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Doug & Darcy Orr To Perform At December 3rd Potluck

You are invited and encouraged to take part in this year's Charlotte Folk Society Holiday Potluck & Jam on Sunday, December 3, 5:30-9:30 PM. It's happening in the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 3601 Central Avenue (near the intersection with Eastway Drive; see map on page 12). The Potluck is open to the public and your friends and family will be welcomed. The Potluck Dinner will begin at 6 PM; please bring a dish to share or donate \$5 toward expenses. If you enjoy singing, plan to come at 5:30 and join Salem Macknee in a song circle of seasonal favorites.



Darcy and Doug Orr

The evening will also include a performance by long-time CFS members Doug and Darcy Orr. They will be joined by Brian Schmiel, who performed with them for seven years in **Maggie's Fancy**. The Charlotte-based Celtic band toured throughout the southeastern United States and produced the CD **Glen to Grove**.

The Orrs performed frequently at Warren Wilson College, where Doug served as president for the last fifteen years. They initiated the internationally known Swannanoa Gathering at WWC, four

weeks of traditional music and dance workshops held each July on the mountain campus.

Doug plays the guitar and performs lead vocals, and Darcy performs on the Appalachian dulcimer, concertina, and sings harmony vocals. They are currently engaged in a book project with Fiona Ritchie, host of NPR's **The Thistle & Shamrock**, a weekly program of Celtic music. The book will tell the story of the historic connection between the music of Scotland (and the Scots-Irish) and the Appalachians. Doug and Fiona serve as co-authors and Darcy is art editor.

As is our custom, throughout the evening we will draw names of new (since September 1) and renewed members to select door prizes. Be sure to renew your membership before dinner on Sunday so you'll be eligible! Thanks to Hat Thompson, Sugar Hill Records is again generously

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Time to Renew Your CFS Membership!

The Charlotte Folk Society membership year begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st. **Except for those who joined or renewed on or after September 1, 2006, our memberships will expire on the last day of this year.** For your convenience, you will find a membership form on page 11 in this newsletter.

Please do fill it out and update your information when you mail in your renewal to: Charlotte Folk Society, P.O. Box 36864, Charlotte, NC 28236-6864. If you're not already on our list for receiving e-mail updates and would like to be, simply include your e-mail address. **Please note that you have a choice of receiving your newsletter electronically or by U.S. mail.**

The entire amount of your membership is tax-deductible, as the IRS does not consider newsletters to be premiums. We appreciate those who make donations beyond their basic member categories. They make it possible for us to provide free community outreach and to support our annual youth scholarship to the Swannanoa Gathering.

Renew now and you'll be included in our drawing for door prizes at the December 3rd Potluck. If you have questions about membership or renewal, please call Salem Macknee at 704-573-0864 or Wanda Hubicki at 704-563-7080.

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donating CDs and other items. Thanks also to Salem Macknee for recruiting Mark Price of the **Charlotte Observer** to donate a number of promotional CDs. And some lucky person will go home with a beautiful scarf hand-knit by Rachel Eldridge. If you have a CD or some other item you'd like to contribute for a door prize, please bring it with you Sunday evening.

We will also conduct some brief but important business after dinner. We will be voting to elect a new member of the Folk Society board, Deanna Spake. As always, jamming will round off the evening, so please bring your instruments.

As another year draws to a close, we reflect on where we've been and where we're going. Next year we'll celebrate twenty-five years of the Charlotte Folk Society's presenting and preserving traditional music in the Charlotte community. As an all-volunteer group, our accomplishments have been pretty remarkable and the result of solid commitment by many folks through the years. Along with our achievements, we will celebrate those individuals who have been and who are the Charlotte Folk Society.

For the present, let's come together on Sunday to enjoy some great food and each other's company as we celebrate the season with the music we love!



You're Invited: CFS Old Time Acoustic Jam December 10th

The Charlotte Folk Society hosts an open Acoustic Old Time Music Jam at the Charlotte Museum of History at 3500 Shamrock Drive in Charlotte. Generally, the jam takes place on the second Sunday of each month from 2 to 4 PM. Please mark your calendars for the next sessions: **December 10th, January 14th, and February 11th.**

Museum admission is free on Sundays and museum hours are 1-5 PM. The jam is free and open to the public. Contact Ruth Helms, Jam Coordinator, at 704-537-1055 if you're interested in joining the session or have questions. This is proving to be a popular event with both musicians and listeners – with fifteen to twenty-five musicians coming out each time. Visit www.charlottemuseum.org for directions and to learn about exhibits and special events taking place at the museum.

Concert By Talented Young Performers February 9th

Each year the Charlotte Folk Society shines the spotlight on our community's young and talented acoustic musicians by featuring these performers in a Gathering concert. The next Young Talent Showcase will take place on Friday, February 9. (Please note the change in date; this concert was originally scheduled for April 13th.)

Avery McGuirt, the 2006 CFS Marilyn Meacham Price Scholarship recipient, will be a featured performer. We invite any acoustic musicians through age twenty-two to participate. **If interested, please contact Harry Taylor at 704-366-1869 or hataaylor@ccim.net.** Please provide a brief biography to be published in the February newsletter.

Share Your Gifts On Christmas Day!

By Bob Wilusz

Some eighteen years ago, Charlotte Folk Society musicians began the tradition of providing music at the annual Christmas Day dinner at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The dinner is given freely to the homeless, shut-ins, people in senior living homes, and 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 provide music to help make the day a special one for the guests at this dinner. The program goes from 10 AM to 1 PM on Christmas Day. The place is 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. Your Christmas Day will be even better when you share your joy in music. **If you would like to donate your talents or if you have any questions, call Tom Kelleher at 704-366-9441.**