

Cuz's Corner

By Dennis Frost

Cuz's Top Ten 2007 CDs

1. **Songbird** by Emmylou Harris
2. **Kane, Welch, Kaplin** by Kieran Kane, Kevin Welch & Fats Kaplin
3. **Washington Square Serenade** by Steve Earle
4. **It's Not Big It's Large** by Lyle Lovett and His Large Band
5. **Dirt Farmer** by Levon Helm
6. **Cimarron Manifesto** by Jimmy LaFave
7. **Waterloo, Tennessee** by Uncle Earl
8. **Let Us Praise Sleepy John** by Peter Case
9. **Street Symphony** by The Subdudes
10. **Ricky Skaggs & Bruce Hornsby** (self-titled)

This was an impossible year in which to come up with just a list of ten – there was too much parity among the top releases. These are also worthy of being in the “Top Ten” and are recommended!

- **Peter Rowan & Tony Rice** (self-titled)
- **Fork in the Road** by **The Infamous Stringdusters**
- **Slidin' Home** by John Starling
- **Balls** by Elizabeth Cook
- **Compadres** by Marty Stuart
- **Easy Tiger** Ryan Adams
- **One Tough Town** by David Olney
- **Sweet Warrior** by Richard Thompson
- **Bluegrass Diaries** by Jim Lauderdale
- **Ordinary Seasons** by **Polecat Creek**
- **Chip Taylor & Carrie Rodriguez Live**

- **Blind Man Walking** by Cadillac Sky
- **Rising Sand** by Robert Plant & Alison Krauss

To share your favorite 2007 CDs with Cuz, contact him at 704-532-8846 or dcmfrost@mindspring.com.

Always Wanted To Play An Instrument?

By Jennifer Stanton

Don't wait for a New Year's Resolution. The Folk Society has a collection of instruments any member can borrow. For a deposit of \$25 you can get your hands, paws, or lips on our booty for three months and see if playing one of these instruments is your joy. If you like the instrument so much you want to hold on to it for another three months (that's **half a year**), make a donation of \$25 and consider it yours for another ninety days. We'll put your money towards new strings and our number one lending collection wish list item – **a fiddle!**

By the way, if you have a fiddle or any instrument in reasonable condition that you aren't playing any more, or if Santa ends up stopping at the Fiddle Shoppe before coming down the chimney for your family this year, please consider donating an instrument to us. We'll take lovin' good care of it **and** give you a tax deductible receipt. Contact Jen Stanton at 704-847-9328 or jennifer@jenniferstanton.com for more information and to reserve your instrument today!

Lending Collection Instruments: five-string banjo, four string banjo, steel and nylon string guitars, piano accordion, flute, mandolin, dulcimer, and a baritone ukulele.

Next Tosco Music Party January 26th

With its next event on Saturday, January 26, 7-11 PM, the Tosco Music Party continues its run of successful gatherings in the 1,020-seat Dale F. Halton Theater at Central Piedmont Community College Overcash Academic and Performing Arts Center, 1206 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte.

General admission tickets and season tickets are on sale now. It's a good idea to buy your tickets early to be sure of having a seat. Prices are \$12 (adults), \$10 (adults 65 years and older), and \$6 (fifteen years and younger). Purchase by phone at 704-330-6534 or online at www.carolinatix.org. For tickets without additional service charges or fees, buy them in person at the Halton Box Office.

The format of the evening includes a performance of one or two songs by each of an eclectic mix of some twenty scheduled acts as well as several audience sing-a-longs (words provided!). This first of three 2008 Tosco Music Parties will include performances by the **Boulder Acoustic Society** (fiddle, bass, mandolin and accordion; neo-acoustic); Harriette Line Thompson (concert pianist); Paul Cullen (singer/songwriter, multi-instrumentalist); **The Near Misses** (female acoustic quartet); **The New Familiars** (acoustic folk rock); **The Rescues** (pop rock trio); **Wood and Steel** (bluegrass quartet), and **Wicker and Jones** (blues, acoustic jazz). Visit www.toscomusicparty.org for a current schedule of performers and for more details.