



2011 ANCHORAGE FOLK FESTIVAL MAINSTAGE PERFORMER PROFILES

Thursday January 20 - 7:30 pm - UAA Presents at The Anchorage Folk Festival

Lisa Shannon, Speaker: Internationally applauded human rights activist and founder of the Run for Congo Women. Topic: *A Thousand Sisters: My Journey Into the Worst Place to be a Woman*

Thursday Evening 9:00pm - UAA Student Showcase (Approx. 20min sets each)

Jonathan Heynen – Acoustic Guitar/ Vocals. A boy raised in the Yukon backcountry, his music is inspired by both love and pain.

Ethan Kazmierczak – Acoustic Guitar/ Vocals. A freshman from Salcha, Ethan is dedicated to both his music and school.

Anna Lynch – Acoustic Guitar/ Vocals. Anna from northern California, a geology major enjoys playing her guitar whether its for herself or an audience.

In The Belfry - They are an Anchorage based gypsy klezmer art rock trio who enjoys rocking faces into the wee hours of the morning. Eve Van Dommelen- Accordionist; Jon Dowd – Drummer 907-230-2064; Kenny Moss – Guitarist 907-230-2064 Email: inthebelfryalaska@gmail.com.

Mustache Grass - Energetic bluegrass and old timey band, featuring three UAA students! Garren Volper – Bass; Carter Bancroft – guitar/fiddle/vocal; Dusty Rider – Banjo/vocals; Amanda Kerr – Fiddle/vocal; Eric Rodgers – Mandolin/fiddle/vocal

Friday Evening 7:00 pm; January 21, 2011

Emcee: WADE HAMPTON MILLER

The Board Band: The Board Band & Friends: Brett Jokela, Marianne See, Ken Brown, Suzi Perri, George Knight, Mary Ann Schallert, Kenny Powers, Trista Koenig, Pete Wikoff, Elliot Barske and John Gillis welcome you to the 2011 Anchorage Folk Festival!

Rant & Raven Morris Dancers: Dancing with sticks and hankies for 16 years, despite mother's warning...Dawn and Chris Berg, Serena and Dan Coons, Lyn Lemon, Donna Levesque, Joann Teague, accordion: Karin Gustafson and guitar: Kirsten Gustafson.

Chris Oudean: Performs original tunes influenced by modern pop rock/alternative/folk music.

Henry Shavings & Crew: Contemporary gospel country. Henry, Hilma, Arnold, Ada, Chad, Silvia, Lillian, Laura and Winifred.

Sourdough Biscuits: Sourdough Biscuits: back this year to cook up another batch of bluegrass treats. They're proud to announce their new CD, "The Bear." Bob Fairchild, Michael Fabion, Tom Torvie and Matt Fabion.

Kray Van Kirk: Music without borders or cost.

Rick Miller: Views expressed may not be representative of The Management.

Tania Opland & Mike Freeman: On tour for the past 16 years from home bases half a world apart (Seattle and County Kilkenny). A unique and eclectic mix of songs and tunes played on more instruments than any sane duo would travel with. Visit www.opland-freeman.com.

Mountain Waxwings: High-flying bluegrass harmonies from the Mat-Su Valley. Suzy Crosby, Melanie Keenan and Jessica Dudek.

Amy Lou: This singer/songwriter grew up in Kentucky surrounded by a family of musicians. After moving north she promptly fell in love with the Alaskan mountains and people. These and other bits of the world's goodness inspire her songs.

High Lonesome Sound: Bluegrass that rocks your socks! The band might even show off their amazing dance skills...or not. Dusty Rider, Carter Bancroft, Eric Rodgers, Amanda Kerr and Garren Volper.

HEADLINER: THE JOHN WHELAN BAND: AFF welcomes this talented and entertaining group of East coast musicians - known for their traditional Celtic repertoire, expert musicianship and humor!

Saturday Afternoon 1:00 pm; January 22, 2011
Emcees: SUZY CROSBY and HURRICANE DAVE

Brubaker Family: Family folk music. Maya, Carter, Neena, Michael, Jill and Ryan.

Tom & Paula: Three or four songs. Tom Baxter and Paula Kreiss.

Flute & Fiddle: Lovely traditional melodies from America and the British Isles. Alice Wright and Mary Anne Green.

