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The Folk Project

April 2012

New Jersey's Premier Acoustic Music and Dance Organization

Future Festival Fun!

Due to popular demand, the spring festival is all sold out. Don't fret! Yes, be fretless! Sign up now for our new Winterfest of Musical Delights! This year, the fall festival has been moved to December 21–23. We know how hectic it can get around the holidays, so why not chill with your folkie friends at beautiful Camp Bernout in Pt. Morphy, NJ. It's too early to reveal the astounding line-up we are assembling, but we'll drop a few enticing hints: an enigmatic songwriter who used to be a Zimmerman; the inventor of the five-string bluegrass banjo style as well as a very cool tuner, and a band you've never heard of because they were formed in this century. Also, ice fishing using concertinas as bait, snow angels with frizzy beards, and a salute to our newly-elected Mormon president. It promises to be the coolest festival ever, even if the heaters do work. New Festival chair I.P. Daley will provide a steady stream of information about this great event in the months ahead.

April Evening o' Music

Sun., 4/1, 8pm • Dave Sherman's Car

Members and guests are invited to join Dave and Doreen for our monthly gathering, the first to be held in a moving vehicle. Bring voices, instruments, food/bev to share, and Dramamine as we drive around New Jersey playing old favorites like "Mr. Bojangles" and new discoveries like "I just Wrote this Song But I Don't Have the Melody Yet and the Words are Still a Little Rough so I Might Have to Stop Halfway Through and Start Over Again Oh Sorry But I Just Changed My Strings And I Think I Left My Tuner at Home Can I Borrow Yours." Bring beverages with watertight lids and small bags of chips.

Directions: call Dave on your cell phone with your exact address and he will drive by your house and pick you up. To save time, be prepared to jump into the vehicle as it comes to a slow roll in front of your house. Call 908-APRILFOOL

BONUS Evening o' Music!

Sat., 4/28 — Strumstick Jam at Gitmo!

FP member Bob McNally's strumstick has been in the movies and been photographed. In April, instead of an evening o' music at Eddie and Robin, Evelyn McNally has arranged for a limited number of Projectiles to entertain the detainees at Guantanamo Bay as part of a Strumstick Marching Band. Strumsticks will be provided, as well as luxury overnight accommodations. After the concert, the inmates will bring international flair to our usual round robin. (Please let us know if you require a vegetarian meal).

Directions: Email groucho@strumstick.com and you will receive information on how to pick up your round-trip tickets to Havana, Cuba (via London, Zurich, Jakarta and Capetown). Once you arrive in Havana, you will be driven by luxurious 1952 Packard to Guantanamo, where you will be greeted by an honor guard and full Marine Kazoo Band.



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The Minstrel Acoustic Concert Series

April 2012 presented by The Folk Project

Fri., 4/6: Mark D. Conklin with Roia Rafieyan

Those of you who caught the Kennedys' show last April will certainly remember Mark D. Conklin who opened for them. Mark knows how to write a good song and how to put it across. His lyrics are sharp, ironic, and clever. His subjects are interesting, innovative, and seen from a novel perspective. And he has that rare ability for a literary songwriter to rock out with the best. He is also the recipient of numerous songwriting awards including the Independent Music Award for Country Song of the Year for 2010. **Our opener** Roia Rafieyan grew up in Iran, and studied classical guitar when she moved to the States. That training shows in her complex and fluid guitar work backing up her well-written songs. There's compassion, a gentle humor, and heart in those songs, and she's a treat to listen to.



Fri., 4/13: Open Stage

This is an opportunity for all acoustic musicians to perform a 15-minute set on our stage, and for the audience to be treated to a diverse collection of acoustic musicians. We've often seen previews of our regular scheduled acts for the first time at Open Stage. For information on how to secure a performance slot, call 973-335-9489, or go to www.folkproject.org and visit the Open Stage page.

Friday, 4/20: Split Bill — Don Henry and Craig Bickhardt

Tonight a pair of brilliant Nashville songwriters share our stage: Years as a successful Nashville songwriter have honed **Don Henry** into a powerful master of his craft. He is heartfelt, literate, and funny, and manages to defy convention and still achieve commercial success. His own Puckish character creates even more wonderful characters for his songs like "Harley" and "Mr. God." "Beautiful Fool" stopped the show at the Philadelphia Folk Festival.

As a Nashville songwriter, **Craig Bickhardt** has written over 800 songs for such luminaries as Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson and Tony Rice. He is also a strong performer of these songs, with powerful guitar work and emotional delivery. Both men are also accomplished instrumentalists and vocalists as well as great writers. They will be sharing the stage, swapping songs, and backing each other up as appropriate.



Special offer for Jersey Arts cardholders — Show your card at the door and get two-for-one admission tonight.



Friday, 4/27: Orrin Star with Fibonacci

Orrin Star is an ex-Winfield Champion flatpicking guitarist as well as a mandolinist. He applies those talents to bluegrass and Celtic classics, swing tunes, novelty songs, some originals, and a wide variety of other music. He's also a charming and very funny guy on stage. Note: The Accidentals, originally scheduled to headline this date have had to cancel. **Our opener tonight is Fibonacci.** The Folk Project has always been a fertile breeding ground for bands, and this one combines some of our best musicians: Christine DeLeon (vocals), Kathy Haynie (keyboard) Andy Koenig (bass & wind-synthesizer) and Pat Hickey (guitar). The band is essentially a top-of-the-line bar band, performing the hit music of the members' youths. "House of the Rising Smoke on the Stairway to Free Bird."

