

# Victoria Folk Newsletter

# April 2014

**Folk Club** Every Sunday ~ Admission \$5.00

Norway House, 1110 Hillside Avenue ~ On the #4 bus route

**Format** 6:45 PM Impromptu Jam Session ~ Newcomers welcome

7:30 PM Open Stage ~ Sign up with the Host to perform a ten-minute set

8:45 PM Intermission ~ Tea, coffee, and assorted goodies available

9:00 PM The Feature ~ As shown below

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Website victoriafolkmusic.ca

### April 6 ~ Tower of Song: A Tribute to Leonard Cohen

Tower of Song is a creative tribute to the music of Leonard Cohen, presented by singer-songwriters Oliver Swain and Glenna Garramone. Both famous and lesser-known selections from the Cohen canon—arranged for two voices, banjo, upright bass, piano, and guitar—together with a few of Oliver and Glenna's original compositions, will round out an evening in celebration of Canada's greatest bard.

Oliver has played in several well-known

bands—Outlaw Social, the Duhks, the Bills, and most recently his own Big Machine. His "dazzling and dramatic" performances (Folk Music Canada) have wowed audiences near and far.

Glenna crafts "raw, emotional, and utterly captivating" songs (*Monday Magazine*) on both piano and guitar. She was awarded the Grand Prize in the 2010 Artswells Songwriting Contest and holds a BFA in Writing from UVic.



### April 13 ~ Bijoux du Bayou

Bijoux Du Bayou—the "jewels of the swamp"—is a Vancouver Island band whose music combines Cajun, zydeco, swing, calypso, and a few other flavors to create a sound that would make the Amish want to do the Bugaloo! Tonight's lineup includes Sam Torrance (guitar, vocals), Bill Winter (accordion, vocals), Rod Grey (bass, vocals), and Mike Regimbal (fiddle, mandolin).

"Hard to believe these fellows didn't



grow up sucking crayfish on the shores of Lake Ponchartrain. Their performances are drenched in the good humor and *joie de vivre* that the music is famous for" (CBC Radio).

As an additional treat, the Bijoux will metamorphose temporarily into Big Mike and the Riffriders—and zydeco into country-style folk—as Sam, Bill, and Mike are joined by Mike Raymer (guitar, vocals) and Joy Kruger (percussion, vocals).

### April 20 ~ David Sinclair and Keith Bennett



David Sinclair and Keith Bennett offer up a rootsy blend of blues, jazz, and folk. Rocking instrumentals, featuring David's percussive acoustic guitar playing and Keith's soaring chromatic harmonica, are mixed with songs featuring both musicians as vocalists. Aside from chromatic and blues harps, Keith plays a mean guitar as well, resulting in a wide variety of sounds from just two guys.

David has toured extensively in North

America, Europe, and Japan as a member of both Sarah McLachlan's and K.D. Lang's bands. As a studio artist he has also worked with Gary Fjellgaard, Rita MacNeil, Valdy, and Michael Bublé.

Keith has played on hundreds of CDs and in TV and film scores, performed with Supertramp in Calgary, and placed in the top ten in both chromatic and blues harp events at the 2013 World Harmonica Championships in Germany.

### **April 27 ~ Stanton Paradis**

Joe Stanton and Simon Paradis met on the Sunshine Coast around the turn of the century. From their ensuing musical collaboration have sprung songs of love and loss, of sleeping dogs and brokendown trucks, late-night songs and earlymorning ones too. Their album *Sometimes You Win* has been called "the perfect soundtrack for the dog days of summer" (*BC Musician Magazine*).

Five days before the CD was to be

unveiled at the Islands Folk Festival something terrible happened. Simon fell from a scaffold and sustained lifethreatening injuries. He spent twenty days in a coma and then awoke to begin the arduous work of rehabilitation. Week after week, Joe helped Simon to relearn the music they had once created together and, eventually, to create new music reflecting the shared experience of Simon's remarkable recovery.



