

CFS Holiday Potluck & Jams Saturday, December 15th

By now, we hope you've read that the date of our Holiday Potluck has changed to Saturday, December 15th due to a scheduling need at Dilworth United Methodist Church. We are very appreciative of being the only group outside the church allowed to use the facilities during December. Langford Hall is ideal for our year-end celebration.

Please plan to join us for food, fellowship, and lots of music! Dilworth United Methodist Church is located at 605 East Boulevard in the Dilworth Community of Charlotte. Some parking is available on church property. **Park only in marked spaces, as there will be vans bringing tuests for the church's Room in the Inn program and there will not be room for them to negotiate the parking lot, otherwise.** Once those spaces are filled, please park on the streets near the church.

For those needing assistance with physical access, please call Dennis Frost's cell phone (704-650-8577) and someone will help you to come up in an elevator that opens to the



Natalie Royal

exterior on the ground floor. **Look for the exterior door with the sign "Elevator Access."**

Please bring a dish to share that will serve eight or donate \$5 for each guest in your party. **We can keep your dish hot or cold in the kitchen, but please do have your dish ready to serve when you arrive.** Feel free to invite family and friends to join you.

Come at 4 PM to join a holiday song circle led by Salem Macknee and Tom Kelleher, a Celtic session led by fiddler Ed Gebauer, or an old-time jam anchored by the **Flat Possum Hoppers**. Or start a jam of your own choosing! Anyone for bluegrass or Gypsy jazz?

The buffet line will open at 5 PM. At six o'clock, **Natalie Royal** will perform a thirty-minute set of seasonal songs. Many of you will remember her performances as a teenager on CFS stages. Natalie is a very talented vocalist and songwriter who is studying songwriting and music business administration at Belmont University in Nashville. In October, Natalie was selected by

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Young Talent Showcase Gathering January 11th

The Charlotte Folk Society Young Talent Showcase Gathering for this season will take place on Friday, January 11, 2013, at 7:30 PM, in the Great Aunt Stella Center. CFS annually hosts this non-threatening public performance for young musicians in order to encourage them to carry on the musical traditions we cherish. Preservation of the music is part of our mission. The best means of preservation is to have generation after generation continue playing it!

Traditionally, the previous year's Marilyn Meacham Price Youth Scholarship recipient is the featured performer in the showcase. We look forward to hosting our 2012 winner, fiddler Joshua Gerard, on the Stella Center stage.

Returning YTS performers include: James Barkeley (guitar and fiddle), Annika Bowers (Celtic fiddle), Davy Fee (Gypsy jazz guitar), Nora Duncan (fiddle), Marie Hasty (vocalist), Lando Pieroni (classical guitar), Sam Richardson (old-time fiddle), Ruth Shumway (fiddle), and Isabelle Young (Celtic fiddle).

We have three groups of performers making their CFS debut. Two of them come from one of our

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Charlotte Folk Society Mission

The purpose of the Charlotte Folk Society, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization and an Arts & Science Council grant recipient, is to promote the ongoing enjoyment and preservation of traditional and contemporary folk music, dance, crafts, and lore.

Hire Musicians For Your Next Event

The Charlotte Folk Society has extensive resources to help you with your special event or conference – anything from just a taste of this region's Appalachian musical heritage to a full evening of music and dance with audience participation. Call Karen Singleton at 704-364-5433 to arrange for entertainment and/or instruction at reasonable rates.

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Laurelyn Dossett, Rhiannon Giddens, and two other contest judges as one of twenty finalists in **Our State Magazine's** "Carolina Songs" competition. There were 200 entrants, all told. You can listen to her original composition, **My Carolina**, here: <http://www.ourstate.com/carolina-songs-top-20>

Jamming and singing will resume after the concert concludes. The event ends at 9:45 PM.

As is our custom, we'll draw names for door prizes. To be eligible, you need to have become a member since September 1, 2012 **or** to have renewed already for 2013.



2011 Holiday Potluck Celtic Jam

Door prizes donated so far include CDs donated by music writer Courtney Devores and radio station WGWG, handbuilt pottery by Hat Thompson, beautiful art glass by Jo Stephens, "hillbilly wine glasses" by Tom Phlegar, and a warm and lovely handcrafted scarf by Sue Eldridge. We invite other member musicians and artisans to donate CDs and handcrafted items for door prizes. **Please contact Wanda Hubicki at phubicki@carolina.rr.com or 704-563-7080 if you'd like to donate an item.**

Stop by the CFS Information Table on your way into Langford Hall to renew your membership and to purchase raffle tickets for the beautiful violin generously donated by The Violin Shoppe. Handmade by Otto Glaesel in West Germany in

1998, it is a reproduction of a circa 1700 Stradivarius valued at \$1495. Be sure to buy your ticket before the drawing! Drawing for the raffle winner will take place as we finish dinner.

We will also conduct a very important item of business. In the course of working to make the Charlotte Folk Society an organization sustainable long into the future, we are revising our By-Laws to strengthen the Board development process and create a committee system to better support all

of our activities. We mailed all current members a draft copy of the proposed revisions on December 4th. (Please note a correction on page 5, Article VII, Section 3.

The first line should read: Vice-President – in the absence of the President or inability **or** refusal of the President to act, the Vice-President, unless otherwise determined by the Board of Directors, shall perform the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all of the restrictions upon the President.) Please read the draft and bring any questions you may have to the Potluck. We will ask you to vote on the passage of the revisions on December 15th.

Each December, the Folk Society family comes together to celebrate the season, enjoy each other's company, and share the music we treasure. Please join us as we end this year and look forward to the new one.

Charlotte Folk Society Gatherings are made possible, in part, with funding from the Arts & Science Council and the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources, and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

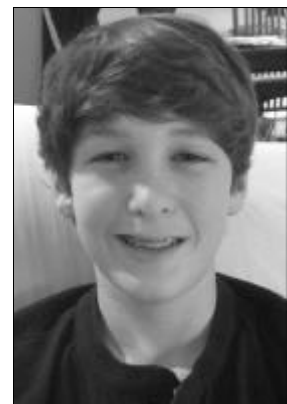


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member organizations, the Charlotte Scottish Country Dance Society (CSCDS). **Jack's Jills** are singers and they include Abigail Moore, Laurel Johnson, Olivia Johnson, and Ginger-Gabrielle South; Ginger provides fiddle accompaniment for the quartet. Four couples from the CSCDS youth group will perform a dance, as well. The Jones Sisters, Tori (fiddle, mandolin, and guitar), Katie (upright bass), and Eli (guitar and lead singer), are a bluegrass ensemble.

CFS Junior Board members David Fee and Isabelle Young will emcee.

Be sure to come out and celebrate these young musicians who are carrying on the traditions we cherish. They will keep it alive!



Joshua Gerrard

2012 CFS Violin Raffle Ends December 15th – Buy Tickets!

Thanks to the generosity of Glen Alexander and David McGuirt, proprietors of The Violin Shoppe, Inc., the Charlotte Folk Society is fundraising through an instrument raffle again this year.

We are very appreciative of their donation to CFS of a 1998 Otto Glaesel Violin, Model VI33E. This mint condition violin is a copy of a 1700 Stradivarius.

Made in West Germany, it features a gorgeous two-piece flame maple back, as well as very nicely flamed maple ribs. The top is crafted of hand-carved and graduated spruce. The violin is finished with a deep orange-amber varnish and is fitted with ebony fingerboard, tuning pegs, chinrest, and tailpiece. It has maintained its retail value of \$1495. The raffle winner will receive the instrument as an outfit complete with oblong case and bow.

The violin will be on display and you can purchase raffle tickets prior to the 5 PM dinner at the Holiday Potluck on Saturday, December 15th. For your convenience, you can also buy tickets online at www.folksociety.org. Online raffle ticket sales will end at midnight on Thursday, December 13th. Prices are \$6 each or \$30 for six tickets.

Drawing of the winning ticket will take place during the Folk Society's Annual Holiday Potluck on Saturday, December 15th, at Dilworth United Methodist Church, 605 East Boulevard, in Charlotte. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

For tax compliance reasons, the raffle winner must fill out a W-9 form before receiving the instrument. The winner is responsible for all resulting income taxes, if any.

The Violin Shoppe is located at 2112 East Seventh Street. Folk Society members receive a 10% discount. Be sure to take your CFS member card when shopping. Now is a great time to



Donated 1998 Otto Glaesel Violin

visit The Violin Shoppe! Check out their holiday specials for that favorite musician on your gift list!

For detailed information about instruments, accessories, and services offered, visit www.theviolinshoppe.net. Check out their extensive selection of violins in all price ranges. They are a licensed dealer for Eastman guitars and mandolins.

