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Guitar Raffle Continues

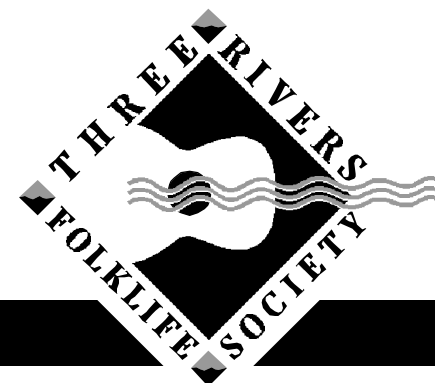
We are continuing to sell raffle tickets for the Breedlove guitar to help pay the bills for this year's Tumbleweed Music Festival. The prize is a Breedlove Atlas AJ250/SF Plus Jumbo Acoustic-Electric. Features include a deep

jumbo body, soft cutaway, solid Sitka spruce top, flamed-maple back and sides, Fishman Classic 4 pickup/pre-amp system, and built-in tuner. It retailed for \$1,339 (This model is discontinued and no longer available). A hardshell case is also included. Only 500 tickets will be sold at \$5 each.

The guitar was donated by Jay Howlett on behalf of the Blah Blah

Woof Woof music coop (blahblah-woofwoof.com). Thanks, Jay!!!

You can see photos of the guitar on our website at 3rfs.org. We will draw the winning ticket at the 3RFS concert on December 5, 2009. You don't have to be present to win. You can buy tickets at any 3RFS event from now through the intermission of the December 5 concert.



Folk Talk

A Newsletter for Columbia, Snake, and Yakima River Folk

October 2009

'October Winds' Bring Bill Staines Back!

Saturday, 17 October, 7:30 PM

Our October concert pairs a veteran singer/songwriter/storyteller from the Northeast with a young, up-and-coming counterpart from the Northwest. For decades, Bill Staines has traveled back and forth across North America, singing his songs and delighting audiences. 3RFS counts on him returning every year or so in the fall.

Staines started his career in the early 1960s in the Cambridge, Massachusetts, area. He began touring nationwide a few years later. In 1975 he won the National Yodeling Championship at the Kerrville Folk Festival. Performing about 200 times a year, he has been on *APrairie Home Companion*, *The Good Evening Show*, and *Mountain Stage*.

Singing mostly his own songs, Bill has become one of the most popular singers on the folk music circuit today. "Bill Staines is one of our very best folk and country singer/songwriters. He's a New Englander who dreams

of open plains and vast, Western skies, and damn his soul, he writes better cowboy songs than anybody in the Southwest." - *The Houston Post*. Bill weaves a magical blend of wit and humor into his performances. His most notable songs include "The Roseville Fair," "Crossing the Water," "A Place in the Choir," and "Child of Mine."

His songs have been recorded by many artists including, Peter, Paul, & Mary, Nanci Griffith, Mason Williams, Glenn Yarborough, Jerry Jeff Walker, and Schooner Fare. Staines has recorded twenty-two albums, fifteen still in print as of 2005; and has published 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*. In 2004 his memoir, *The Tour: A Life Between the Lines*, was published.

Bill currently lives on the seacoast of New Hampshire with his wife, son, and his cocker spaniel. His son also pursues a career as a folk performer.

Wes Weddell, a young singer/songwriter from Seattle, will open this show. Wes has become a favorite at our Tumbleweed Music Festival, having won the songwriting contest in 2006 and emceed the contest for the past few years. In 2001, when he was a college junior, Wes captivated the Northwest with his ambition to chronicle the lives of contemporary Washington State residents in song. In sixty-five days he produced nine regionally-themed songs based on stories he encountered in communities everywhere from Mossyrock to Toppenish.

The concert will be held at the Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester Street in Pasco. Tickets are \$11 general/\$9 seniors and students when purchased in advance at Bookworm stores, and Octopus' Garden. \$1 more at the door. 3RFS members receive a \$3 discount. If you're not a member, join at the concert and receive the discount!

