

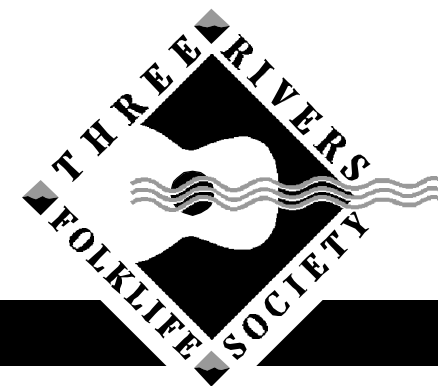


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# Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

October 2007

Help us promote **3RFS** events! Post the enclosed flyer where the most people will see it.

**Thanks!**

## Folklife Fall Favorite, Bill Staines Returns

**Thursday, 18 October, 7:30 PM**

It's autumn in Three Rivers country, and Bill Staines is back! For over 35 years, Bill Staines has traveled North America, singing his songs and delighting audiences at festivals, colleges, concerts, clubs, coffeehouses and folk societies (including 3RFS!) A New England native, Bill became involved with the Boston-Cambridge folk scene in the early 1960s. In 1971, a reviewer for The Phoenix stated that Bill was "simply Boston's best performer." A decade later, in 1980 and 1981, The Boston Globe's annual Reader's Poll selected him as a favorite performer. Bill has now entered his fifth decade as a folk performer with an international reputation as a folk artist.

Bill weaves a magical blend of wit and gentle humor into his performances. His music is a slice of Americana,

reflecting with ease, his feelings about prairie people of the Midwest or the adventurers of the Yukon. Interspersed between his original songs, Bill also performs songs ranging from traditional folk tunes to more contemporary country ballads and delights in having the audience participate in many of the numbers. He may even do a yodeling tune or two -- having won the National Yodeling Championship in 1975, in Texas at the Kerrville Folk Festival.

A number of Bill's songs have been recorded by other artists, including Peter, Paul, & Mary, Nanci Griffith, Mason Williams, The Highwaymen, Glen Yarborough, and others. Radio and TV appearances have included A Prairie Home Companion, Mountain Stage, and The Good Evening Show. Bill continues to drive over 65,000 miles a year, doing what he loves,

bringing music to people.

Bill has recorded over 20 albums. The most recent was the 2005 release on Red House, "The Second Million Miles." He reflects, "Sometimes it feels that my life has been measured more by the songs I've written and the miles I have driven than in actual years." Bill's songs have been published in four songbooks, "If I Were A Word, Then I'd Be A Song," "River, Music To Me," "The Songs of Bill Staines," and "All God's Critters Got A Place In The Choir."

**We are pleased to present Bill Staines at Oasis School, 1280 Lee Blvd, in Richland.** Tickets are \$11 general/\$9 seniors and students when purchased in advance at Bookworm stores, Battelle Performing Arts Business Center and Octopus' Garden. \$1 more at the door. Member receive a \$3 discount. Go to [3rfs.org](http://3rfs.org) for information.

### Local Folk Events

#### October

- 8** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon BPABC
- 12** Hans York Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 13** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table  
Pizza, Richland
- 18** Bill Staines Concert 7:00 PM Thurs Oasis School
- 20** Misty River Faith Assembly  
(Community Concert series) 7:30 PM Sat Pasco, 375-0561
- 21** Tri-Cities Drum Circle The Dance  
(e-mail [info@thedrumcircle.org](mailto:info@thedrumcircle.org) to confirm) 2:00 PM Sun Studio, 417 Wright Ave. Richland
- 27** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat KHG
- 28** Last Sunday Singalong 2:00 PM Sun Round Table  
Pizza, Richland

#### November

- 9** 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** Small Potatoes Concert 7:30 PM Sat KHG
- 24** Contra Dance 7:30 PM Sat KHG
- 28** Last Sunday Singalong 2:00 PM Sun Round Table  
Pizza, Richland