UPCOMING: Thurs., 5/3: A special Thursday movie night at the Minstrel *Phil Ochs: There But For Fortune*; 5/4: Phil Ochs Song Night with Kim & Reggie Harris, Magpie, John Flynn, Joe Jencks, Greg Greenway & Pat Wictor; 5/11: Open Stage; 5/18: Frank & Hank with Bill Griese; 5/25: Closed for the Folk Project Spring Festival; 6/1: Beppe Gambetta with AcquAria; 6/8: Open Stage; 6/15: Diane Pery with Hiroya Tsukamoto; 6/29: Caleb Hawley

The Minstrel is an acoustic music concert series run by the Folk Project, a non-profit folk music and arts organization. We use the facilities of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown, NJ. We hold shows almost every Friday, year round, and the second Friday of the month is usually an open stage/audition night. The music we present is "folk" music in its broadest sense. That is, in addition to traditional American and ethnic "folk" music (in its purist definition), we welcome music of contemporary, primarily acoustic songwriters, and other types of music more folkie in attitude than in content. Shows start at 8pm; dress is casual. We serve coffee, teas, and baked goods. There is no alcohol or tobacco on the premises. Admission is inexpensive; on our regular Friday concerts we ask \$7.00 on your way in, and, if you feel the show was worth it, an additional amount at your discretion on the way out, which goes to supplement what we pay the featured performer. Children under 12 are free. For travel information, or information on shows call 973 335 9489 or visit our website at www.folkproject.org. Funding has been made possible in part by funds from the Arts Council of the Morris Area through the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/ Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

To volunteer email volunteers@folkproject.org

SWINGIN' TERN DANCES



4/7: Bob Isaacs, Root Mean Square

Wes Steenson – guitar, banjo, and percussion; JoAnne Rocke – piano; Paul Morrisett – fiddle Contrabass and Squares

Bob is the Root of all contras along with a Mean Square or two. If you've been bob, bob, bobbing along, put down some roots in the contra dance community to give your existence some meaning and square away your social life.

Sat., 4/21: Dan Black

Band TBA Contrabass

We can put Black and White in black and white but the band is still up in the air. Check out our webpage and Facebook for final bookings.

Sat., 5/5: Rock 'n Reel with Mark Widmer, The Folk Project Loving Hearts Club Band

Sat., 5/19: Barbara Goldstein, Mr. Darcy

Non-dancing children must be supervised at all times.

Contra and Square Dancing to Live Music. All dances taught. No partner necessary. Beginner's workshop, 7:30pm; dance at 8pm. \$10, \$5 with student I.D. Soft soles only.

First Presbyterian Church of East Hanover Parish House • 14 Hanover Road, East Hanover, NJ 07936

From I-287 northbound or southbound: Exit 39, travel East on Route 10 for approx. 3.5 miles. Exit by the Ford dealership ("To River Road/ Okner Pkwy") onto Mount Pleasant Ave. Tight at the second light onto Hanover Rd. then immediate left into the parking lot of the Parish House. From I-78: Exit 48 (Route 24 West) to Exit 2B, Route 510 East/Floerham Park. Go 1.9 miles and turn left onto Hanover Rd. Turn right into the parking lot of the Parish House just before the road ends at Mount Pleasant Ave. Additional directions are on our website.

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Feets Don't Fail Me Now!

Blue Ribbon Cloggers: Meets in Pluckemin, Tuesdays, 7pm. Call Paula Fromen (908) 735-9133 or Heidi Rusch (908) 453-2750 for info.

Center Contra: Gender-role free contra dance in NYC. LGBT Community Center, 208 West 13th St., Room 301, 7:30pm. Usually 2nd Fri. Open to all. (971) 991-0597, (347) 275-7983, or www.lcfd.org/nyc or email AmericanFolkDanceNYC@yahoo.com

Country Dance*New York: Contra every Sat. at Chinatown Y, Houston Street Center, 273 Bowery (bet. East Houston and Stanton); English Country every Tues. at: Philip Coltoff Center, 219 Sullivan St. (bet. Bleecker and West 3rd). www.cdney.org or (212) 459-4080 **3/31: Blue Jersey Band**

Lambertville Country Dancers: Soft soled shoes only! Contra/English country. Info: (609) 882-7733 or www.lambertvillecountrydancers.org

Maplewood International Dancers: Recreation House, 124 Dunellen Rd., Maplewood. Mondays 7:30pm, \$5. Beginners welcome, partner not necessary, refreshments served. Days (908) 273-6468, eves (973) 376-7568. http://njfolkdance.tripod.com/fd_maplewood.html

Morristown International Dancers: Wednesdays, Mountain Lakes Comm. Church, 48 Briarcliff Rd, 8:30pm, 7:30pm beginners. \$4 member/\$5 non-member (973) 539-7020 or (973) 228-5966, http://njfolkdance.tripod.com/fd_morristown.html

North Jersey English Country Dancers: 2nd & 4th Sundays, 2-5 pm, Unitarian Society, 113 Cottage Pl., Ridgewood. \$8 members, \$10 non. (201) 445-4497 or (201) 447-1136. www.maxellute.net/njeccd.html; **4/8: Dorothy Cummings; 4/22: Tom Amessé**

Palisades Folk Dancers: Twice a month on Sundays, 3pm, Church of the Atonement, Engle St. & Highland Ave., Tenafly. GinnyandHallB@cs.com.