The Long and Short of It: Acoustic folk music. Originals and oldies. Meg Anderson, Paul Paslay and John Schlomer.

JoJo-Rochelle-Emily: Performing Irish, Cajun and traditional tunes. JoJo Fleischman, Rochelle Jordan and Emily Decker.

Eric and Sean Braendel: Singer-songwriter is joined by his son, Sean, for some original folk blues.

Geralds & The Professor: Energetic, up-tempo, foot-stompin' jig music. Gerald Pilot, Jerry John and Hans Helgeson.

Benchmark: Don Hesson (guitar and vocal) and Jeanie Val (vocals) performing uplifting lovesongs.

Sallys Kitchen: Serving up a feast of sweet and savory songs.

Ben Balivet: Original acoustic songs in the tradition of McCartney, Lennon, Dylan, Waits and Prine.

Winds of Time: This recorder consort plays music from medieval to contemporary. Linda Zimmerman, Mary Bustamante, Ingrid Lindberg, Sharon Theroux, Shawn Campbell and Emily Becker.

Borealus Dancers: Fun & folk dances from around the world. Georgie & Tom Hollander, Cindy Montgomery, Kayla Zenne, Veronica Farnsworth, Ashlie Farnsworth, Joanne Pelletier, and Brigitte Dahl.

Dan Pascucci: He's back at it. What exactly "it" is, we're all trying to figure out.

Bryson Andre: A well-known contemporary violinist. He loops and layers the sounds to accompany him live during his performances.

Crow Creek Pipe & Drums: Enjoy the sounds of Scotland's Instrument, the Great Highland Bagpipe, and the resounding beat of the drums. Pipers and drummers will be announced at the performance.

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Emcee: PATTY HAMRE

Alaska Button Box Gang: Button box accordion music featuring a variety of rhythms from polkas to Latin beat. Marge Ford, Roger Weinfurter, Mary Lu Harle, Theresa Pajot, Nancy Baum, Flo Pearson, Bob Szeluc, Susan Klein, Ida Johnston, Eddie Johnston, Trudy Knudsen, Bev Grafel, Mike Pajot, Mary Lou Catron and Patty Gersich.

Good Problems: A large man playing guitar. A smaller man playing bass. We sing songs. Russell Ariel and Andrew Manwiller.

Vic Cano: Ballads with meaning and soul.

Almost Ready: Really good stuff. We like to play music and eat, not necessarily in that order! Pam McCarl, Bill McDonald, Ken Brown, Linda Springhill, and Stefan Otterson.

Unit Mi: Singing a cappella songs from the Japanese and western traditions. Akiko Naomoto, Hiromi Ando and Rie Kakizaki.

Rogues & Wenches: Patrons of an Elizabethan alehouse sing Irish and Scottish drinking songs, sea shanties and pirate fare, salted with sad love songs and happy war songs. Hire us for a good time! Benjamin James, Erin Wells, Robert Woofter, Lucia Woofter, Hunter Woofter and Covenant Faithfulness.

Wade Hampton Miller: Former United States Mountain Dulcimer champion and avid enthusiast of stringed instruments and robust singing

Cancellation: TBA

The Hanson Sisters: Singing since birth...what more can be said? Rose and Maria Hanson.

Gal Pals: Together again with more of our favorite songs~bluegrass and beyond. Marianne See, Mary Oudean, Jessi Cotter and Linda Ziegler.

Delaney Scott: For 6 years Delaney and her dad have enjoyed sharing what they love with the AFF community...country classics with a little bit of soul and rock 'n roll. Delaney and Tim Scott.

Sarahndipity: Old tunes on a new track; bluegrass freshly delivered. Sarah Bartholomew, Matthew Fabion, Ian Wahl, Sammie Freeman and Levi Freeman.

Eric Rogers: Eclectic soloist with wide influences from folk to jazz to classical music. He's played locally with the Emeralds, Hot Club of Nunaka and High Lonesome Sound. Most recently he has composed music for Anchorage area films.

Wendy Withrow: Back for her annual 15 minutes of acoustic folk fame. Wendy Withrow and Ray Booker.

Philip Price: Irish ballads and traditional songs.