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland  
Battelle = Battelle Auditorium, Battelle Blvd., Richland  
BPABC = Battelle Performing Arts Business Center, 716 Jadwin Ave., Richland  
KHG = Kennewick Highlands Grange, 15th and Union  
Oasis School = Oasis School, 1280 Lee Blvd., Richland, 946-8175  
Round Table Pizza = 245 Torbett, Richland, 946-0667

**For information, call 509 528-2215**

## Hans York Brings World Music to Coffeehouse

**Friday, 12 October, 7:30 PM**

Hans York is a German-born, Seattle-based, award-winning singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, who has quickly made himself a name as an extraordinary guitarist. Using "DADGAD" tuning, he is a strong, engaging performer with a distinctive style and an irrepressibly delightful and approachable manner. Which is one reason we are bringing him back to the Three Rivers Folklife Society Coffeehouse. His intimate and distinctive voice draws comparisons to Sting, Paul Simon, and Kenny Rankin, capturing the audience instantly with its honesty and clarity.

Hans accompanied Robert Palmer on German TV, toured as bassist with the New York Broadway Ensemble, played throughout Europe with master harp player Rüdiger Oppermann, and performed a Concerto with the "Ars Quittlinga" Chamber Orchestra as Soloist on fretless bass. He also co-founded the German Worldmusic cult band, Moka Efti, recording three CDs with them. Hans spent six months in Rio de Janeiro studying Samba, Bossa Nova and popular Brazilian music, an experience that inspired his first solo album, "Hazzazar," upon his return to Germany.

With his first American album "Inside

Out," Hans breaks down the walls between world, pop, folk, jazz and acoustic music, by blending these styles with elegance and grace, resulting in a refreshingly original and intriguing work that shines with imagery and a joyful celebration of life and love.

As always, the Coffeehouse begins with open mic at 7:30. Come early or call Alan if you want a slot. The 3RFS Coffeehouse is held at All Saints' Episcopal Church at 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland. Suggested donation at the door is \$8 general/\$6 seniors and students. For more information about the Coffeehouse contact Alan Page at 943-5662.

## Misty River in Community Concert

Saturday, 20 October, 7:30 PM

Community Concerts of the Tri-Cities has scheduled a great series this year, including a fabulously folky acoustic music group, Misty River. 3RFS presented Misty River in concert a few years ago and they were terrific! This all-female acoustic quartet support their beautiful vocal blend with guitars, bass, fiddle, accordion and clawhammer style banjo. They perform masterful arrangements of a wide variety of Americana music, including favorites from folk, country, blue grass and Celtic roots. The quartet seamlessly incorporates haunting ballads, and award-winning original songs. The concert will be held at Faith Assembly Auditorium, 1800 Road 72 & Court St., Pasco. For more information call (509) 375-0561 or visit the Community Concert website at <http://home.att.net/~rconcert>. Series subscribers already have tickets, but there should be some available at the door (we suggest you call to be sure).

## SEWQ Stitches up Show & Auction

Friday-Saturday, 12-13 October

Southeastern Washington Quilters (SEWQ) 12th annual quilt show and auction to benefit Hospice will be held in conjunction with the Tri-Cities Antique Show at TRAC. Quilt show and preview will be from 4:00-8:00 PM, October 12, and 9:00 AM-1:00 PM on October 13. The quilt auction will start at 2:00 PM on the 13th. SEWQ expects approximately 30 quilts in the auction and will donate 25% of the entire proceeds along with 100% of the proceeds from 3 of the items. The event will be held at the TRAC facility, 6600 Burden Blvd. in Pasco. For more information call (509) 582-8484 or go to <http://www.sewq.org>.

## Let the Drumming Begin!

Sunday, 21 October, 2:00-5:00 PM

The Tri-Cities Drum Circle played for a Tumbleweed workshop this year and people loved them. You can join the beat at their monthly drum circles at The Dance Studio, 417 Wright Ave. in Richland (jam location may vary). This month's circle will be Sunday, October 21 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM.