#### Folk Clubs and Coffeehouses Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands

**The Coffeehouse on Gabriola** ~ Meets the last Friday of the month, 7:30 PM Open Stage/9:00 PM Feature, at the Haven, 240 Davis Road. Admission \$5. Phone 250-658-1478 or email colcog@shaw.ca.

**Cowichan Folk Guild** ~ Meets the 2nd Saturday of the month (September to June), 7:30 PM, at Duncan United Church. Admission \$10 / \$5 CFG members. Phone 250-748-3975.

**Deep Cove Folk** ~ Meets the 2nd Friday of the month (September to June) at 8 PM. Admission \$7. Please lug-a-mug. Phone 250-384-9419 or visit deepcovefolk.ca.

**Highlands Folk Music** ~ Meets the 2nd Saturday of the month (October to July) at 7:30 PM at 1589 Millstream Road. Admission \$5. Call 778-678-2409 or email zhinoos9@gmail.com.

**MACoustic Folk Club** ~ Meets the 3rd Friday of the month at 7:30 PM at McMillan Arts Centre in Parksville. Admission \$10. Phone 250-248-8185 or email parksvillecirclejam@shaw.ca.

**Music Nights at James Bay Coffee and Books** ~ Fridays and some Saturdays (September to June), 8:00 PM Open Stage/9:00 PM Feature, at 143 Menzies Street. By donation. Phone 250-386-4700.

**Nanaimo Folk Connection** ~ Meets the 3rd Friday of the month (September to June) at 7:30 PM. Admission \$5. Phone 250-754-1321 or email nanaimofolkconnection@gmail.com.

**Qualicum Acoustic Cafe** ~ Meets the 1st Friday of the month (October to May) at 7:30 PM at the Rotary House, 211 W. Fern Rd., Qualicum Beach. Admission \$5. Info: beatonqualicum@gmail.com.

**Salt Spring Folk Club** ~ Hosts concerts October to March on Saltspring Island. Visit saltspringfolkclub.com for more information.

**Sooke Folk Coffeehouse** ~ Meets the 3rd Saturday of the month (September to June). Admission \$5. Phone Dave Gallant at 250-642-4568 or visit sookefolkmusicsociety.com.

### The Victoria Folk Music Society

**Admission to Sunday Folk Club** ~ \$5.00/16 and under free No charge for VFMS members, volunteers, and performers

**Memberships** ~ one year from date of purchase \$65.00 Individual \$100.00 Family \$17.00 Newsletter Only

#### Contacts

#### **Feature Performer Bookings**

Email: featurebooking@victoriafolkmusic.ca

**Newsletter** Peter Brunette......250-744-2791 Email: newsletter@victoriafolkmusic.ca ~ For a free email subscription to this newsletter, send a message to this address with E-Newsletter in the subject field and your first and last names in the message field.

#### VFMS on the Web victoriafolkmusic.ca

Ron Gillmore Email: webmaster@victoriafolkmusic.ca facebook.com/pages/VFMS-Victoria-Folk-Music-Society/218461088168584 (or simply log in to Facebook and search for VFMS)

#### **ISLANDFOLK**

An Email List for Folk-Music Announcements and Discussions islandfolk@ml.islandnet.com

This list is intended to serve Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands, and surrounding areas. Its primary purpose is to support contact, communication, and co-ordination between performers, presenters, fans, and aficionados of folk music. You must subscribe to be able to write to the list. Follow the instructions on this web page:

http://ml.islandnet.com/mailman/listinfo/islandfolk



#### **FOLK CLUB FEATURES ON THE ISLANDS**

	<b>Gabriola</b> 250-658-1478	
		Braithwaite and Whiteley islandsfolkfestival.ca/special-project
	250-384-9419	
<b>Highlands Folk</b> April 12	<b>Music</b> 778-678-2409	Bijoux du Bayou
<b>MACoustic Folk</b> April 18	<b>Club (Parksville)</b> 250-248-8185	Wil
	stic Cafébeatonqualicum@gn	
	<b>Connection</b>	David Godkin and the Arrogant Worms
	<b>eehouse</b>	Hank Cramer sookefolkmusicsociety.com
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#### CONCERTS, ETC.