Reverend Poor Child: Long-time Alaskan singer/songwriter performs original songs from his 4 CDs.

Sunday Afternoon 1:00 pm; January 23, 2011

Emcee: SPECIAL GUEST

Guido's Paddleboat Jam: Bluegrass and folk music. Performers to be announced from the stage.

John Alexandroff: Classic folk music from the '60s.

Aurora Borealis Mid-Eastern Dancers: An ever-evolving art form, belly dancing, derives from diverse styles performed in North Africa and the Middle East. Grace Ann, Layia, Morganna, Amoura and Aurora.

Barbara Wish: This jazz musician has performed in and around Anchorage for 25 years. Pieces will include jazz and folk songs.

Jesus Singers: Gospel music. G.W. Nobel and Clara Nobel.

Swiftwater: AFF bluegrass veteran, Dan Guzauskas, has asked his sons, Sam and Dave, to humor their old man and play with him. They've agreed without arm twisting or monetary arrangements.

Meg Anderson: Performs selections from her CD, "Sweet Blue," along with music that has influenced her own. She is currently working on a new CD, "Frontier Sage".

The Storytellers Guild of Anchorage: Guild members share traditional tales. Witness the storytelling renaissance as it takes root here and around the world. Pam McDowell Saylor and guild members.

The St. Mary's Praise Singers: St. Mary's Episcopal Church singers share gospel and original praise music. Wade Hampton Miller, Karl Wilhelmi, Liz Malys, Kate Bissell, Christy Favorite, Emily Nenon, Vicky Delgado, Malie Delgado, Megan Kemp, Becky Windt, Elsa Aegerter, Mike Morrison, Chris Cooke, John Crittenden, Stephen Thorpe and Dave Rein.

Bluegrass 162: Mike Hansen, Pete Schaab, Wayne Stuvick and Marilyn Backus.

Juggling Jim Kerr: Man of Gravity. Working on stage with gravity since 1978. Gravity - it's not just a good idea, it's the law!

Wilo: Alaskan-themed originals written and arranged by the group. Wilo, Janna Preston, Glenn Preston, Jesse Wright, Berris Joseph, Myriah Suydam and Brenda Jaeger.

KG on the Sax: Plays a variety of tunes on (you guessed it) the saxophone. Kathy Goins.

Robbie Beebe & Friends: Play country/folk songs.

Gabi White: Singer/songwriter

Alaska Folk Arts: Kids from Mary Schallert's summer folk arts camp play traditional folk music with instructors, counselors and family!

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Emcee: ROBIN HOPPER

Davya Flaharty: She plays guitar and sings songs by artists who inspire her.

Bryan Graceland: Gospel and praise music.

Kokomojo: Mississippi Delta Blues.

The Lost Riders: Tight harmonies, and music played the way God intended, BLUEGRASS STYLE! Not your ordinary Bluegrass band. Mike Childers, Mary Oudean, Bill Yeagel and Doug Schutte

Courtney Leigh Heins: A Hoosier native combines elements of folk and country with compelling stories about life in the Heartland and Hollywood. She has a CD, "Hot Coffee," and has been seen on film, TV, "Morning Becomes Eclectic," and played live at the SXSW 2010 Lala Music Showcase.

The Nuther Brothers: They look like brothers. They sing like brothers. And mom can't tell them apart! Michael Faubion and Tom Torvie.

Robin Hopper: Singer/songwriter/storyteller from Chugiak.

Midnight Starlight: Plays classic jazz and standards written by such greats as Gershwin, Ellington and Cole Porter. Tom Lambert, Liz Santoro and Lena Gonzales.

Full Sail: Bluegrass music played outside the box. Bill Yeagle, Doug Shutte, Travis Dennison and Tony Elder.

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Emcees: MARCIA KNORR and CHRISTOPHER JENKINS

Alaska Flute Circle: The haunting sounds of the Native American Flute take us back to an ancient human musical experience. Deborah Peterson, Neal Martin, Liu-Hsiu Kuo, Ian Stone, Chris Floyd, Jerry George, Mike Gladu, Jason Leyva and Sadie Pipkin.

Frontier Cloggers: Our 11th year performing at the AFF. Clogging is our passion, we do it for fun and exercise. We've never competed but welcome others to join our team! Julie Cresap, Deanna Cresap, Sonya Hood, Tasha Hood, Kristy Bushee, Debbie Slater and Amanda Lovejoy.