The Violin Shoppe offers traditional and bluegrass fiddle lessons, as well as classical violin and cello lessons, including the Suzuki Method. Instruction for guitar, banjo, mandolin, Dobro, bass, and bodhran instruction is also available. Award-winning musicians/instructors, Glen Alexander and Jon Singleton, make The Violin Shoppe a destination for traditional and bluegrass students.

Thanks for supporting CFS and good luck!

Join CFS Now Or Renew – Membership Expires December 31, 2013

Unless you are a new member who joined on or after September 1, 2012 **or** you have already paid for your 2013 membership, it is time for you to renew. For your convenience, there's a membership form inserted in this newsletter. Or, visit www.folksociety.org and join or renew online using a credit card, or download a membership form and mail it in with your check.

Join or renew prior to our Holiday Potluck dinner at 5 PM on Saturday, December 15th, and you'll be eligible for terrific door prizes. (See Holiday Potluck article on page one for details.)

Of course, the holidays are close at hand and Folk Society memberships would make great presents for those music lovers on your gift list!

You'll receive a newsletter every month to keep you up to date on CFS events, as well as a calendar that covers the music we value all over North Carolina and beyond.

If you're looking for an extra tax deduction this year, remember that the Folk Society is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and your donations are deductible!

If you have a question about your membership status, please contact Bethli Miescher-Clemens at emiescher@bellsouth.net or 704-892-4914.

Discount Ticket Offer to CFS For *The Gathering* December 16th

Great news! Laura Kratt, Director of Cultural Events for Wingate University's Batten Fine Arts Center, is extending to members and friends of the Charlotte Folk Society a \$5 discount on tickets to the 4 PM performance in Wingate of *The Gathering* on Sunday, December 16th.

The Wingate University campus is a 45-minute drive from central Charlotte and offers Charlotte residents the closest performance this season.

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the Christmas season with five stellar talents who perform in the American acoustic music tradition we cherish - Laurelyn Dossett, Rhiannon Giddens, Mike Compton, Joe Newberry, and Jason Sypher. Christmas concerts with roots this deep are rare.

Arrive at 2:45 to enjoy our own Susan Sherlock performing an hour-long concert of beautiful hammered dulcimer music in the Batten Center Rotunda Lobby. Complimentary snacks from The Stone Table will be available to concert-goers, as well.

The discounted ticket price to members and friends of the Charlotte Folk Society is \$20. The discount applies only to advance ticket purchases. Purchase tickets by calling the Batten Center at 704-233-8300, CarolinaTix at 704-372-1000, or buy online at www.battencentre.org. Student discounted tickets are available through the Batten Center Box Office only. **Offer not valid day of show. Use Promo Code: REDBIRD**

The Gathering breathes new life into traditional Christmas music and is centered around *The Gathering: A Winter's Tale in Six Songs*,

an Appalachian song cycle by Dossett which was commissioned by the North Carolina Symphony and premiered last year.

"It's what the holidays were before shopping and Irving Berlin." - *Wall Street Journal*

"A goosebump inducing **O, Holy Night**, stripped down to just standup bass and voice, is alone worth the price, but this classy offering is a much needed alternative to the typically overwrought fare that clogs the season's racks." 4 stars *American Songwriter Magazine*

"It's a fresh approach to wintry music, with mountain-music instrumentation and crystalline harmonies." 4 1/2 stars *San Antonio Express News*

More About the Performers

Laurelyn Dossett is a founding member of **Polecat Creek**, performing on stages from Merlefest to **Prairie Home Companion**. She has written the music for four published plays featuring regional folklore and traditional music. Her song **Anna Lee** was featured on Levon Helm's Grammy-winning recording, **Dirt Farmer**. Another Dossett composition, **Leaving Eden**, is the title track on the 2012 release by the **Carolina Chocolate Drops**. Laurelyn is a singer and guitarist for *The Gathering* concerts.

Rhiannon Giddens, singer, songwriter, and fiddle player penned songs for the T. Bone Burnett produced soundtrack *The Hunger Games*. Rhiannon is a founding member of the Grammy-winning **Carolina Chocolate Drops**. Although she's best known for her

work with the **Drops**, Rhiannon also sings and plays a wide range of music styles including Celtic, jazz, Appalachian ballads, art songs, and opera.

Joe Newberry, singer, songwriter, rhythm guitar and banjo player, picked up the 2012 International Bluegrass Music Association Award for Best Gospel Song for **Singing as We Rise**, recorded by bluegrass legends **The Gibson Brothers** and Ricky Skaggs. Joe plays in a duo with Mike Compton, with the string bands **Jumpsteady Boys** and **Big Medicine**, and sits in the banjo chair with traditional music stalwarts Bill Hicks, Mike Craver, and Jim Watson.

Mike Compton, on mandolin, is a Grammy award winner and nominated IBMA Mandolin Player of the Year. A member of the **Nashville Bluegrass Band** and a mainstay on the bluegrass circuit for the past 35 years, Mike has over 110 albums to his credit. Recent projects include **National Ransom** with Elvis Costello, and a recent solo CD project, **Rotten Taters**.

Bassist **Jason Sypher** is an innovative interpreter of numerous folk idioms and jazz. An insatiable appetite for new music led him to North Carolina's Appalachian mountains where he sought out the old fiddlers who were still alive playing powerful, archaic blues-drenched, old-time music. He has recorded and performed with luminaries of jazz and blues such as Clarence Gatemouth Brown and Irma Thomas and currently tours with the Grammy-winning vocalist Susan McKeown and toured briefly with top Irish group **Lunasa**. Jason and Rhiannon's bass/vocal version of **O Holy Night** made **USA TODAY's** Top 10 Holiday Recordings of 2011.

January 11th Post-Gathering Old-Time Slow Jam

By Ed Gebauer

Note: there will not be an official Slow Jam at the December 15th Holiday Potluck. However, the **Flat Possum Hoppers** will anchor an Old-Time Jam and you're welcome to come and join it, the Song Circle, or other jams.

Join us in January after the Gathering concert to play some old-time fiddle tunes at the CFS Slow Jam. Led by fiddler Ed Gebauer, the group meets up on the third floor in the Stella Center Conference Room, where beginning players are introduced to old-time tunes at a gentle pace. This is the place to start learning to jam with other players after learning those first few chords on your guitar or banjo; or your first tune on your lead instrument. Please check out the Slow Jam web page at www.folksociety.org/slowjam.shtml to see the tunes we'll be playing. **At the next Gathering on Friday, January 11th, we'll be playing in the key of D!** Hope to see you there!

Free Member Ad

For Sale: Two Appalachian Lap Dulcimers Handcrafted by Harold Miller. One: 7" X 33"; \$200. Two: 8" X 34"; \$250. Beautiful woods. **Call Marilyn Price at 803-548-5461. See them on display at the December 15th CFS Holiday Potluck.** Just in time to buy a gift for that special musician on your shopping list!

Share the Gift Of Music On Christmas Day



Bob Wilusz invites you to celebrate Christmas by providing music for the elderly, homeless, and lonely. For more than twenty years now, generous Charlotte Folk Society musicians have been providing music at the annual Christmas Day dinner at St. Patrick's Cathedral and School in Charlotte. The dinner is given freely to anybody else who wishes to share a meal and the company of others on Christmas. St. Patrick's sends out busses and vans to bring people in, and also to deliver meals.

CFS members perform music to help make the day a special one for the guests at this dinner. **This year, the music program goes from Noon to 3 PM (note time change) on Christmas Day in the school cafeteria.** St. Patrick's Cathedral is located in the Dilworth community at Buchanan and Dilworth Roads. If you could join us, your gift of music would be most appreciated. **If you would like to donate your musical or vocal talents or if you have any questions, please call Bob Wilusz at 803-328-1999 or email him at wilusz2001@yahoo.com. If you would like to assist with the dinner itself, please contact the church office at 704-334-2283.**

Thistledown Tinkers' Debut Christmas CD December 18th

By Wanda Hubicki

The Thistledown Tinkers, a favorite local Celtic duo comprised of Tom Eure and Trip Rogers, is releasing their third recording, **A Tinkers Christmas**, in a concert at The Evening Muse on Tuesday, December 18th, at 8 PM. Admission is \$8.

The **Tinkers'** new disc is well described: "Delicate string work, high energy, and the spirit of the season combine in a Celtic celebration. A joyful acoustic ride through Christmas songs old and new." Tom and Trip employ an impressive array of instruments (fiddle, mandolin, banjo, dulcimer, and concertina) in the recording of a dozen songs, hymns, and tunes.