Philly Family Folk Dances: Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, 3820 The Oak Rd, East Falls, PA. 2nd Sundays, 2-4:30pm (215) 844-2474

Princeton Folk Dance Group: 7:30pm, Riverside School, Riverside Drive, Princeton. Tuesdays (except school closings) www.princetonfolkdance.org (609) 924-6930;

Princeton Folk Dancers: 8pm Fridays, Susan Patterson Center, Stockton St. and Monument Dr. (behind Borough Hall), Princeton, www.princetonfolkdance.org

Princeton Country Dancers: Suzanne Patterson Center, Borough Hall, Princeton, Wed. (and some Saturdays) 8pm, beginners 7:40. Pickup band musicians welcome. Usually \$6. (609) 683-7956 or (609) 924-8813, email pcdinfo@aol.com. Band info only: (609) 252-0248 or srl@mail.princeton.edu performerlisting at www.princetoncountrydancers.org. Community Dance; **Wed., 4/4: Hilton Baxter with Blue Jersey Band**

PCD English Country Dance series: Second Saturday of the month, 8pm; intro/basics at 7:30. \$10 (\$5 seniors & students). Info: (908) 359-2642

Scandinavian Folk Dancing: Bound Brook. Alt. Thursdays, See skandinoje.org for info.

Swingin' Tern: Sat., 4/7: Bob Isaacs, Root Mean Square; Sat., 4/21: Dan Black

Valley Contra Dance Society: 7pm, 2nd and 4th Saturdays, UU Church of The Lehigh Valley, 424 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA. \$9/\$5 students. www.valleycontradance.org, (610) 868-7432;

Members' Gigs & Friends

Mike Agranoff: Fri.- Sun. 4/13-15: Big Muddy Folk Festival, Boonville, MO, www.bigmuddy.org; Fri., 4/20: NEFFA, Mansfield, Mass. www.neffa.org; Fri., 4/27: Caffé Lena, Saratoga Springs, NY. www.caffelena.com

Blue Jersey Band: Wed., 4/4: Princeton Country Dancers: w/ caller Hilton Baxter (see Dances): 4/21: NEFFA, Mansfield, Mass. www.neffa.org

Carl Croce and Tom Picard: hosting Acoustic Showcase, Tapastry Restaurant every Sunday 7pm-closing. 12 Church St., Montclair

Circle Round the Sun (Marie Trontell, Jay Wilensky, Chris Bukata): Wed., 4/11, 7:30pm: Fine Grind Cafe, 101 Route 23, Little Falls

Roger Deitz: Sat., 4/28: NJ Folk Festival, Eagleton Lawn, Rutgers/Douglass, New Brunswick, NJ <http://www.njfolkfest.rutgers.edu>. receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award at noon, then performing a set.

Russ Kelner: Sat., 4/28: 7:30pm, NJ Intergenerational Orchestra Spring Concert, New Providence High School; Every Wed., Delaire Nursing Home, Linden; Once a month, Manor Care Rehab, Mountainside.

Odarka Stockert: Sat., 4/14: 3pm, Family Friendly Harp Ensemble Concert, Morris County Library, 30 East Hanover Ave., Whippany; w/ Slight Imperfection, 2pm, Cafe Concert, Starving Artist Cafe & Gallery, 249 City Island Avenue, City Island, NY

Kathryn Weidener: storytelling Wed., 4/18: 7pm, Hillsborough Library

Unclassifieds

WEST ORANGE ROOM FOR RENT: Private bedroom/bathroom in large house with all amenities, relaxed atmosphere, privacy respected, shuttle to train, easy access to 280. Call Tom Picard (848) 219-1868 or Shari Korenstein (201) 306-8744

MOONLIGHT CATERING: Catering for many types of events — weddings, graduations, bar/bat mitzvahs, birthdays, special occasions — you name it, Richard can cater it. www.MoonlightCatering.net

LOOKING FOR A CAR: Sound man Matt Reilly is looking for a reliable used car. Contact Sandie, reillymagic@yahoo.com or (908) 501-3842.

OLD FOLKIES AT HOME HOOTENANNY at Doris Woolf's! (Joan Baez said that a hootenanny is to FOLK SINGING what a jam session is to JAZZ) Sunday 4/29, 7 pm, Cedar Crest Village in Pompton Plains, 606 Mill Creek, Pompton Plains — Please RSVP (973) 831-9942

"...Horses Sing None of It!"

A folksy non-commercial public access TV series featuring a surprising variety of guest performers, hosted by Ralph Litwin. All types of mainly acoustic music, storytellers, dancers, others. Schedule available at www.folkproject.org. Seen on: Cablevision Morris area, Sun. 7:30pm ch. 21; Manhattan Neighborhood Network (MNN), New York City, Thurs. 2:30pm on Time/Warner Cable ch. 34 and on RCN Cable ch. 82; also broadcast via streaming video on the web at www.MNN.org (popup players 34/82 [http | mms](http://mms)); Service Electric Cable TV Allentown, PA, Thurs. 9:30pm ch. 50; Staten Island Community TV (SICTV) Thursdays 7:30pm ch. 35; Fargo Access (www.cityoffargo.com/cable) on Cable One Fri. 6:30pm & Mon. 3:00pm ch. 12 in Fargo, ND; Cablevision 67; RCN 82; Verizon 42. Also streams via www.bricartsmedia.org/community-media/bcat-tv-network. Mendham TV: Mon., Wed., Fri.: 8am, 2pm & 8pm; Tues., Thurs., Sat.: 7am, 1pm & 7pm (same episode all week) on Comcast ch. 22 or 25 & Verizon ch. 22 or 25; Comcast Central NJ 2, 3:30pm Friday, Ch. 280; simulcast on Comcast Northwest NJ (Hunterdon County area) ch. 21.