Jesse Campos Returns to Coffeehouse

Friday, 9 October, 7:30 PM

Walla Walla musician Jesse Campos describes his music as a spiritual blend of Santana with the presence of the Blue Mountains. Jesse can be found performing at different venues throughout southeastern Washington. "I love playing music, I get to meet other musicians and a lot of interesting people." He describes himself as having been a closet musician for a long time. "Playing music at that time (as a young man) was just for fun." Jesse praises his music instructor, gui-

tarist Corbin King, for giving him a crash course in the art form. Locally, he has a strong network of friends and musicians that give him inspiration and creativity. At this point he has recorded several CDs, and enough material for several more. Most of the songs he writes are for acoustic guitar. Jesse says we're once again on the verge of a change in music. "I believe music is going to shed itself again. It will boil down to the basics. That's where my music comes in, acoustic is very basic." According to Jesse, it's the inspiration, the spirit, from the heart,

through the hands to the guitar.

Jesse impressed new fans this year at Tumbleweed Music Festival with his band, Blue Mountain Spanish Sound.

The Coffeehouse will start with an open mic -- come early to sign up, or call Alan Page at 943-5662. The Coffeehouse is held at All Saints' Episcopal Church located at 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland (drive around to the lower parking lot in the back). Suggested donation at the door is \$8 general/\$6 senior and students.

Successful TMF '09!

Our 13th annual Tumbleweed Music Festival was a success... despite our bad luck with the weather! A heavy wind blew in late Saturday afternoon, followed by a succession of downpours that forced us to cancel our evening concert after the first act, Larry Murante, bravely performed under an umbrella. See 3rfs.org for photos of Larry, with Robyn Landis, singing in the rain!

Thanks to some unselfish performers who gave up their Sunday sets - The Whateverly Brothers; Micki Perry and Carl Allen; and Band Scramble participants - we were able to work in the other three headliners on Sunday. Only a few people asked for refunds for their concert tickets, proving that acoustic music fans are terrific!

Sunday was blustery but rain-free. We were able to move our grand finale John Perry Tribute concert out of the wind and unstable weather, and into the Community Center. What a great tribute it was, with fine music and a packed house.

The songwriting contest, with its theme of "Superstition," drew a large audience to hear the 10 finalists. First prize went to Mike Murray, of Port Townsend, with "Grandpa Held the Snakes." Bellingham's Tracy Spring won second for "I Want to Get Lucky With You," and Thaddeus Spae, Seattle, took third with "Turtles All the Way Down." Richland's Megan Rutherford, a teenaged singer/songwriter, won the Peoples' Choice award.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, performers, and sponsors. Be sure to thank our business sponsors. See them on our website, 3rfs.org/TMF-09.

Landis and Murante Win Lennon Award

Robyn Landis and Larry Murante, Seattle singer/songwriters who are Tumbleweed regulars, recently won the John Lennon songwriting contest in the folk category. This award is one

of the most respected honors a songwriter can receive, as thousands of entries come from worldwide from professional as well as amateur songwriters. Robyn and Larry won for "Paul's Song" written about Paul Knight, a Tri-Cities resident, musician, veteran, and 3RFS supporter. Robyn met Paul at Tumbleweed several years ago and they became friends. You can hear the song if you visit Robyn's website, where you can order her CDs. robynlandis.com

Larry recorded his own version of the song, available on his newest CD at larrymurante.com.

The Trail Band will be in Hermiston

Saturday, 24 October, 7:00 PM

The Trail Band is an 8-piece ensemble that creates an energetic blend of brass and string arrangements of traditional and original music, featuring five great vocalists including Quarterflash's Rindy Ross. Cornet, tenor horn, tuba, fiddles, hammer dulcimer, guitars, penny whistle, mandolin, piano, saxophone, spoons, bones, drums, bass, and recorders combine with their rich vocal harmonies to create a diverse tapestry of sound. "the eight member group put on an exuberant, classy and wide-ranging display of original tunes and fresh arrangements of traditional acoustic music that delighted the crowd with humor and musicianship." Lynn Darroch, The Oregonian. To read the band's impressive musical resume go to www.trailband.com

The Trail Band will perform "The Best of The Trail Band," a concert featuring the band's most popular songs from their 10 CDs. Don't miss this opportunity to see the band at the Hermiston High School Performing Arts Theater.