The Joy of Banjo is a medley combining **Ode to Joy** with **Joy to**

the World. Trip Rogers' driving rhythm guitar provides the backdrop for Tom Eure's delicate banjo picking out the melody. (No – "delicate banjo" is not an oxymoron!) Their rendering of this and other familiar Christmas selections is, indeed, joyful and a fresh sound for the Christmas season. **A Tinkers Christmas** can be purchased at their December 18th concert, through CD Baby or the **Thistledown Tinkers'** website at www.thistledowntinkers.com.

Appalachian Dulcimer Club Meets Fridays

The Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club meets after every CFS Gathering with a beginner-friendly jam. Loaner instruments are available if you want to try your hand. The Club also has a weekly Friday morning Dulcimer Jam in the Arboretum area if you're interested. **We invite you to bring your dulcimer to the January 11th Gathering and stop by the Dulcimer Jam room.** We'll get you tuned up and playing your dulcimer in no time. For more information, contact Mark Willingham at 980-254-8059.



Mint Hill Old-Time Jam December 15th

By Rita Hartmann

The next Mint Hill Old-Time Jam takes place from 2 PM to 4 PM on Saturday, December 15th, in the 1890s Ashcraft Schoolhouse in the Carl J. McEwen Historic Village, 7601 Matthews Mint Hill Road, in Mint Hill, and is open to all musicians.

Contact Rita and Gar Hartmann for information at hayefourfour@hotmail.com or call 704-998-8909.

Beginners' Bluegrass Jam At Aldersgate

The Queen City Bluegrass Jam meets every other Saturday, 2-4 PM, at the Asbury Care Center at Aldersgate, 3800 Shamrock Drive, (between Eastway Drive and Sharon Amity Road) in east Charlotte.

For the exact meeting dates each month, contact Jerry Leonard at jerryleonard999@yahoo.com. Or, join the group at www.meetup.com in order to keep current. Search on that site for "Charlotte Beginner Bluegrass Jam."

Great Aunt Stella Center Lost & Found

If you've lost an item while attending a concert at the Great Aunt Stella Center, please call Mark Ponischil, the Facility Manager, at 704-944-6014 and leave a message. We give all found items to Mark.

His earliest opportunity to look into your inquiry will be the Tuesday following our Gathering. Please do not simply come to the Stella Center to ask about lost objects, as there is no one else in the building who would be aware of what has been found and Mark is not on site daily. He will arrange with you a time to come and pick up your lost belongings.



December 15th CFS Celtic Music Session

Once or twice a month, the CFS Celtic Music Session meets in members' homes to play music from the various Celtic traditions. All acoustic instruments are welcome, though this session does tend towards the intermediate level.

Join our email list at www.folksociety.org/celticlistjoin.shtml to learn the dates and times of future Sessions and check out www.folksociety.org/celticsession.shtml to grab our tune list and learn how to join this great experience!

Our regular session for this month will take place on Saturday, December 15th, at the CFS Holiday Potluck. We'll be playing both before the potluck, starting at 4 PM, and after dinner and the entertainment.

Willow Grove Old-Time Jam January 5th

Join fiddlers Bill Williams and Dwight Moody on the first Saturday of every month from 2 PM to 4 PM in the Activities Room at the Willow Grove Retirement Center, located at 10043 Idlewild Road, Matthews, NC.

The next jam will take place on Saturday, January 5th. For information, call Bill Williams at 704-573-6154 or 704-517-2822. (cell).

Calendar

All calendar listings are subject to change and should be verified.

VENUE INFORMATION

The ArtsCenter, 300-G E. Main St., Carrboro, NC. 919-929-2787; www.artscenterlive.org

Belk Theater, Blumenthal Performing Arts Ctr., 130 N. Tryon St., Charlotte. 704-372-1000; www.blumenthalcenter.org

Blue Ridge Music Center, milepost 213, Blue Ridge Parkway, 700 Foothills Rd., Galax, VA. Call 276-236-5309, ext. 112; visit www.blueridgemusiccenter.org.

The Comet Grill, 2224 Park Rd., Charlotte. 704-371-4300.

Cook Shack Concert Series, The Cook Shack, Union Grove, NC. Exit 65 off I-77 North; turn west; travel 2 miles; sits on left of road. Reservations required; email cookshack-shows@roadrunner.com or call 704-539-4353. http://uniongrovemusic.voila.net/index.html

Diana Wortham Theatre at Pack Place, 2 Pack Place Square, Asheville, NC. 828-257-4530; www.dwtheatre.com

Don Gibson Theatre, Theatre, 318 S. Washington St., Shelby, NC. 704-487-8114; www.DGshelby.com

The Double Door Inn, 218 E. Independence Blvd. Charlotte, NC. 704-376-1446; www.doubledoorinn.com

The Evening Muse, 3227 N. Davidson St., Charlotte. 704-376-3737; www.theeveningmuse.com

Fairview Ruritan Club Concerts, Fairview Rd., SR821, Galax, VA. 276-238-0376; www.fairviewruritan.com

Fiddle & Bow Society Series, Community Arts Café, 411 W. 4th St., Winston-Salem, NC. 336-724-9393; www.fiddleandbow.org

Grey Eagle Tavern & Music Hall, 185 Clingman Ave., Asheville, NC. 828-232-5800; www.thegreyeagle.com

The Handlebar, 304 E. Stone St., Greenville, SC. 864-233-6173; www.handlebar-online.com/index.asp

Jack of the Wood, 95 Patton Ave., Asheville, NC. 828-252-5445; http://jackofthewood.com/

Knight Theater, 430 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC. 704-372-1000; www.blumenthalcenter.org

McGlohon Theatre, Spirit Square, 345 N. College St., Charlotte, NC. 704-372-1000; www.blumenthalcenter.org

The Neighborhood Theatre, 511 E. 36th St., Charlotte, NC. 704-358-9298; www.neighborhoodtheatre.com

Old Rock School, 400 Main St. West, Valdese, NC. Call 828-879-2129; visit www.

bluegrassattherock.com

Orange Peel, 101 Biltmore Ave., Asheville, NC. 828-225-5851; www.theorangepeel.net

Ovens Auditorium, 2700 E. Independence Blvd., Charlotte. 704-335-3100; www.ovensauditorium.com/default.asp?ovens=11

Puckett's Farm Equipment, 2740 W. Sugar Creek Rd., Derita, NC. 704-597-8230; www.puckettfarm.com

Purple Onion, Hwy. 176, Saluda, NC. 828-749-1179; www.purpleonionsaluda.com

Ri-Ra Irish Pub, 200 N. Tryon St., Charlotte. 704-333-5554; www.rira.com

Rodi, 245 W. Garrison Blvd., Gastonia, NC. 704-864-7634; www.rodeworld.com

Stage Door Theater, 5th & College Sts., Charlotte. 704-372-1000; www.blumenthalcenter.org

Summit Coffee, 128 S. Main St., Davidson, NC. 704-895-9090; www.summitcoffee.com

The Sylvia Theater, 27 N. Congress St., York, SC. 803-684-5590; www.sylviaattheater.com

The Visulite Theatre, 1615 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte. 704-358-9200; www.visulite.com

CALENDAR LISTINGS

DEC 12, Singer/songwriter Dan Bern, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$13-15.

DEC 13, Bart Walker Band (blues/rock), Double Door Inn, 9 PM, \$8.

DEC 13, Wanda Jackson w/Jonny Fritz & Temperance League opening, The Neighborhood Theatre, 8 PM, General admission \$15-25; VIP seating \$35; dance floor open.

DEC 13, The Testosterones (Glen Alexander, David Grant, Randy DeBruhl, Dave Ballenger), The Pizza Peel & Tap Room, 4422 Colwick Rd., Charlotte. 8-10 PM. 704-714-8808; www.tapandpeel.com

DEC 14, Jennifer Daniels w/Hannah Thomas opening, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$10-12.

DEC 14, Truckstop Preachers (country/honky tonk/Americana) w/Liane Edwards, Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$8-10.

★ ★ DEC 14-15, Thistledown Tinkers, Nights of a 1000 Candles, Brookgreen Gardens, 1931 Brookgreen Drive, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. 5-8 PM, Adults \$16; ages 4-12 \$7. www.brookgreen.org/NightsofaThousandCandles.html

★ ★ DEC 15, Annual CFS Holiday Potluck & Jams featuring Natalie Royal in Concert, Dilworth United Methodist Church, 605 East

Blvd., Charlotte, NC. 4-10 PM. Bring a dish to serve 8 or donate \$5/person. Jams & Song Circle 4 PM; Dinner 5 PM; Natalie Royal Trio 6 PM. Door prizes for current members. Drawing for winner of Otto Glaesel Raffle Violin. Jams & Song Circle resume after concert. www.folksociety.org

★ ★ DEC 15, CFS Regular Celtic Session, CFS Holiday Potluck & Jams, Dilworth United Methodist Church, 605 East Blvd., Charlotte. Jamming 4-5 PM and after dinner; free. Join the email list at www.folksociety.org/celticlistjoin.shtml to receive detailed information about sessions.