All Venues That's Fit To Print

Albert Hall/Sounds of the NJ Pines: Country/bluegrass/folk every Saturday. 125 Wells Mills Rd. (Route 532), Waretown. (609) 971-1593 or www.alberthall.org;

Acoustic Café: Our Lady of Mercy Church, 2 Fremont Ave, Park Ridge, NJ, 8pm, (201) 573-0718, www.cafeacoustic.org; **Sat., 4/14: Christopher Brown**

Arts off Main Open Mike: every third Thursday, The Lab, 128 Willow Grove St., Hackettstown. thelab_openmic@yahoo.com; www.artsoffmain.com; (908) 684-4728

Bluegrass & Old Time Music Assoc. (BOTMA): Every 3rd Sun. from Sept. thru May, Embury United Methodist Church Hall, 49 Church St., Little Silver, NJ. 1-5pm. \$4 for BOTMA members \$5 non-members. Info: www.newjerseybluegrass.org

Borderline Folk Music Club: New City Ambulance Corps Bldg, 200 Congers Rd., New City, NY. 2pm, Info: (845) 354-4586 <http://borderlinefolkmusicclub.org> **Sun., 4/22: Work o' the Weavers**

Brennan Coffee House: Justice William Brennan Court House, 583 Newark Ave., Jersey City. Show starts 7pm, open mike at end. (800) 542-7894, www.brennancoffeehouse.com; **Fri., 4/20: Jimmy Webb**

Café Zed: Open mic 7:30pm, sign-up 7pm, feature 9pm New Jersey Arts Incubator in the Essex Green Shopping Center, 495 Prospect St., West Orange. (848) 219-1868 or tom@tompicard.com. **Sat., 4/21: Honor Finnegan**

Celebration House Concert & Workshop Series: In Clifton; address given with reservation, (973) 879-8568 or celebrationhouseconcerts@yahoo.com. Workshops usually 3:30-5:30pm; concert usually 6:30pm. Concert only \$15; workshop only \$20; concert and workshop combo \$30;

Coffee With Conscience: 1st United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 E. Broad St. 8pm info 908-412-9105, Concerts4Causes@aol.com; www.coffeewithconscience.org; **Sat., 4/21: Soul Farm**

Community Theater at Mayo Center for Performing Arts: 100 South St., Morristown, NJ, for tickets/info call 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org, shows at 8pm

Crossroads Coffeehouse: 8pm, Crossroads Community Church, 104 Bartley Rd., Flanders. (973) 786-7940 or (908) 879-7739;

Dublin House: Irish Session, 1st & 3rd Sundays, 6-9pm, Monmouth St., Red Bank

Dull Music: 7pm, Rutherford Congregational Church, Union and Rutherford Avenues, Rutherford. www.dullmusic.com;

Folk Arts Fridays at Ethical Culture: 516 Prospect St., Maplewood. 2nd Friday (except June-Aug.). Bring instruments and voices for singing, playing, quilting, and other crafts. run by Lisa Novemsky and Anja Moen. www.essexethical.org or (973) 763-8293. **Fri., 4/13**

Godfrey Daniels: 7 E. 4th St., Bethlehem, PA (610) 867-2390, www.godfreydaniels.org.

Good Coffeehouse: 53 Prospect Park W. at 2nd St., Park Slope, Brooklyn, doors open at 7:30, music at 8pm, (718) 768-2972 or www.bsec.org;

The Hillside Cafe Coffee House: 45 Hillside Cres., Nutley. Doors open 7:30, show at 8pm. (973) 667-7055 or info@hillsidecafe.com, www.hillsidecafe.com;

Hurdy Gurdy Folk Music Club: Fair Lawn Community Center, 10-10 20th St., Fair Lawn 8pm. (201) 384-1325. www.hurdygurdyfolk.org; **Sat, 4/14: Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem, Brad Yoder**

Good o' the Order/Community News

This is a place to share news about memorable events and challenges you have faced in the past month with your Folk Project Community. Please send items to Eddie Roffman, eroffman@optonline.net.

Mike Agranoff announces he has a new baby, a one year old black cat named Sasquatch. We hear it's cute and cuddly.

Carl Croce went to Hurdy Gurdy in Fair Lawn to video record Mara Levine's outstanding opening performance. He also really enjoyed the main act performance by Brother Sun.

FP Sound Reinforcement Chairperson Keven Redden, reports that his computer consulting business is going very well. Three quarters of his work is now virus and spyware repair.

Nancy Dugan shared that the night of our March board meeting was Connor's 20th birthday. Connor has been chosen to go to Nashville for spring break with a group of 16 Berklee College of Music students. Nancy also reports that she had her first piano lesson in over 30 years; she's studying with Joe Elefante, and he's a GREAT teacher.

When Leigh Walker recalls his first experience at contra dancing. He remembers the caller suggested that the group needed a new line, and he replied to his friendly partner, "A new line? I've been workin' on my old lines for over 25 years." Leigh also remembers that his friendly partner for that dance was Gloria Friedman.

Gloria Friedman had a great time at the recent Minstrel concert of Nuala Kennedy with Sharlys Dugan as the opener. Gloria says, "Sharlys did a magnificent performance, good enough to have been a main act, and Nuala and her band were outstanding too!"

Pam Robinson reports that her father's broken leg is healing. His hard cast has been removed, and now he's up and walking with a 'boot'. Jim Gartner continues to enjoy singing in the choir at the Church of Redeemer in Morristown. The choir is performing "Spirit in Sound: Celebrating the Wonder of Creation" on Saint Patrick's Day.

Joe Graziano is excited that his daughter has 'set the date' for her wedding; July 26, 2013!

Bobbie Rosengarten had a good time her recent trip to Atlanta on Amtrak. Bobbie says, "It was a very nice experience, and I'd certainly do it again."

Mark and Robin Schaffer recently visited Robin's parents in Florida. Mark says, "I went native, having chopped liver for dinner at 4:30 in the afternoon!"

Sandie Reilly's daughter Shannon had surgery on her arm in early March. We wish her a speedy and complete recovery. Sandie's son, Matt, is looking for a reliable used car, preferably a stickshift with good gas mileage. Please reach out to Sandie with any possible leads.

