déjà Vu." This will either inspire songwriters in creative new ways or make them recycle old prize-winning songs. Applications for performers and songwriters are available on our website at 3rfs.org, or can be requested at 943-0327.

If you have ideas to make the 2007 festival the best ever, come to our next planning meeting Monday, March 26, 7:00 pm, at the Richland Library, or call Mary, at 943-0327.

No Last Sunday (in March) Song Circle

Due to the close proximity of the Robin and Linda Williams concert-that night!-the Last Sunday Song Circle previously scheduled for 2:00 PM, Sunday, March 25th, has been cancelled.

You can use the extra time to spiff up your buttons and bows for the concert that night and we'll catch you in April on the 29th.