★ ★ DEC 15, Mint Hill Old-Time Jam, Ashcraft Schoolhouse, Carl J. McEwan Historic Village, 7601 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd., Mint Hill, NC. 2-4 PM; Free open jam. Gar & Rita Hartmann at 704-496-4321 or hayefourfour@hotmail.com. http://www.celebrationofseagrovepotters.com

DEC 15, The Gathering: A Holiday Concert featuring Rhiannon Giddens, Laurelyn Dossett, Mike Compton, Joe Newberry and Jason Sypher, Fletcher Opera Theater, Progress Energy Center, 2 East South St., Raleigh, NC. 8 PM, \$TBA; tickets on sale August 20th. www.pinecone.org

DEC 15, Suzy Bogguss Christmas Show, Don Gibson Theatre, 8 PM, \$24.50.

DEC 15, Backstep, Voice of the Blue Ridge Series, EARLE Theatre, 142 Main St., Mt. Airy, NC, 7:30 PM, \$7; Under 12 free. Tickets at the door. Free clogging lesson with ticket; 5:30-6:30 PM. www.surryarts.org

DEC 15, Mount Moriah (folk/rock) w/Hiss Golden Messenger (country), The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$8-10.

DEC 15, A Yuletide Celebration & Celtic Christmas, Hagood Mill Historic Site & Folklife Center, 138 Hagood Mill Rd. (3 miles north of Pickens or 5 1/2 miles south of Cherokee Foothills Scenic Hwy 11 off SC Hwy 178), Pickens, SC. 10 AM-4 PM; Free. Folklife & traditional arts demonstrations. www.hagoodmill.org

★ ★ DEC 16, Traditional Irish Music Session w/ Jason Dulin, Monty Monaghan & Jon Singleton (Sundays), RiRa Irish Pub, 7-9 PM.

DEC 16 (Sunday), The Ireland Family Christmas, Cook Shack Concert Series, 2 PM, \$12; advance reservations required; write CookShackShows@roadrunner.com
DEC 16, A Swannanoa Solstice: The 10th Anniversary w/Robin Bullock, Al Petteway and Amy White, and special guests Sheila Kay Adams, The Twisty Cuffs (Cape Breton-style stepdancers) & Brizeus (Highland

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pipe & percussion band); hosted by **Doug Orr**, Diana Wortham Theatre, 2 & 7 PM, \$35, Student \$30, Child \$15.

★ ★ **DEC 16, The Gathering: A Winter Concert w/Laurelyn Dossett, Rhiannon Giddens, Joe Newberry, Mike Compton & Jason Sypher; Pre-concert w/Susan Sherlock (2:45-3:45 PM)**, The Batte Center, 403 N. Camden Rd., Wingate University, Wingate, NC. 4 PM, \$25. \$5 Advance Charlotte Folk Society Discount; not good day of show. Use Code REDBIRD. 704-233-8300; www.battecenter.org

DEC 17, Find Your Muse Open Mic w/ featured artist Emily Kopp, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$3.

★ ★ **DEC 18, Thistledown Tinkers A Tinkers Christmas CD Release Concert**, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$8.

DEC 19, Off the Record Songwriter Showcase hosted by Jeff Hahne, featuring Sequoyah Prep School & Chasing Edison, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$6-8.

★ ★ **DEC 20, Songwriters Showcase featuring host Rob McHale w/Billy Jones, Freddie Wilson, host Rob McHale, with Anna Barnett opening**, Summit Coffee, 8 PM.

★ ★ **DEC 20-22, Thistledown Tinkers, Nights of a 1000 Candles**, Brookgreen Gardens, 1931 Brookgreen Drive, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. 5 - 8 PM, Adults \$16; ages 4-12 \$7. www.brookgreen.org/NightsofaThousandCandles.html

DEC 20, Glen Alexander & David McGuirt, The Pizza Peel & Tap Room, 4422 Colwick Rd., Charlotte. 8-10 PM. 704-714-8808; www.tapandpeel.com

DEC 21, Dailey & Vincent: A Bluegrass Christmas, Smoky Mountain Center for Performing Arts, 1028 Georgia Rd., Franklin, NC. 7:30 PM; \$16-20. Tickets: www.greatmountainmusic.com/buy-tickets.asp

DEC 21, Pam Taylor Band End Of The World CD Release Party With Riyan Roots & The Family Tree Band, Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$8-10.

★ ★ **DEC 21, Natalie Royal w/Charlotte Parrot**, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$8-10.

DEC 22, Acoustic Syndicate, The Visulite, 9:45 PM, \$15-17.

DEC 22, 39th Anniversary Party w/ Federal Bureau of Rock & Roll (blues/classic rock), Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$10.

DEC 22, 39th Anniversary Party w/Federal Bureau of Rock & Roll (classic rock), Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$10.

DEC 22, David Wilcox's Concert for the End of the World, The Grey Eagle, 8 PM, \$20-25; fully seated show.

★ ★ **DEC 23, Traditional Irish Music Session w/ Jason Dulin, Monty Monaghan & Jon Singleton (Sundays)**, RiRa Irish Pub, 7-9 PM.

DEC 26, Rebirth Brass Band (New Orleans), The Neighborhood Theatre, 8 PM, General admission 15-20; Balcony reserved seating \$25; VIP \$30; dance floor open.

DEC 27, The Testosterones (Glen Alexander, David Grant, Randy DeBruhl, Dave Ballenger), The Pizza Peel & Tap Room, 4422 Colwick Rd., Charlotte. 8-10 PM. 704-714-8808; www.tapandpeel.com

DEC 28, Gigi Dover & The Big Love (World Music/Jazz/Americana), Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$8-10.

DEC 28, Keller Williams (grunge grass) w/ More Than a Little and That 1 Guy opening, The Neighborhood Theatre, 9 PM, \$23-48; dance floor open.

DEC 30, Celtic Session & Ceili, The Dandelion Market, 118 W. 5th St., Charlotte, 5-7 PM; FREE.

★ ★ **DEC 30, Traditional Irish Music Session w/ Jason Dulin, Monty Monaghan & Jon Singleton (Sundays)**, RiRa Irish Pub, 7-9 PM.

DEC 31, John Tosco's 3rd Annual New Year's Eve Variety Show, McGlohon Theatre, 8 PM, \$20.

DEC 31, New Year's Eve w/The Hackensaw Boys and Danny Barnes, The Grey Eagle, 8 PM, \$13-15; standing room only.

DEC 31, New Year's Eve w/The Spongtones, Double Door Inn, 9:30 PM, \$10-15.

★ ★ **JAN 2, Tosco House Party (open mic)**, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$3.

JAN 4, Craicdown (Celtic & World Music), Fiddle & Bow Society, Community Arts Café, 8 PM, \$12.

JAN 4, Ralph Stanley & the Clinch Mountain Boys, The ArtsCenter, 7 PM, \$35-39.

JAN 4, Dailey & Vincent, Old Rock School, 7 PM, \$22 Advance.

JAN 5, The Grass Cats 15th Anniversary Concert, The ArtsCenter, 7:30 PM, \$16-20.

JAN 5, Russell Moore & IIRD Tyme Out, Fairview Ruritan Club, 7:30 PM, \$20.

★ ★ **JAN 5, Willow Grove Old-Time Jam**, Willow Grove Retirement Center, 10043 Idlewild Rd., Matthews, NC. 2-4 PM. Call Bill Williams at 704-573-6154 or 704-417-2822 (cell)

JAN 6, Charlotte Blues Society's BLUESunday featuring The Cazanovas in a Memphis Send-Off, The Double Door Inn, 8 PM, \$8 non-members, Doors open 7 PM.

JAN 7, Open Bluegrass Jam, hosted by Anthony Scruggs, Belmont Soda Shop, 31 N. Main St., Belmont, NC, 7-9 PM, FREE; beginners to advanced and listeners welcomed. Menu includes old-fashioned milk shakes, hot dogs, hamburgers. Contact Anthony Scruggs at scruggsopryhouse@yahoo.com

JAN 7, Rock Hill Nashville Songwriters Association International Meeting, Thursdays Too Restaurant Private Room, 147 Herlong Ave., Rock Hill, SC. 7 PM. 803-366-6117; http://thursdaystoo.com

JAN 8, Charlotte Nashville Songwriters Association International Meeting (second Tuesdays), The Well Church & Coffeehouse, 220 West Main St., Pineville, NC, 7 PM. Contact Carl Dews at dewsmusic63@earthlink.net. http://nsaicharlotte.com

JAN 8, Red Rocking Chair (Michael Reno Harrell, Jack Lawrence, Tom Kuhn & Dale Meyer) (Tuesdays), Comet Grill, 8:30-11:30 PM.