And the Award Goes To...

The New Jersey Folk Festival announced *Sing Out!* columnist and advisory board member Roger Deitz is the recipient of its 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award, to be awarded at Festival on April 28. Held on the Eagleton Institute lawn, Douglass College of Rutgers University, the festival highlights the traditions and diversity of the people of New Jersey — with this year's festival focusing on the music and culture of Bulgaria. Music Director Kathy DeAngelo said the NJFF Lifetime Achievement Award will be bestowed on Deitz in recognition of Roger's "...long-time efforts to promote folk music in New Jersey and around the country both as a musician and singer as well as a writer for *Sing Out!* and other publications." Festival Director Dr. Angus Kress Gillespie of the University's American Studies Department added, "New Jersey native Roger Deitz is the recipient of the New Jersey Folk Festival award for his distinguished contributions to the Folk Music of New Jersey, and for writing a wealth of columns and feature stories appearing in the national folk music press for nearly forty years."

Folk Project Board Meeting • March 2012

Board Meeting: The Summary

The monthly meeting of the Folk Project Board...was called to order at 8:14 pm on March 6, 2012 at the home of Gloria Friedman in Florham Park.

Present were Pat Brangs, Lois DeRitter, Nancy Dugan, Jim Gartner, Allan Kugel, Eddie Roffman, and Bobbie Rosengarten (Trustees); Mike Agranoff, Carl Croce, Gloria Friedman, Joe Graziano, Nancy Kelner, Lindsey Meyer, Kevin Redden, Pam Robinson, Scott Ross, Mark Schaffer, Rachel Streich, Leigh Walker (other board members); Lori Falco, Rick Thomas (guests). Absent were Elizabeth Lachowicz, Bob McNally, Scooter Ferguson, Howie Goldman, Sandie Reilly, Robin Schaffer, and Jean Scully.

The minutes were approved as written and Treasurer Rachel Streich assured us that our financial house is in order.

By unanimous vote, Rick and Cathy Thomas were elected Honorary Members of the Folk Project in recognition of their many years of devoted service to the FP. Rick and Cathy join Pete Seeger, Laurie Riley, and the Library of Congress in this exalted position. A celebratory cake was consumed at the end of the meeting and congratulations echoed into the night.

Festival co-chair Mark Schaffer reported that the Festival hive is buzzing. Registration has begun based on the sold-out pre-registration list. The family initiative has been a success as many families with children and teens have pre-registered. A workshop schedule is in the works and new features are being planned to facilitate our move to the new site. Pre-registrants should look for an email from the Festival Committee and respond ASAP to complete their registration.

In other committee news:

- Membership Chair Scott Ross told us that from October 2010 to the present, the organization averaged 350 memberships representing 529 individuals.
- Publicity Chair Nancy Kelner is looking for more volunteers to join the committee. She cited Debbie Edelman for her many years of service and also thanked Carolyn Messina, Will Miles, and Cheryl Cronk for all their help.
- Minstrel Chair Mike Agranoff reported that the Minstrel is holding its own in attendance and income, with an average paid attendance of 93.5 for regular shows during the past year, not including Open Stages or the very successful Valentine's Day Extravaganza.
- Merchandise Chair Gloria Friedman showed a beautiful sample canvas tote bag with the FP logo which will advertise the organization in addition to being useful.
- Sound Chair Kevin Redden improved our Minstrel experience by replacing a defective cable (still under warranty) and is replacing the power amp in the mixer console, which will eliminate acoustic noise for those seated near the mixer.
- Community Service Chair Joe Graziano is looking for performers interested in a paid gig at Wayne Day on June 3.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting was adjourned at 9:45. Next month's meeting is on April 3 at the home of Robin and Mark Schaffer in Rockaway. Board meetings are open to all Folk Project members. If you'd like to sit in, send a note to secretary@folkproject.org to get directions to the meeting.

McLynn's Restaurant: Open mic Wed., 9pm. 250 Morris Ave, Springfield. (973) 258-1600

Morris County Center for the Arts: Darress Theatre, 615 Main St, Boonton. (973) 334-9292, www.darresstheater.com. **Wed., 4/18, Cafe Jam hosted by Tommy Mahoney**

Music at the Mission: West Milford Presbyterian Church, 1452 Union Valley Rd., West Milford, (973) 728-3081, www.musicatthemission.org; **Sat., 4/21: Sierra Hull & Highway 111**

Music on Main: 7:30pm, Woodbridge. www.woodbridgeartsnj.com, (732) 634-4500 x6497

NJ Clearwater Circle of Song: Turnstile Coffee Bar, 1607 Route 71, Belmar (2 blocks from Rte. 35, 7 from Belmar Train Station), 6:30pm; **Thurs., 4/19 led by Sharleen Leahey**

Outpost In The Burbs: at the Unitarian Church of Montclair, 67 Church St., Montclair (973) 744-6560. Doors open 7:30pm, concert at 8pm. www.outpostintheburbs.org;

People's Voice Cafe: Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35th St., NYC, www.peoplesvoicecafe.org or (212) 787-3903; **Sat., 3/31: Toby Fagenson/Mara Levinew & Caroline Cutroneo/Gathering Time**

Pinewoods Folk Music Club: 444 W. 54th St., #7, New York, NY 10019, (718) 651-1115, www.folkmusicny.org; Mondays — Irish Session at Landmark Tavern, 626 11th Avenue at 46th Street, Manhattan;

The Place: House Concerts, 3pm pot luck, 4pm concert in Livingston; RSVP to jamask8@comcast.net or (973) 992-7491; **Sun., 4/29: Connor Ganrey and Putnam Smith**

Princeton Folk Music Society: Christ Congregation Church, 50 Walnut Lane, Princeton, 8pm, (609) 799-0944 \$15/Members \$10/\$3 kids under 12. www.PrincetonFolk.org; **Fri., MARCH 30: Peggy Seeger** Gill Chapel, Rider U; **Fri., 4/20: Deb Cowan**

Riverside Rhythm and Rhyme: Skylands Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1811 State Route 57, Hackettstown. 6:30pm, open mic sign-up, 7pm open mic. www.skylandsuu.org.