FRIDAY NIGHT MUSIC AT JAMES BAY COFFEE AND BOOKS, 143 Menzies Street.

April 4: Kelt Eccleston Trio

April 11: Lily Born and Night Band

April 18: To be announced

April 25: Out Stealing Mules

Also, Bluegrass Jam Circle every Wednesday, 7:00-9:00 PM

**The Hokum Steamers** ~ Wednesday, April 2nd, 7:00 PM, at Gorge-ous Coffee, 300 Gorge Road. No cover, but donations are appreciated.

**Square Dance with the Shady Grove Dance Band** ~ Friday, April 4th, 7:30 PM, at the Hub, Cowichan Station, 2375 Koksilah Road, **Duncan**. Admission \$2. For more information, phone Peter at 250-929-8226.

#### VICTORIA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION WORKSHOPS

**Singing, with Oliver Swain** ~ Saturday, April 5th, 1:00 PM. **Bluegrass Harmonica, with Buddy Greene** ~ Saturday, April 12th, 2:00 PM. **Bluegrass Jamming, with Tad Ruszel** ~ Saturday, April 26th, 1:00 PM.

Fee for each two-hour workshop: \$25 general/\$20 VBA members. To register phone Alan Law at 250-388-4520 or email workshops@victoriabluegrass.ca.

#### $\label{eq:merlin} \textbf{Merlin's Sun Home Theatre presents:}$

**Melanie Dekker** ~ Saturday, April 5th. Admission \$20. **Anjopa** ~ Saturday, April 12th. Admission \$10.

**Kevin Roy** ~ Saturday, April 26th. Admission \$15.

All concerts at 8:00 PM, at 1983 Fairfield Road. For reservations, email timgosley@telus.net or phone 250-598-7488.

**HOUSE CONCERT: Jacqueline Schwab** (pianist for the English country-dance band Bare Necessities) ~ Tuesday, April 15th, 7:30 PM, at 2875 Tudor Avenue. Admission \$20. RSVP by contacting Rosemary (phone 250-920-7047 or email rosemarylach@yahoo.ca) or Ann (phone 250-477-7798 or email aschau@shaw. ca).

**DEEP COVE FOLK PRESENTS: Stephen Fearing and Andy White** ~ Saturday, April 19th, 8:00 PM, at the Charlie White Theatre, Mary Winspear Centre, Sidney. Tickets \$25, available at the Mary Winspear Box Office, by phone at 250-656-0275, and online at www.marywinspear.ca.

**Barley Wik with Opening Guest Jennifer Louise Taylor** ~ Monday, April 21st, 7:00 PM, at James Bay Coffee and Books. Admission by donation.

**HOUSE CONCERT: Anne Feeney** ~ Friday, April 25th, 8:00 PM. Admission \$20 waged/\$15 unwaged. For reservations, phone 250-385-1307 or email why2342@hotmail.com.

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#### CONCERTS, ETC.

**Wire Tap**  $\sim$  Saturday, April 26th, 7:00 PM, at the Spiral Café, 418 Craigflower Road. Admission by donation.

**COWICHAN FOLK GUILD CONCERT: Tim Williams** ~ Friday, May 2nd, 7:30 PM, in the Chapel at Providence Farm, 1843 Tzouhalem Road (near **Duncan**). Admission \$20. For more information, phone 778-455-4710 or email bblue@islandnet.com.

A Celebration of 30 Years of Progressive Voices in *The Lower Island News*, with music by the RabbleBerries ~ Saturday, May 3rd, 12:00 PM, at the BCGEU Auditorium, 2994 Douglas Street. Admission \$25 waged/\$15 unwaged, includes lunch. For more information, phone 250-744-2791 or email starla.haverfield.anderson@gmail.com.

**WOODEN NICKEL HOUSE CONCERT: Tim Williams** ~ Saturday, May 3rd, 7:30 PM. Admission \$20 waged/\$15 unwaged. For reservations, phone 250-655-3811 or email wooden nickel@me.com.