JAN 8, Lemonds Family Bluegrass Band (Tuesdays), Skyland Family Restaurant, 4544 South Blvd., Charlotte, NC. 6-8 PM.

★ ★ **JAN 10, Storytellers Guild of Charlotte**, Barnes & Noble South Park, 4020 Sharon Rd. (corner Colony Rd. & Sharon Rd.), Charlotte, NC. 7:30 PM, FREE. Ride the escalator to the 2nd floor. Listeners & tellers welcomed. Ramona Moore Big Eagle at 704-568-6940. **NEW LOCATION**

★ ★ **JAN 11, Charlotte Folk Society Gathering & Jams featuring the Annual Young Talent Showcase**, 926 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte, NC. 7:30 PM, FREE; donations appreciated. Doors open 7 PM. Free parking. www.folksociety.org

★ ★ **JAN 11, Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club**, Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte, following the CFS concert, approx. 8:30 PM, free. Call Mark Willingham for information: 980-254-8059.

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★★**JAN 11, Charlotte Folk Society Open Slow Jam**, Great Aunt Stella Center Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte, following **Bound for Carolina** concert. Check the tune list for this month at www.folksociety.org/slowjam.shtml. November tunes will be in the key of D.

JAN 11, The Old Ceremony (Indie/Literate rock), Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$12.50.

JAN 11, Lucy Kaplansky, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$17-19.

JAN 11, Singer/songwriter Bill Staines, Fiddle & Bow Society, Community Arts Café, 8 PM, \$15.

JAN 11, Blues guitarist Rory Block, The ArtsCenter, 8 PM, \$17-21.

JAN 11, Steep Canyon Rangers w/very special guest Peter Rowan, The Orange Peel, 9 PM, \$20-22.

JAN 12, Tom Principato (blues/rock), Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$12-15.

JAN 12, Poor Old Shine (roots/Americana), The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$8-10.

JAN 12, Steep Canyon Rangers w/special guest Malcolm Holcombe, The Orange Peel, 9 PM, \$24-27; fully seated show.

JAN 12, Guitarist & singer Tom Principato, Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$12-15.

JAN 13, Ironing Board Sam (blues), Daniels Auditorium, NC Museum of History, 5 E. Edenton St., Raleigh, NC. 3-4 PM; FREE; tickets required & available at 2 PM. 919-664-8302; www.pinecone.org

JAN 17, Gina Sicilia (blues/soul/Americana), Double Door Inn, 9:30 PM, \$10-12.

JAN 18, The Kruger Brothers: Appalachian Concerto, Carolina Theatre of Durham, 309 W. Morgan St., Durham, NC, 8 PM, \$32-34. www.pinecone.org

JAN 18, Balsam Range, Altamont Theatre, 8 PM, \$18 advance.

JAN 18, Sam Pacetti, Fiddle & Bow Society, Community Arts Café, 8 PM, \$10.

JAN 19, Big Country Bluegrass and Paul Williams & the Victory Trio, Fairview Ruritan Club, 7:30 PM, \$15.

JAN 19, Pat McGee Band, The Visulite, 8:30 PM, \$15.

JAN 20, David Wilcox, The ArtsCenter, 7 PM, \$19-23.

JAN 20, Christopher Cross w/Opener TBA, The Neighborhood Theatre, 7:30 PM, \$32-50; fully seated show.

JAN 22, Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo, McGlohon Theatre, 7:30 PM, \$49.50-\$99.50; VIP Dinner Experience \$149.50.

JAN 26, Shannon Whitworth, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$12-14.

JAN 26, Bill Lyerly (blues/rock/Americana), Double Door Inn, 10 PM, \$12-15.

JAN 30, Mike Musikanto, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$10.

JAN 30, Dirty Bourbon River Show, Double Door Inn, 9 PM, \$8.

JAN 31, Solas: A Shamrock City Tour, McGlohon Theatre, 7:30 PM, \$19.50-29.50.

JAN 31, Jeff Mangum w/Tall Firs opening, The Neighborhood Theatre, \$31; dance floor open.

FEB 1, Gaelic Storm, The Neighborhood Theatre, 8:30 PM, General admission \$20; Balcony reserved seating \$30; VIP \$35; dance floor open.

FEB 1, Travis Tritt (Solo Acoustic), Knight Theater, 8 PM, \$34.50-54.50.

FEB 2, Carrie Rodriguez "Give Me All You Got" Tour, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$12-15.

FEB 2, Bobby Osborne & the Rocky Top X-Press, Fairview Ruritan Club, 7:30 PM, \$20.

FEB 2, Blues/Rumba Guitarist Jesse Cook, McGlohon Theatre, 8 PM, \$34.50-42.50.

FEB 8, Tab Benoit & Eric Lindell w/Opener TBA, The Neighborhood Theatre, 8 PM, \$20-35; Dance floor open.

FEB 8, Rodney Dillard & the Dillard Family Band w/Bobby & Blue Ridge Tradition opening, Old Rock School, 7 PM, \$15-18.

FEB 9, Teagarden House Concerts present The Cloers CD Release Party, Home of Elizabeth Teagarden and Carter Mills, South Charlotte, NC. 7:30 PM, \$15. Reservations and prepayment are required; space is limited. Contact Elizabeth Teagarden at teagardensound@gmail.com or 704-444-0253 to make your reservation.

Write checks to "The Cloers" & mail them to Elizabeth Teagarden, 15911 Prescott Hill Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28277.

FEB 9, Forty Acres presents The April Verch Band, Five Oaks Clubhouse, 5109 Pine Cone Dr., Durham, NC. 8 PM, STBA; doors open 7:30 PM. Reservations are required. Leave a message at tickets@fortyacres.org stating which concert you need tickets for and how many you want. Payment at the door. You're invited to bring a cooler with your favorite beverage. www.fortyacres.org

FEB 15, Chatham County Line w/special guests The Honey Dewdrops, PineCone Council of Traditional Music, Fletcher Opera Theater, Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts, 2 E. South St., Raleigh, NC. 8 PM, \$27-29. www.pinecone.org

FEB 15, David Childers & The Overmountain Men w/Caleb Caudle, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$10.

FEB 10, Jeff Warner (traditional folk), Daniels Auditorium, NC Museum of History, 5 E. Edenton St., Raleigh, NC. 3-4 PM; FREE; tickets required & available at 2 PM. 919-664-8302; www.pinecone.org

FEB 16, The Cumberland Highlanders, Fairview Ruritan Club, 7:30 PM, \$15.

FEB 17, Mike Farris & the Roseland Rhythm Revue, The ArtsCenter, 7 PM, \$25-27.

FEB 21, John Cowan Band, ("the voice of Newgrass"), The Neighborhood Theatre, 8 PM, \$20-30; mixed seating & standing areas.

FEB 22, John Cowan Trio, ("the voice of Newgrass"), The ArtsCenter, 8 PM, \$17-21.

FEB 22, Flamenco Vivo Carlota Santana: La Pasión Flamenca, Diana Wortham Theatre, 8 PM, \$35, Student \$30, Child \$15.

FEB 23, John McCutcheon, Diana Wortham Theatre, 8 PM, \$30, Student \$25, Child \$15.

FEB 23, Ruthie Foster (blues), McCelvey Center, 212 E. Jefferson St., York, SC. \$17, 7:30-9 PM. Call 803-329-2121 Ext. 126 to reserve tickets. <http://chmuseums.org/upcoming-events-mc>

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FEB 23, Dailey & Vincent, The Foundation Performing Arts and Conference Center Isothermal Community College, 286 ICC Loop Rd., Spindale, NC. 7:30 PM; Adults \$19-24; Youth \$8. Tickets: 828-286-9990; www.isothermal.edu/foundation/contact

FEB 23, Cherish the Ladies, The Batte Center, 403 N. Camden Rd., Wingate University, Wingate, NC. 7:30 PM, \$25. 704-233-8300; www.battecenter.org

FEB 28, FullSet (Ireland's 2012 New Group of the Year), Diana Wortham Theatre, 8 PM, Regular \$30, Student \$25, Child \$15.

FEB 28, Suzanne Vega, The ArtsCenter, 8 PM, \$30-58.

MAR 1, The Gibson Brothers, PineCone Council of Traditional Music, Fletcher Opera Theater, Progress Energy Center for the Performing Arts, 2 E. South St., Raleigh, NC. 8 PM, \$27-29. www.pinecone.org

MAR 2, Russell Moore & IIRD Tyme Out w/ Deeper Shade of Blue and The Hinson Girls opening, The Batte Center, 403 N. Camden Rd., Wingate University, Wingate, NC. 6 PM, \$20-25. 704-233-8300; www.battecenter.org

MAR 2, Karla Bonoff, The ArtsCenter, 8 PM, \$27-31.