Sacred Harp Singings: Much info at <http://www.fasola.org/>; 2nd Sun.: 2pm, St. Paul's Church, 199 Carroll St, Brooklyn. (718) 293-2848; 2pm, Montclair Friends Mtg, Park & Gordonhurst. (973) 509-2165; Midweek singing Wednesdays, 7-9:30pm, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, |346 W. 20th St. <http://nysacredharp.org/localsingings.html>

Salem Roadhouse Café: Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Rd., Union. (908) 686-1028, www.townleychurch.org;

Sanctuary Concerts: The Presbyterian Church, 240 Southern Boulevard, Chatham. Most concerts 8pm, www.sanctuaryconcerts.org; **Sat., 4/14: Steve Forbert; Sat., 4/28: Seth Glier, Julie Gold and Amy Speace**

Skylands Native American Flute Circle meets at a home in Panther Valley. Info: Allan Johnson 908-850-5772 or ajflycasting@optonline.net

Stony Brook Friends of Old Time Music Jam: Mannion's Pub & Restaurant, 140 West Main Street, Somerville. Starting around 7:30pm. (609) 924-5353 or visit www.diamondcut.com/oldtime/; 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month

The Uptown Coffeehouse: www.uptowncoffeehouse.org New Location: City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham S. lower level, City Island, NY. 5pm, \$15, under 12, \$5; **Sun., 4/1: David Roth**

Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse: United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Ave., White Plains, (914) 949-2146, www.WalkaboutClearwater.org; **4/14: The Makem & Spain Brothers**

Guitar Workshop • House Concert • Evening o' Music

Keith Murphy



Saturday, April 28 • Rockaway, NJ

Keith is a founding member of Nightingale, a mainstay of the Boston fiddle extravaganza and Childsplay, director of Family Week for the Country Dance and Song Society at Pinewoods and a teacher and clinician for the Brattleboro Music Center. He will lead a full day of music featuring:

GUITAR WORKSHOP 4–5:30pm: Will cover DADGAD tuning, moving up and down the neck, and learning the Scottish song Jock O’Hazeldeen and the dance melody On the Danforth. Tickets are \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door. Space is limited!!

POT LUCK DINNER 5:30–7pm

HOUSE CONCERT 7–9pm: Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door

Evening of Music 9pm–???: No charge (this replaces the usual Bonus Evening o’ Music at Roffmans’)

Advance tickets on sale every Friday night at the Minstrel
or online at www.folkproject.org

For further information, go to: www.folkproject.org
and click “Special Concerts” or call Howard Goldman at 732-841-1348

To learn more about Keith Murphy, go to www.blackislemusic.com

Join the Folk Project

Cut out this handy dandy membership form and mail it, with your membership fee, to Scott Ross, 36 Hilltop Circle, Whippany, NJ 07981.

Info: membership@folkproject.org

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Do you play or sing music:

[] For fun [] Occasionally perform in public [] Professionally or semi-professionally

_____ Basic Individual membership @ \$20/year \$ _____

(You'll receive this personal monthly newsletter.)

_____ Supporting membership @ \$25/year \$ _____

(Personal monthly newsletter PLUS our eternal gratitude)

_____ Family membership* \$ _____

(Additional family members @ \$3 each per year)

_____ Multiple Year Membership \$ _____

number of banjo-tossing years _____ X type of membership. You do the math.

DONATION to Folk Project \$ _____

(Tax deductible! We are also eligible for Corporate Matching Donations and banjos.)

Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

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*Family membership is one basic or supporting membership plus \$3 for each additional family member/banjo.

Please list the names of additional family members:

New Folk Radio Show

Radio Nowhere, a new show featuring folk, blues, singer/songwriters, Americana, roots and more is now being heard on WMSC 90.3FM, Montclair State University. The show is hosted by Joltin Joe, the Mad Scientist. Along with great music, the show features info on concerts in the area as well as occasional live performances.

Tune in every Sunday from 7–10pm to Radio Nowhere on WMSC 90.3FM or www.wmscradio.com. Dave Kleiner and Liz Pagan will be live on the show at 8pm on April 1.

HOUSE CONCERT

Kira Small & Bryan Beller

Saturday 4/21 @ 8pm
Rockaway, NJ



Kira Small is an incredible singer/songwriter/keyboardist whose original R&B/soul material is just as deeply intimate as it is funky. Her latest release, *Raise My Voice*, as well as her previous CD, *Love In A Dangerous World*, were produced by Bruce Dees (James Brown, Ronnie Milsap) and feature Muscle Shoals and Motown veterans. As a session singer in Nashville, Kira has worked with Peter Frampton, Martina McBride, Wynonna Judd, Faith Hill and more. Bryan is a well-known bassist, has toured worldwide with guitarists Steve Vai and Mike Keneally and most recently with the metal band Dethklok, and has been the focus of plenty of press. You can hear more of Kira's music at www.kirasmall.com or see footage of Bryan and Kira at www.youtube.com/kirasmallmusic.

Suggested donation \$15

e-mail jdandrea@gmail.com for reservations/location

Like to Sing?

Harmonium Choral Society is holding two public workshops that may be of interest to anyone in Folk Project who likes to sing.