**THE VICTORIA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS: The Kathy Kallick Band** ~ Tuesday, May 6th, 8:00 PM, at First Church of Christ Scientist, 1205
Pandora Avenue. Admission \$20 general/\$15 VBA members. Note that this special concert preempts the VBA's regular Tuesday night jam. For more information, phone Alan Law at 250-388-4520 or visit victoriabluegrass.ca.

#### The Cowichan Folk Guild announces

#### **The 2014 Islands Songwriting Contest**

Open to residents of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands Entry fee: \$25 ~ Deadline: Friday, May 30th

This is an opportunity for island-based songwriters to gain recognition. Not based on the "idol" model, it is a platform to support homegrown songwriting talent.

The theme of the contest this year is History. Examples might include the history of Vancouver Island, of the Cowichan Tribes, of the Islands Folk Festival, or of Providence Farm, among many other possibilities. You don't need to take the theme too literally, either. Think outside the box and write a great song about history.

The contest is divided into three regional semifinals to be held in June on the North Island, the Central Island, and the South Island. At each regional event, nine songwriters will perform their songs for an audience and a panel of judges. The audience will vote for their favorites, and the panel will take the vote into consideration but will have the final say. Thus, it will not be possible to win simply by stacking an audience with family and friends.

Three semifinalists from each region will advance to the finals, where they will perform their songs on opening night at the Islands Folk Festival (Friday, July 18th, 2014) in front of the mainstage audience and a panel of judges made up of music professionals. First prize includes a professionally produced recording of the winning song, an additional performance at the Festival, radio airplay, and bragging rights. Prizes will also be awarded for second and third place.

Contest rules and a printable entry form are available at

islandsfolkfestival.ca

### **Gypsy Celts Slow Jams**

Monthly—dates and venues vary. All acoustic instruments welcome. We play with sheet music and by ear. A relaxed setting to improve skills and learn new Irish, Scottish, and Old Time tunes. For more info, phone Marcia at 250-474-6890.

### **Victoria Bluegrass Association**

Jams every Tuesday (except the last), 7:45 PM, at the First Church of Christ Scientist, 1205 Pandora Avenue. Players \$3/\$2 VBA members, listeners by donation. On the last Tuesday of the month there is an open stage followed by a feature. Admission \$7 general/\$5 VBA members/free for open-stage performers.

For more info, visit victoriabluegrass.ca.

## **Folkifieds**

**Alan Hume, Guitarist** ~ Performance, composition, instruction in blues, classical, and traditional music and theory. Phone 250-385-2819 or email alanhume@hotmail.com.

**Art of the Song**  $\sim$  Songwriters' group meets the last Saturday of the month at 2:00 pm at 1732 Bay Street. For more info, call Jim at 250-858-9323

**Autoharp Lessons and More** ~ Repairs, adjustments, tuning. Alan O'Dean, 250-885-2877.

**Bob de Wolff, Guitarist, North Saanich** ~ Lessons in folk, roots, swing, pop, and theory. Phone 250-655-3811 or email bdewolff@mac. com.

**Clarinet Lessons** ~ Email Mary, without\_a\_net@shaw.ca.

**Fiddles Fixed** ~ Sales, repairs, and restorations of the entire fiddle family. Appraisals. Bows re-haired. Clarence Boudreau, 250-655-6400.

**Guitar Lessons** ~ Learn to play folk, blues, or jazz. \$25 an hour. Contact Mike Sampson at 250-592-8997 or mikeshome@shaw.ca.

**Mike Jones** ~ Lessons in guitar, banjo, and fiddle. Phone 250-475-0809.

**Nejama Ferstman, Music Therapist** ~ Phone 250-896-4980 or email shirimysong@gmail.com.

**New Vocal Ensemble—Singers Invited** ~ Directed by Dale Rasmussen. Develop your vocal technique on exciting arrangements of swing, folk, pop, and gospel songs. Group singing experience required. Next Eight-week session starts April 7th. Gordon Head location. Fee \$100. Call 778-533-0406 or email razzmusic@shaw.ca.