MAR 3, An Evening with Judy Collins, The ArtsCenter, 7 PM, \$38-42; \$100 reserved seating & "Meet the Artist."

MAR 5-6, Leahy (Canadian Celtic Family of Eight), Diana Wortham Theatre, 8 PM, \$38, Student \$33, Child \$18.

MAR 9, Delbert McClinton, The Foundation Performing Arts and Conference Center Isothermal Community College, 286 ICC Loop Rd., Spindale, NC. 7:30 PM; Adults \$24-29; Youth \$6. Tickets: 828-286-9990; www.isothermal.edu/foundation/contact

MAR 9, Danny Paisley & Southern Grass, Fairview Ruritan Club, 7:30 PM, \$15.

MAR 10, Jamie Laval (Celtic fiddler), Daniels Auditorium, NC Museum of History, 5 E. Edenton St., Raleigh, NC. 3-4 PM; FREE; tickets required & available at 2 PM. 919-664-8302; www.pinecone.org.

MAR 21, Altan (Irish keepers of Donegal's traditional music), Diana Wortham Theatre, 8 PM, \$30, Student \$25, Child \$15.

MAR 22, Suzy Bogguss, McCelvey Center, 212 E. Jefferson St., York, SC. \$17, 7:30-9 PM. Call

803-329-2121 Ext. 126 to reserve tickets. <http://chmuseums.org/upcoming-events-mc>

MAR 23, James King Band and Don Rigsby & Midnight Call, Fairview Ruritan Club, 7:30 PM, \$20.

MAR 24, Claire Lynch Band, The ArtsCenter, 7 PM, \$18-22.

CONTRA DANCES

Charlotte Dance Gypsies, Chantilly Community Bldg., 2101 Shenandoah Ave., Charlotte. Potluck 6:30 PM, lessons 7:30 PM, dance 8-11 PM, \$8, students \$5. Gretchen at 704-537-1377 or Dean at 704-361-6387; www.charlottedancegypsies.org

DEC 19: Waltz Wednesday; Instruction by Lesly Bowers & Dennis Spring; waltz to recorded music.

DEC 31: New Year's Eve Dance with Boom Chuck and Keith Cornett Eustis calling.

Charlotte Country Dancers, Chantilly Community Bldg., 2101 Shenandoah Ave., Charlotte. Every Monday evening. Lesson 7:30 PM. Dance 8-10 PM, \$7. www.charlottedancegypsies.org

DEC 10: Chantilly Gypsies w/Matt Long.
DEC 17: Log Cabin Dance at Nancy Howe's Home with local musicians & callers.

DEC 24: No Dance.

DEC 31: New Year's Eve Dance with Boom Chuck and Keith Cornett Eustis calling.

The Grey Eagle, Haywood Rd. & Clingman Ave., Asheville, Mondays, 8 PM, \$5. Call 828-232-5800 for details; visit www.oldfarmersball.com

DEC 10: 16th Annual Benefit Waltz; Dress elegantly, bring hors d'oeuvres & contribute generously to people in need.

DEC 17: Far Horizons wKeith Cornett Eustis calling.

DEC 24: No Dance.

DEC 31: No Dance.

Boone Country Dancers, Old Cove Creek School, Sugar Grove, NC. **Wear soft-soled shoes.** Lessons 7:30, dance 8 PM, \$7. Bob Oelberg at 828-265-2627; www.boonecountrydancers.org

JAN 12: Band & Caller TBA.

Carolina Song & Dance Assn., Carrboro Century Ctr., Greensboro St., between Weaver & Main, Carrboro, NC. Lessons 7:30 PM, Dance 8-11 PM, \$8. Call 919-967-9948 for directions. Visit <http://csda-dance.org/index.htm>

DEC 21: Buz Lloyd Dance w/Band & Caller TBA.

Columbia Traditional Music and Dance, Arsenal Hill Park Bldg., Laurel & Lincoln

Sts., Columbia, SC. Lessons 7 PM, Dance 7:30-10:30 PM, \$8. Call 803-796-8935 or visit www.contracola.org.

DEC 15: Corner House w/Marolyn Floyd.

Fiddle & Bow Country Dancers, The Grange, Guilford School Rd., off I-40 E, Greensboro. Lessons 7:30 PM, Dance 8-11 PM. Call Carol Thompson at 336-272-3245 or email George Segebade at gsegebade_80@msn.com. Visit website at <http://feetretreat.com>

DEC 15: David DiGiuseppe & Pete Campbell w/Dean Snipes.

Fiddle & Bow Country Dancers, Clemmons Civic Club, 2870 Middlebrook Dr., Clemmons, NC. Every Tuesday; Dance 8-10 PM, \$6; \$4 students. See contact info above.

NEW LOCATION

DEC 11: Pilot Mountain Bobcats w/Jesse Edgerton calling.

DEC 18: Reel Shady w/Joy Greenwolfe.

DEC 25: No Dance.

Harvest Moon Folk Society, River Falls Lodge, near Marietta, SC. Set up 5 PM, Potluck 6:30 PM, lessons 7:30 PM, dance 8-11 PM, \$8, Children free. Call Terry Pizzuto at 864-639-6113 or email tpzzt@clemons.edu; www.harvestmoonfolk.org

DEC 15: Firefly w/Jack Mitchell calling.

Old Farmer's Ball, Bryson Gym, Warren Wilson College, Swannanoa, NC, Thursdays, Lessons 7:30 PM, Dance 8 PM, \$6. Beginning & intermediate music jam Thursdays, 7:30 PM. Information: 828-299-8823/828-298-7821 or visit www.oldfarmersball.com

DEC 13: Warren Wilson String Band w/Phil Jamison calling.

DEC 20: Spring Chickens w/Rodney Sutton calling.

DEC 27: Band TBA w/Barbara Groh.

Triangle Country Dancers, Carrboro Century Ctr., Greensboro St., between Weaver & Main, Carrboro, NC. Lessons 7:30 PM, Dance 8-11 PM, \$9. Dance hotline: 919-286-6624; questions 919-220-8411. www.TCDancers.org

DEC 14: The Contrarians w/Robert Cromartie calling.

DEC 21: Buz Lloyd Dance; Band & Caller TBA.

DEC 31: New Years Eve Dance; Contraversial w/Louie Cromartie calling. **\$15; no exceptions. 8 PM-12:10 AM.**

JAN 5: FootLoose/Contrazz Dance. Band & caller TBA.

Triangle Country Dancers, Reality Center, 916 Lamond Ave., Durham, NC. Lessons 7:30 PM, Dance 8-11 PM, \$8. Dance hotline: 919-286-6624; questions 919-220-8411. www.TCDancers.org

DEC 18: Ted Ehrhard, David DiGiuseppe & Maria Shea w/Connie Carringer calling.

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DANCE WEEKENDS

MAR 15-17, Gypsy Meltdown, Camp Thunderbird, Tega Cay, SC. **Rodney Miller's Sting-rays & The Avant Gardeners** with **Beth Molero & Louis Cromartie** calling. www.charlottedancegypsies.org

ONGOING EVENTS

MONDAYS

Find Your Muse Open Mic, The Evening Muse, 8 PM, \$3.

1st MONDAYS

Open Bluegrass Jam, Stowe Park, Belmont, NC, 7-9 PM, free; beginners to advanced and listeners welcomed. Contact host Anthony Scruggs at scruggsopryhouse@yahoo.com.
Nashville Songwriters Association International Meeting, Thursdays Too Restaurant Private Room, 147 Herlong Ave., Rock Hill, SC. 7 PM. 803-366-6117; http://thursdaystoo.com

Taking a summer break; resumes October 1. 4th MONDAYS

Wilkes Acoustic Folk Society, Watson Stage, Wilkes Community College, Wilkesboro, NC, 7 PM; www.wilkesfolks.com.

TUESDAYS

Charlotte Scottish Country Dance Society, Selwyn Ave. Presbyterian Church, 2929 Selwyn Ave., Charlotte, 7:30-9:30 PM, donation. Call 704-366-9260 or 704-333-6917.

Community Singers of Charlotte Practice, Sharon Presbyterian Church, 5201 Sharon Rd., Charlotte, 7-8:30 PM, free. Check for updates at www.communitysingers.carolraedy.org/
Lemonds Family Bluegrass Band, Skyland Family Restaurant, 4544 South Blvd., Charlotte. 6-8 PM.

2nd TUESDAYS

Nashville Songwriters Assoc. International, Workshop Meeting, The Well, 220 Main St., Pineville, NC, 7 PM. Call Fiona MacAllister at 704-483-1671; http://NSACharlotte.com.