The first workshop, on **Sun., 4/15 from 2 to 5pm, will feature Mark Moliterno on the topic of YogaVoice.** YogaVoice is an exploration of Classical Yoga and its application to performing artists, voice professionals, and those interested in improving their communication skills and connecting to their innate creativity. It endeavors to uncover and develop the Self-awareness that leads to personal authenticity and creative Self-expression. Mark is a member of the voice faculty at Westminster Choir College. He holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Voice and Opera from the Oberlin Conservatory.

The second is on **Sun., 4/29 from 2 to 5pm and will feature Martin Swinger on Vocal Skinny Dipping** — Improvisational Singing. Martin has led singing workshops at New Jersey Statewide Teen Arts Festival, Children's Music Network National Gathering and many others venues (including Folk Project). He has been a public, professional singer/songwriter for 30 years performing original songs, swing and jazz standards, and Americana tunes as a soloist for adult and family audiences.

Location: Grace Episcopal Church, 4 Madison Ave. at Kings Rd., Madison. Advance registration required; \$35 per workshop or \$60 for both (includes light refreshments) Professional development hour certificates are available for NJ Teachers. Go to <http://harmonium.org/paypal.shtml> to register.

and in this universe...

Spring Festival – May 25-27

In less than two months, 180 happy music lovers and music makers will experience all 72 reasons why the Folk Project Spring Festival is the best three-day music party ever. We're delighted that the festival is sold out and sorry for our friends that will miss out. The good news is that we have two festivals every year. Watch for pre-registration announcements for our Fall Festival on Columbus Weekend, October 5-7, 2012.

The Spring Festival is packed with opportunities to learn, create, entertain and be entertained. It's apparent the some of you don't know every song ever written, so here's a heads-up on workshop topics, so you can do some advanced planning and practicing: Woody Guthrie, 20's & 30's standards, Modern Indie hits, Grateful Dead, Songs of Death & Destruction.

We're bringing back the Vocalloto, the lottery where six winners perform at the Sat. night concert, opening for Jay and Molly. The three categories are: Road Songs, Paul Simon and First-timers.

We're having special workshops on ukuleles and dulcimers, hammer and mountain, so if you own either or both, bring them.

There's plenty more festival chances to sing the songs you already know and we already love. And if you don't perform, we encourage you to sit back and listen. You don't actually have to prepare for a great weekend. We'll bring a great weekend to you. We're just letting you know some of the musical fun in store when Memorial Weekend rolls around.

Looking forward, Mark & Robin

April Evening o' Music

Sat., 4/14, 8pm • Cecilia & Allan's

Members and guests are invited to join Cecilia Rowedder and Allan Kugel for our monthly gathering for music and schmoozic. Bring voices, instruments and food/bev to share to 511 S. First Ave. Highland Park. (732) 809-2638

Directions: From the Turnpike: to Exit 9. Bear right at fork after toll booths; immediately merge left onto Rt. 18 North. Go roughly 2 1/2 miles (staying in right exit lanes), then exit onto Rt. 27 north towards Highland Park. Cross bridge, turn right at third light onto First Avenue. Follow Directions Below; From I-287: to River Road exit (exit 9). Follow River Road south towards Highland Park all the way (5.2 miles, ~ 9 minutes) until it ends at Raritan Avenue (Rt. 27) in Highland Park. Turn left (up the hill); turn right at second light onto First Avenue. Follow directions below. Directions Below: Go 6 1/2 blocks (counting on the left) on First Ave.; 511 white w/ red trim on the left at crest of slight hill (just before the four-story apt building on corner of Graham). Note: Parking is sometimes limited immediately near the house, due to the next-door apartment building. If you have things to carry, you might want to drop those off first and then park.

BONUS Evening o' Music!

Sat., 4/28, 9pm — The Schafferossa

****Note special time/location****

Because it's an extension of the Keith Murphy concert/workshop, the April BEoM will take place at Mark and Robin Schaffer's, 196 Mount Pleasant Ave., Rockaway. (973) 989-4429 or fid1dler@optonline.net. Directions: Route 80 to exit 35A (Dover and Shopping Mall). Go 1/2 mile to the Exxon and make a left onto Mt. Pleasant Ave. Ignore street signs for one mile. At one mile, the road starts downhill and there is a metal guardrail on the right. The mailbox has 196 and three reflectors. The driveway is a hairpin turn on the right 10 feet past the 25MPH sign. Yes, there IS parking on the street even though it's scary.

FP Calendar: April 2012

APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH!