**Paul O'Brien, Celtic performer and teacher**, offers lessons in bodhrán, guitar, mandolin, bouzouki, and four-string banjo, as well as stagecraft and songwriting. Email paul@paulobrien.ca or phone 250-480-0634

**Upper Room Recording Studio** ~ Located on Bay Street near Shelbourne, this is where Jim Moffatt produced his CD *Live at Crystal Gardens*. Studio time is available on a sliding scale. For more information, call Jim at 250-858-9323.

**Victoria Contra Dance** ~ Held approximately twice a month, September to June. Live music. No experience necessary. For info, call 250-380-7602 or visit victoriacontradance.com.

**Victoria Fiddle Society**  $\sim$  Jams held monthly on the first Friday, 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM, at Fairfield United Church, 1303 Fairfield Road  $\sim$  \$5 drop in, \$20 individual membership, \$50 family membership $\sim$  For info, visit victoriafiddlesociety.com.

**Victoria Mandolin Orchestra** welcomes new members on mandolin, mandola, guitar, and bass. Intermediate level playing and music reading. Practices Tuesdays 7:30-9:30. Contact Chandra at chandrac@shaw.ca.

**Victoria Nautical Song Circle** ~ Held each month on the second and fourth Saturdays, 7:00 PM, at 2511-B Vancouver Street. For info, email wayheysallybrown@gmail.com.

West Coast Harps  $\sim$  Alison and Stephen Vardy, retailers of fine harps and hammered dulcimers. Phone 250-598-6679 or visit westcoastharps. com.



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### **Vancouver Island Music Workshop**

Ninth Annual Spring Retreat ~ May 9, 10, and 11

Seven Springs Resort, just south of Parksville \$200 ~ Details at **vancouverislandmusicworkshop.com** 

If you're looking for somewhere to get started in music, hone your musical skills, or kick-start yourself back into music after a period of time away from it, you've found the right place in Vancouver Island Music Workshop.

**Q.** How do you run a folk club for going on forty years without a single salaried position?

**A.** You rely on the world's greatest volunteers!

Here's a shout-out to all the wonderful folks who staff our kitchen, front table, and merchandise counter; bake goodies for us; set up our stage and seating; MC our shows; and take care of all the behind-the-scenes chores that keep the Victoria Folk Music Society organized, publicized, and solvent. Decade after decade, your unstinted efforts have made the society an indispensable fixture of the Vancouver Island music scene.

### **VFMS Open-Stage Guidelines**

All performances are *limited to 10 minutes* unless prearranged with the host.

Performers can play *once per calendar month* unless there are not enough musicians to fill the evening's open stage.

Priority is always given to out-of-town visitors and musicians new to the Folk.

Interested in hosting? Please call Nancy at 250-477-6844.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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April 2	2014	VICTORIA FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY Business Meeting 7:30 PM 3483 Lovat Avenue	Hokum Steamers 7:00 PM (see p. 2)  Weekly  Quicksbottom Morris 7:30 PM Alan 250-656-2920	Weekly Victoria English Country Dance vecds.bc.ca	Vic. Fiddle Soc. Jam 7:00 PM (see p. 3)  QUALICUM ACOUSTIC CAFÉ (Qualicum Beach) 7:30 PM (see p. 2)  Square Dance (Duncan) 7:30 PM (see p. 2)	VICTORIA BLUEGRASS Singing Workshop 1:00 PM (see p. 2) MERLIN'S SUN Melanie Dekker 8:00 PM (see p. 2)	
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Tribute to Leonard Cohen	250-386-9326  Weekly  Old-Time String Jam 7:00-9:30 PM Spiral Café 250-386-9303	VICTORIA BLUEGRASS Beginners' Jam 7:45 PM (see p. 2) Intermediate Jam 9:00 PM (see p. 3)	Bluegrass Jam James Bay Coffee 7:00 PM (see p. 2)		Weekly  MUSIC NIGHTS  James Bay Coffee 8:00 PM (see p. 2)	COWICHAN FOLK 7:30 PM (see p. 2) HIGHLANDS FOLK 7:30 PM (see p. 2) Anjopa 8:00 PM (see p. 2)	
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