LAST TUESDAYS

Catawba River Bluegrass Association Jam, First Presbyterian Church Activity Bldg., 512 Old Mount Holly Rd., Stanley, NC, 7 PM. Open jam; all welcome. Contact Robert "Rye" Billings at Charlottefloods@yahoo.com or 704-249-5538.

WEDNESDAYS

Too Wet to Plow (Chris Sekerak, Pam Englebert, Josh Campbell & Michael Plumley), Philosopher's Stone Tavern, 7th & Caswell Sts., Charlotte, 7 PM, no cover. 704-350-1331.

Bluegrass, Puckett's Farm Equipment, 2740 W. Sugar Ck. Rd., Derita, NC. 9-11 PM. No cover. 704-597-8230; www.puckettsfarm.com.

Bluegrass, Old-Time Country, Folk & Gospel Jam Session, Cabarrus Co. Senior Ctr., 331 Corban Ave., SE, Concord, NC. 6-9 PM. Open to the public and free. Call 704-920-3484.

High Lonesome Strings Bluegrass Jam Session, The Cultural Arts Ctr., Room 100, 200 N.

Davie St., Greensboro, 7-10 PM. 336-420-0238.

Old-Time Jam, Jack of the Wood, 95 Patton Ave., Asheville, NC. 6 PM. 828-252-5445; http://jackofthewood.com

1st WEDNESDAYS

Tosco House Party (open mic), The Evening Muse, 3227 N. Davidson, Charlotte, 8 PM, \$2. Host John Tosco. www.toscomusicparty.org.

THURSDAYS

Open Mic, Puckett's Farm Equipment, 2740 W. Sugar Ck. Rd., Derita, NC. 8 PM.

Bluegrass Jam, Jack of the Wood, 95 Patton Ave., Asheville, NC. 6 PM. 828-252-5445; http://jackofthewood.com

1st & 3rd THURSDAYS

Bluegrass Thursday Night, Allison Creek Presbyterian Church, 5780 Allison Creek Rd., York, SC, 6:30-9:00, free; concessions available. 803-684-5875. www.allisoncreekbluegrass.com

2nd THURSDAYS

Storytellers Guild of Charlotte. Barnes & Noble South Park, 4020 Sharon Rd. (corner Colony Rd. & Sharon Rd.), Charlotte, NC. 7:30 PM. Free. Ride the escalator to the 2nd floor. Storytelling first hour of meeting; public welcomed. Call Ramona Moore-Big Eagle at 704-568-6940. **NEW LOCATION**

3rd THURSDAYS

Songwriters Round, hosted by Rob McHale, Summit Coffee, 128 S. Main St., Davidson, NC. 704-895-9090; www.summitcoffee.com

FRIDAYS

Bluegrass Jam, E. H. Montgomery General Store, 750 Saint Stephens Church Rd., Historic Gold Hill, NC. 7-9 PM. Call Vivian Hopkins: 704-279-5674. www.historicgoldhill.com/eh_montgomery_general_stor.htm

Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club, home of Carol Rousey, 9 AM-Noon. Call Carol at 704-321-2020 for directions.

English Country Dance, Matthews Orthodox Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 2701 Rice Rd. (off Idlewild Rd.), Matthews, NC, 7-9 PM. Free. 704-309-7649 or Jason-Mauney@gmail.com.

2nd FRIDAYS

****Charlotte Folk Society Gathering (August-June)**, Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte. Concert, song circle & jams. Free & open to the public; donations appreciated. 7:30 PM. 704-563-7080; www.folksociety.org.

Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club, Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte. After Folk Society concert, app. 8:30 PM. Mark Willingham at 980-254-8059.

2nd & 4th FRIDAYS

Boots-N-Slippers Square Dance, Steele Creek Presbyterian Church, 7407 Steele Ck. Rd., Charlotte. 8-10 PM. Call 704-525-1940.

SATURDAYS

Morning Jam Session, Cook Shack, Union Grove, NC. Exit 65 off I-77 North; turn west; travel 2 miles; sits on left of road. Call Pal Ireland at 704-539-4353 for directions.

Bluegrass Jam Session, Pat's Gourmet Coffee Shop, 166 North Main St., Mooresville, 9 AM-1 PM. Call 704-662-6299.

Old-Time & Bluegrass Jam Session, Dixie's Coffee Roasters, 102 S. Main St., China Grove, NC. 9 AM- Noon. Contact The Rev. Greg Yeager at 704-754-6288.

Alleghany Jubilee, Spartan Theater, N. Main St., Sparta, NC. Live old-time & bluegrass bands; dancing. 8-11 PM; \$4. 336-372-4591; http://alleghanyjubilee.com

1st SATURDAYS

Willow Grove Old-Time Jam, Willow Grove Retirement Center Activities Room, 10043 Idlewild Rd., Matthews, NC, 2-4 PM. Call Bill Williams at 704-573-6154 or 704-517-2822 (cell).

3rd SATURDAYS

Mint Hill Old-Time Music Jam, Ashcraft School House, Mint Hill Historical Society, 7601 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd. (Route 51), Mint Hill, NC. Open jam; 1-3 PM; free. Contact Rita & Gar Hartmann at 704-998-8909 or hayefourfour@hotmail.com.

Old Time Square Dance (Traditional Appalachian style), Denton Civic Ctr., W. Salisbury St., Denton, NC. Bluegrass & old-time bands, 7-10:30 PM, \$5 adults. 336-472-2802; www.dentondance.net/dentondance

Folklife Demonstrations and Traditional Artists & Musicians, Historic Hagood Mill, 3 miles N of Pickens, SC, off Hwy. 178, on Hagood Mill Rd. www.co.pickens.sc.us.

EVERY OTHER SATURDAY

Queen City Beginners Bluegrass Jam, Asbury Care Center Living Room, Aldersgate, 3800 Shamrock Dr., east Charlotte, 2-4 PM, free. Email jerryleonard@yahoo.com for meeting dates/search "Charlotte Beginner Bluegrass Jam" at www.meetup.com.

SUNDAYS

Live Celtic Music at Ri-Ra, The Irish Pub, 208 N. Tryon, 7-9 PM, food available, no cover. 704-333-5554.

1st SUNDAYS

Charlotte Blues Society, Double Door Inn, 218 E. Independence Blvd., Charlotte, 8 PM, \$5. Concert & open mic blues jam. 704-455-5875.

3rd SUNDAYS

Dixieland Jam Sessions, Fraternal Order of Police Hall, 1201 Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, 6-9 PM, free. Dinner & bar service available.

Triad Scottish Fiddlers & Friends of North Carolina Monthly Meeting, 3 PM, Location TBA. Contact Debbie Morris at 336-248-8629 or debfiddle@gmail.com. http://sites.google.com/site/triadscottishfiddlers/
Charlotte Jazz Orchestra Rehearsal, The Excelsior Club, 921 Beatties Ford Rd., Charlotte. 4-5:30 PM; Free. 704-334-5709;

2012-2013 Charlotte Folk Society Gathering Series

Marilyn Meacham Price founded the Charlotte Folk Society in March 1982. Rather than celebrating our 30th anniversary with a single concert, we have chosen to celebrate each and every month of our coming season. With that in mind, we're bringing back some past audience favorites. We're taking a look back to the origins of traditional American music, as well as a look forward to its future. We hope you'll agree that we've created a season worthy of our 30 years of history and one not to be missed!

Our second-Friday monthly Gatherings take place at the Great Aunt Stella Center (GASC), 926 Elizabeth Avenue, unless otherwise indicated. They are family-friendly and open to the public. GASC front doors of open at 7 PM; concerts begin at 7:30 PM and last about one hour. Refreshments, jams, a song circle, and the Charlotte Appalachian Dulcimer Club follow. Gatherings are free; donations are appreciated and essential to presenting this series in the GASC. Parking adjacent to GASC is free. Accessible entry and an elevator are available through the ground floor door on the parking lot side of GASC.

January 11: The annual **CFS Young Talent Showcase** highlights the impressive talents of our young musicians. The featured performer is 2012 Marilyn Meacham Price Scholarship recipient and fiddler **Joshua Gerrard**.