- 1/Sun.** EVERY Sun.: Music You Can't Hear On The Radio, 7pm, WPRB 103.3FM; www.wprb.com
EVERY first & third Sunday: Open Irish session, 6pm, Dublin House, Red Bank.
EVERY Sunday: Tom Picard and Carl Croce, Tapastry Restaurant, Montclair
EVERY Sunday: Radio Nowhere, 7-10pm, WMSC 90.3FM Montclair or streaming at www.wmscradio.com or www.live365.com/wmsc. Featured 4/1: Dave Kleiner and Liz Pagan, 8pm
Uptown Coffeehouse: David Roth, City Island, NJ. www.uptowncoffeehouse.org
- 2/Mon.** EVERY Monday: Maplewood International Dancers, 7:30pm, Maplewood. (973) 376-7568
- 3/Tues.** FP Board meeting
EVERY 1st & 3rd Tuesday: Stony Brook Friends of Old Time Music Jam, 7:30pm, Mannion's Somerville. www.diamondcut.com/oldtime/
EVERY Tuesday: Northwest NJ Acoustic Jam, 7pm, Westside United Methodist Church, Hopatcong. (973) 770-0179
- 4/Wed.** EVERY Wednesday, Straight Morning Drive, featuring Straight Drive 15 minutes after the 7:30am station break. 6-9am, WDVR-FM and www.wdvrfm.org
EVERY Wed.: Morristown Int'l Dancers, 7:30pm, Mountain Lakes. (973) 539-7020
EVERY Wednesday: Princeton Country Dancers, 8pm, Suzanne Patterson center, Princeton. (609) 799-2073, <http://www.princetoncountrydancers.org/> **4/4: Hilton Baxter, Blue Jersey Band**
EVERY Wednesday: "Down Jersey" with Jim Albertson, 7:30pm, WSNJ am1240, am1440 and www.wsnjam.com; <http://members.aol.com/downjerseyjim/>
EVERY 1st Wednesday: Folk Open Sing; 7pm, Ethical Culture Society, 53 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. (212) 636-6341 or (718) 788-7563
EVERY Wednesday: 9pm, Open Mike, McLynn's Restaurant, Springfield. (973) 258-1600
- 5/Thurs.** Alternate Thursdays: Scandinavian couple dancing, 7:30 pm, Bound Brook. See skandinoje.org for dates/info
- 6/Fri.** **Minstrel: Mark D. Conklin with Roia Rafieyan**
- 7/Sat.** **Swingin' Tern: : Bob Isaacs Root Mean Square**
EVERY Saturday: CD*NY: Contra dances, 8pm. NYC. www.cdny.org
- 8/Sun.** North Jersey English Country Dance: Dorothy Cummings, 2pm, Ridgewood. www.maxellute.net/njecd.html
- 11/Wed.** Circle Round the Sun (Marie Trontell, Jay Wilensky, Chris Bukata), 7:3pm, Fine Grind Cafe, Little Falls
- 12/Thurs.** **NO** NJ Songwriters Circle, 7pm, 32 Williamson Ave., Bloomfield. (973) 429-0288 or daveythek@aol.com
- 13/Fri.** **Minstrel: Open Stage**
Folk Arts Fridays at Ethical Culture, 516 Prospect St., Maplewood. www.essexethical.org or (973) 763-8293
- 14/Sat.** **FP Evening o' Music:** 8pm, Cecilia and Allan's, Highland Park. (732) 809-2638
- Odarka Stockert, Family Friendly Harp Ensemble Concert, 2pm, Morris County Library, Whippany,
Acoustic Cafe: Christopher Brown, 8pm, Park Ridge. www.cafeacoustic.org
Hurdy Gurdy: Rani Arbo & daisy mayhem, Brad Yoder, 8pm, Fair Lawn. www.hurdygurdyfolk.org
Sanctuary Concerts: Steve Forbert, 8pm, Chatham. www.sanctuaryconcerts.org
- 15/Sun.** **Newsletter Deadline** Send stuff to newsletter@folkproject.org
Harmonium Choral Society Workshop: YogaVoice, 2pm, Madison. <http://harmonium.org/paypal.shtml>
- 18/Wed.** Morris County Center for the Arts Cafe Jam hosted by Tommy Mahoney. 7:30 p.m., Darress Theatre, Boonton. (973) 334-9292, www.darresstheatre.com
Kathryn Weidener — storytelling, 7pm, Hillsborough Public Library
- 19/Thurs.** NJ Friends of Clearwater Circle of Song; 6:30pm, Belmar. (732) 894-9012;
- 20/Fri.** **Minstrel: Split Bill — Don Henry and Craig Bickhardt**
Brennan Coffee House: Jimmy Webb, 8pm, Jersey City. www.brennancoffeehouse.com
Princeton FMS: Deb Cowan, 8pm, Princeton. www.PrincetonFolk.org
- 21/Sat.** **Swingin' Tern: Dan Black**
House concert: Kira Small & Bryan Beller, 8pm, Rockaway. jdandrea@gmail.com
Café Zed: Honor Finnegan, Open Stage 7:30pm, feature 9pm or so, West Orange. (848) 219-1868
Coffee with Conscience: Soul Farm, 8pm, Westfield. www.coffeewithconscience.org
Music at the Mission: Sierra Hull & Highway 111, 8pm, West Milford. www.musicatthemission.org
- 22/Sun.** North Jersey English Country Dance: Tom Arenessé, 2pm, Ridgewood. www.maxellute.net/njecd.html
Odark Stockert/Slight Imperfection, 3pm, Cafe Concert, Starving Artist Cafe & Gallery, City Island, NY
Borderline: Work o' the Weavers, 2pm, Suffern, NY. <http://borderlinefolkmusicclub.org>
- 27/Fri.** **Minstrel: Orrin Star with Fibonacci**
- 28/Sat.** **Keith Murphy: Workshop and Concert**
Bonus Evening o' Music — special time & location: 9pm, the Schafferosa, 196 Mount Pleasant Ave., Rockaway. (973) 989-4429
Russ Kelner/NJ Intergenerational Orchestra Spring Concert, New Providence HS
Sanctuary Concerts: Seth Glier, Julie Gold and Amy Speace, 8pm, Chatham. www.sanctuaryconcerts.org
New Jersey Folk Festival, performers include Roger Deitz. Featuring the music of Bulgaria. Rutgers/Douglass campus, New Brunswick. www.njfolkfest.rutgers.edu/
- 29/Sun.** The Place House Concerts: Connor Garvey and Putnam Smith, 3pm potluck, 4pm show. Livingston. RSVP (973) 992-7491 or jamask8@comcast.net
OLD FOLKIES AT HOME HOOTENANNY at Doris Woolf's, 7pm Pompton Plains. Please RSVP (973) 831-9942
Harmonium Choral Society Workshop: Vocal Skinny Dipping with Martin Swinger, 2pm, Madison. <http://harmonium.org/paypal.shtml>