Ticket are \$19 for adults/\$9 for students and can be purchased from Jordawn at the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce, 541 567-6151, or you can order tickets on the web at www.desertartscouncil.com. Tickets are also available at the door.

What is Contra???

Contra dancing is an evening spent in a room full of people having fun, interacting with each other, and dancing to live music. It is said: "if you can walk, you can contra dance." A caller, working with a group of live musicians, guides new and experienced dancers alike through a variety of dances. The caller teaches each dance before it is actually done to music, then calls the dance while the music plays. Easy for all, and lots of fun! This community dancing is done to lively jigs and reels.

Did you know that we have contra dances here in the Tri-Cities? There is a small and dedicated group of avid dancers who make sure there is a caller and a band ready for each dance starting at 7:30 pm on the fourth Saturday of every month from September through April. We dance in two venues - Shuffler's Shanty, 717 N. Irving St. and First Lutheran Church, 418 N. Yelm St., both in Kennewick, WA. Check the 3RFS website for our schedule to find us!

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Deadline for the November newsletter is October 15th.

Out of Town

October

- 17** Walla Walla Contra Dance
7:30 PM Sat, Stateline Grange,
53445 W. Ferndale Rd.,
Milton-Freewater
- 24** The Trail Band concert
7:00 PM Sat, Hermiston High
School Performing Arts
Theater, 600 S.E. First St.
- 31-11/1** Fall Folk Festival,
Spokane Community College,
N. 1810 N. Greene St.

Spokane has a Festival Too!

Sat./Sun, 31 October/1 November

Are you hungry for another festival this year? then head on up north to Spokane, at the end of the month, for the 14th Annual Fall Folk Festival sponsored by the Spokane Folklore Society. It takes place on the campus of Spokane community College, 1810 N. Greene St.

The broad range of performers includes our own Humphrey, Hartman & Cameron and Uncle Joe's Banjo Band. You can also see TMF favorites Hank Cramer, Keeler, Melvin and Morse, Blue Ribbon Tea Company and Amy Bleu. Then there's Dead Man's Pants(?) For more information check out spokanefolklore.org/FolkFestival.html

Seattle Contra Comes to Town

Saturday, 24 October, 7:30 PM

The Seattle-area band Common Ground plays tunes from a variety of musical traditions including Quebecois and Métis from Western Canada, jigs and reels from New England, and even a few Welsh tunes. With Sono Hashisaki on the fiddle and Jay Finkelstein on guitar, they will give us lively evening

Local Folk Events

October

- 2** First Friday Folkie Free-for-All 7:30PM Fri Micki Perry's
- 9** Jessie Campos 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 Location TBD
- 17** Bill Staines Concert 7:30 PM Sat CUUC
- 24** Conta Dance 7:30 PM Sat **Shuffler's Shanty**

November

- 6** First Friday Folkie Free-for-All 7:30PM Fri Micki Perry's
- 9** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon RCC
- 13** Jack Brown Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints'
- 14** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table
Pizza, Richland
- 21** Richard Gilowitz Concert 7:30 PM Sat CUUC
- 28** Conta Dance w/Common Ground 7:30 PM Sat **Shuffler's Shanty**

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland
CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St. Pasco
Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes, Kennewick, 528-2215
RCC - Richland Community Center, 500 Amon Park dr.
Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett, Richland
Shuffler's Shanty = 717 N. Irving St., Kennewick

For information, call 509 528-2215

of music. Our own Cindy Rakowski will lead us in dances that flow, dip and swirl.

All dances will be taught; no experience or partner is necessary. Bring your friends, family and snacks to share for a great evening of music, dancing, and fun at Shuffler Shanty, 717 N. Irving, Kennewick. See 3rfs.org for a map. Admission at the door is \$8 general/\$6 seniors and teens. Kids under 12 are free. \$1 discount for 3RFS members.

SecondSSSingalong

Saturday, 10 October, 7:00 PM

We're continuing our popular tradition of gathering to sing sea chanteys with a group in a fun, informal setting. Sea songs are easy for all kinds of voices to sing along, and it doesn't matter that we are 300 miles from the ocean!

We gather every month for songs, food and drink at Round Table Pizza in Richland, on the corner of George Washington Way and Torbett.