February 8: National Scottish Fiddle Champion **Jamie Laval** makes an encore appearance on our stage. Renowned for the nuance, virtuosity, and musical craftsmanship he brings to an ancient art form, Jamie will perform with his trio.

www.jamielaval.com

March 8: We are extremely honored to have **Rhiannon Giddens Laffan and Justin Robinson**, founding members of the Grammy Award-winning **Carolina Chocolate Drops**, perform in a memorial tribute to African American Mebane fiddler Joe Thompson, a recipient of both the CFS Folk Heritage Award and the NEA Heritage Award. www.carolinachocolatedrops.com



Jamie Laval performs February 8th

April 12: Bluegrass Meets Bolero is a crossover concert that brings together a bluegrass trio led by award-winning North Carolina fiddler **Glen Alexander** and the Latin trio **Los Morales**. **Glen** will be joined by guitarist **Greg Wilson** from Fries, Virginia and **John Boulding** of Mt. Airy, North Carolina on banjo. www.angelfire.com/nc3/glenalexander; www.onestoplive.com/bands/?c=21

May 10: The bluegrass trio of **Freeman and Williams** is a new project by three bluegrass veterans, **Scott Freeman; Jeannette Williams**,

twice voted "Female Bluegrass Vocalist of the Year" (2009 and 2012); and **Johnny Williams**. www.jeanettewilliams.com

June 14: Elizabeth LaPrelle, of Cedar Springs, Virginia, began winning prizes for her singing at a young age. She has dedicated research, passion, and a powerful voice to the ancient art of Appalachian ballad-singing – learning from field-recordings, books, family, friends, and tradition-bearers Sheila Kay Adams and Ginny Hawker. She returns to our CFS stage with family and friends. www.old97wrecords.com/elizabeth-laprelle/

Charlotte Folk Society Gatherings are made possible, in part, with funding from the Arts & Science Council and the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources, and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.



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Cuz's Corner

By Dennis Frost

Welcome to the year-end edition of Cuz's Corner. Before we get started, I'd like to wish everybody the best of holiday seasons! It seems the year has flown by, which seems to be the case as we travel down that old lost highway we call life. I'm sure from time to time you guys stumble upon those houses that never take their Christmas decorations down from one year to the next. I just turned 60 in July, and I'm beginning to think they might have a good idea there – why take them down since before you turn around, it's Christmas time again! It's been a really good year in music with not only stellar live shows, but also some amazing recordings. We lost some artists that literally changed the musical landscape, as we knew it. It was devastating losing musical giants **Doc Watson** and **Earl Scruggs** earlier in the year and, now, jazz legend **Dave Brubeck** passed away yesterday at age 91. His collaborations with **Paul Desmond** (alto sax) were absolutely mind-blowing, combining Brubeck's staccato, rapid fire chording and Desmond's lyricism. By the way, one of my all time favorite albums is **Time Out**. If you don't have much jazz in your collection, this would be a great stocking stuffer! Even though I pretty much concentrate on roots music, I did go through a pretty serious jazz addiction stage at one time and have a decent collection of mainstream jazz – I'll try to throw out a few favorites from time to time!

Well, folks, it's that time of year when I like to count down my favorite CDs of the past twelve months. I invite you to email me your favorites, also, and we'll get

those out to the readers next month! Here we go!

10. Pick - Keller Williams with the Traveling McCourys - This project combining Williams' freewheeling, clever lyrics with blistering bluegrass instrumentals from Del McCoury's band is guaranteed to put a smile on your face and bring out a bit of your "inner hippie!"

9. 3 Pears - Dwight Yoakum - I must say that this is West Coast country music at its finest. Dwight keeps one foot in the heart of the Bakersfield sound and one in the future! There is only one Dwight Yoakum!

8. Mystical Pinball - John Hiatt - Although not his best, this is a very satisfying effort. I feel it takes a unique talent to both write powerful lyrics and rock out at the same time - Hiatt does it year in and year out with the best.

7. We're Usually a Lot Better Than This - Tim O'Brien & Darrell Scott - Like so many collaborations, a friendly jam session led to both a musical partnership and a friendship. This is a live recording from The Orange Peel in Asheville. Don't let the title fool you as these guys were on fire. A little bird told me that a 2013 date is being held for two of my very favorites!

6. Sing the Delta - Iris Dement - After a long period with writer's block, Iris pours her heart out on this one. The songs, the singing

and all the instrumentals skip the listener's ears and go straight to the soul. I love this disc! I love Iris!

5. When Bitter Met Sweet - The Honeycutters - These guys are my favorite North Carolina band. I feel that before all is said and done, Amanda Platt may be considered one of the best songwriters to come out of our state. Her delivery is about as honest as anything I've heard since the days of Loretta Lynn. When you throw in a hot band, which includes partner-in-crime Peter James on lead guitar and harmony vocals, you have a force of nature! On a personal note, this disc was beautifully mastered by my Tai Chi classmate Dave Harris here in Charlotte.

4. Kin: Songs By Mary Karr and Rodney Crowell - This one throws together songwriter

Rodney Crowell and poet Mary Karr and features Norah Jones, Lucinda Williams, Rosanne Cash, Emmylou Harris, Kris Kristofferson, Rodney Crowell, and more. I love this CD more with every listen and you will, also, especially if you have lived in the South for a while.

3. Long Ride Home - Darrell Scott - It's very rare to have one artist show up on my Top Ten list twice in one year, but there you are. Not only are there those great Darrell Scott songs here, but the sound of the record is oozing with an old country music sound his parents religiously listened to when Darrell was just a small fry. There isn't a more honest artist in music!

2. Buddy and Jim - Buddy Miller and Jim Lauderdale - These guys



"Cuz" (Credit Daniel Coston)

are core Americana artists in every sense of the word. This disc comes about as close as it gets to the sound of an old Buddy & Julie Miller record, thanks to Jim Lauderdale's exquisite harmonies on the Julie Miller penned songs. These guys go way back and the sound they get here is reflective of a long friendship. Did I ever tell you that Buddy Miller was my favorite instrumentalist on the planet? Guess I did!

1. **Carry Me Back – Old Crow Medicine Show** – I told you months ago that this one would be tough to knock off the perch. When you combine their historically infused songs with their patented driving string band sound, OMG! It's hard to come up with a number one among these CDs, but if I had just one to pick for a long road trip, this is it!

My alter ego, Dennis Frost, will be stepping down as president of CFS at the end of December after four years at the helm. I'm really proud of what has been accomplished in those years, especially the successful move to The Great Aunt Stella Center from our small space at CPCC. I always get goose bumps looking out at 7:30 and seeing all those seats filled with smiling faces. I feel my calling in life for the last dozen years has been exposing the public to roots and folk music – my cup indeed runs over! I'm also proud that at the end of 2012, CFS survived the great recession and is in better than ever financial shape – no small feat. But unlike modern politicians, I'm not taking the credit. This organization was built on the backs and passions of many dedicated people, starting with visionary Marilyn Price. The talent on the board has been second to none the last four years and it has been a pleasure working with each and every one of you! I can't say

enough about our membership, as you guys have always been there for us – you rock! I'm excited to announce that Tom Covington has agreed to step into the presidential shoes at the beginning of the year. I have no doubt that Tom's passion, smarts, and great sense of humor will take CFS to the next level. In the meantime, I'm not going anywhere and I'm looking forward to serving as a board member for some time to come. It has been a real pleasure! See you at the Potluck!

Cuz

To share your "Top Ten" with Cuz, email him at dcmfrost@mindspring.com or call him at 704-532-8846.

Refreshments Volunteers Needed And Appreciated!

Refreshments Volunteer Coordinator Justine Koch needs some more folks to join her committee. This group of folks seems to always be having a good time. If you enjoy shopping or baking and meeting our visitors, please consider helping with this important aspect of hospitality for our Gathering guests. Just bring your receipts for purchases and see Wanda Hubicki for reimbursement.

Please contact Justine at koch1@bellsouth.net if you would be interested in volunteering. Please put "FS Refreshments" in the subject line.



Pebble In A Pond Tells The CFS Story

Pebble in a Pond is the DVD that tells the story of the Charlotte Folk Society since its founding in 1982 by Marilyn Meacham Price through the **Black Banjo Reunion Concert** in 2010. Filmmaker Albert Dulin wove together still photos, vintage footage, recent videos, and segments of an interview with Marilyn to perfectly capture the organization's mission and culture. Albert also wrote the voiceover script, which is spoken by **Thistle & Shamrock** creator and host, Fiona Ritchie.

This special keepsake DVD costs just \$15. Purchase online at www.folksociety.org or at the December 15th Potluck. Do you have your copy? This would make a terrific holiday gift for your favorite CFS friend!

Community Singers

By Carol Raedy

Community Singers are a non-auditioned intergenerational folk chorus. We enjoy singing together and promoting peace through music. We sing songs from various cultures, styles, and languages. We practice on Tuesdays, 7-8:30 PM, at Sharon Presbyterian Church, 5201 Sharon Road, in Charlotte. On some second Tuesdays, we perform for community events. We welcome new members and visitors. Contact Carol Raedy at 704-367-2536. Check for updates at <http://communitysingers.carolraedy.com>.

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