The folks who meet for these jams are people of diverse spiritual paths, backgrounds, and drumming experiences (even first-timers.) They come together for an afternoon for one purpose: to learn from each other and to share the heartbeat using their "bangy thing of choice." They recommend you bring your drum, comfy clothes, drinking water, and leave religious agendas, political agendas, or business/marketing agendas at home. E-mail [info@thedrumcircle.org](mailto:info@thedrumcircle.org) for details.

## Mary Benson Needs Our Help

You may have been wondering where Tumbleweed regular Mary Benson was this year. The wonderful songstress from Portland, who has appeared as a solo singer, with Broadside and also with Spinnaker had a serious stroke last month. She has lost her speech, some mobility and some vision. She is now in a rehab facility in Portland.

Mary now has need of help from the broader folk community as she is currently un-employed and will also have to pay for adult-care for her 22 year old son with special needs. We will be collecting money at Three Rivers Folklife events to help during this financial crisis. Mary would also appreciate your thoughts and prayers and cards and letters of support. Her new address is Mary Benson, 6490 HSE Hale, Milwaukie, OR 97222-2561.

## Spokane Folklore Annual Festival

Saturday-Sunday, 3-4 November

Thanks to Spokane Folklore Society's annual music festival, the festival season lingers on. This festival is designed to support regional folk musicians and features 85 performing groups representing Celtic, bluegrass, blues, African, Asian, Middle Eastern traditions and more.

The Festival is free to the public and features 8 stages of traditional and ethnic dance and music along with jamming, workshops, special entertainment and crafts for children and terrific vendors with traditional crafts and meals. Saturday's schedule features New England Contra Dance.

Hours are 11 AM to 10 PM Saturday, and noon to 5 PM, Sunday. Location: Spokane Community College (The Lair), 1810 N. Greene Street in Spokane, WA. More information: 509-747-2640 or <http://www.spokanefolklore.org> Maps at [www.scc.spokane.edu/maps](http://www.scc.spokane.edu/maps).

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**Deadline for the October newsletter is September 15.**

## Out of Town

### October

**13** Yakima Contra Dance 7:30 pm  
Sat. Broadway Grange, 9th and Washington, Yakima

**20** Walla Walla contra dance  
7:00 pm (instruction), 7:30 PM (dance) Sat., Stateline Grange, Old Milton Highway & Ferndale Road. 509-938-7403 or 509-522-0399

### November

**3-4** Spokane Folklore Society Festival, Sat-Sun, Spokane Community College  
<http://www.spokanefolklore.org> or 509-747-2640.

## Dance to Festival Band in October

Saturday, 27 October, 7:30 PM

Out of the Wood delighted us at Tumbleweed, and they're back! The band (Kathy Bowman, Vickie Marron, and Pat Marron from Sandpoint, Idaho) has enchanted contra dancers from Bozeman to Corvallis and everywhere in between. They love to play and it really shows. Out of the Wood plays a blend of Irish, Quebecois, New England, and Southern Old Time tunes on fiddle, piano, banjo, and mandolin. Their motto: "We keep your feet happy!"

Our own Cindy Rakowski will be calling that night. Her elegant teaching style makes it easy for everyone to have fun on the dance floor, and her choice of dances will make you glad you came.

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

# Yes! I want to help the 2008 Tumbleweed Music Fest succeed!

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

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



## 2008 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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### 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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## LSS Sings in October

Sunday, 28 October, 2:00 PM

The Last Sunday Singalongs' choice of music is unlimited. Come sing along! Bring a friend, copies of favorite songs (about a dozen copies of each), the "Rise Up Singing" Song Book (they're for sale if you need one), guitars, spoons, autoharps, harmonicas, enthusiasm, and/or a voice, tuned or untuned. We meet at Richland's Round Table pizza.

## 2nd SSSSingalong

Saturday, 13 October, 7:00 PM

Ready for an ocean of fun, whether or not you have your sea legs handy? Then put into port at the Richland Roundtable Pizza for the second Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong of the season! You can eat, drink and be merry for a reasonable price with an unreasonably friendly crowd of chantey proponents at your side.