Just Old Hims: A gospel quartet singing in close harmony, with guitar and an occasional harmonica. Mike Childers, Ken Baehr, Don Hesson and Chuck Miller.

Ann Marie Carlson: That young girl from Cordova with the old guitar and the pretty face.

Different but the Same: Two different exchange students performing acoustic music on the same stage! Karel Marek and Svenja Ullrich.

Lou Nathanson: After wandering in the desert for 4 years (dropped a zero somewhere), we're home again! Sorry, no miracles, but a few songs guaranteed to delight and offend. Lou Nathanson and Kristen Holmes.

Wings to Fly: Soaring harmonies and fun folk music. Shonti Elder, Karl Wilhelmi, Elsa Aegerter and Marianne See.

Marcia Knorr: After discovering reading glasses this musical mama may even get the words right! Buckle-up for some fun.

The Carhartt Brothers: Three brothers separated at birth. "Bob" on guitar, "Bob" on bass, and "Bob"- okay it's a banjo...enough said! The Boyz have been pounding out bluegrass sounds for years, in venues across Alaska. Bryan Gearry, Pat Ryan and Bill Yeagle.

60/40: Snappy tunes from the old hat school. Seasoned tunes are tastier and spicier than ever. Hank Roesing, Michael Faubion, Howard Okland and Tom Torvie.

Friday Evening 7:00 pm; January 28, 2011
Emcees: MATT RAFFERTY and JEREMIAH MILLEN

The Bowheads: Eclectic folk playing eclectic folk, including fiddle tunes, waltzes and ragtime.

Little Fiddler & Friends: Her fourth year at the AFF will have an Irish flare! Julia Nauheim and Kevin Cassity.

Hurricane Dave: Acoustic country with a smile. Cheechako songwriter performs humorous and serious songs about living in Alaska, written from the cock-eyed viewpoint of a relative newcomer. Visit www.HurricaneDaveMusic.com.

Mountain Echo: Mostly folk music with a twist of humor. Steve Hinds, Mike Childers.

Slapdash: Bluegrass fusion played by four low-budget quadrupedal males. Kai Kokesh, Stuart Bembenek, Cory Sheppard and Harrison Jennings.

Bayou Glacee: Cajun music performed in the traditional Acadien style, plus one nontraditional tune sung in English! Eric Stice, Gary Fitch, Beverly Grogan, Bill Allen, Patty Hamre, Lauren Bogle and Celine Vaillancourt.

Sunrise: "Let me live in my house by the side of the road and be a friend to man." Original piano tunes performed by Homer-born musician. Sunrise Sjoeborg.

Hot Dish: This steaming bluegrass group will get your toes tappin' with old time standards and awesome originals. Amanda Kerr, Dan Harter, Lucas Soden, Matthew Pustina, Nick Pustina and Sam Snyder.

HEADLINER: Hot Club Sandwich: Help welcome to the Main Stage these AFF guest artists from the Pacific Northwest. Hot Club Sandwich is a swingin' string band with some humor on the side!

Saturday Afternoon 1:00 pm; January 29, 2011

Emcee: ERIC ROGERS

BANJO CONTEST: Presented by the Anchorage Folk Festival & The Arctic Road Runner's Richard Sanchis In Memory of Ken Terry, "Mr. Banjo". Sign up 11:00am, starting at 11:30, ending around 1:30pm.

Kathy Burgoyne and the Shimmy Sisters: Using a variety of rhythms and styles, finger cymbals and a lot of balance, Kathy interprets traditional dances from North Africa and the Middle East. Kathy Burgoyne, Laura Kelly, Sharon Headley, Linda Gow and Siobhan O'Hara.

Mary Schallert: Singer - songwriter.

Al Koenig: Plays classical and flamenco guitar on a custom-built Lester DeVoe guitar!

Cordova Kids: The next generation of hot young bluegrass pickers and singers! Selma Houck, Denise Olsen, Andrew Muma, Isaac Cain, Travis Glasen, Luna Hutchin and Jamille Esguerra.

Melanie Trost: Delightfully folksy songs from the heart.

AS Band: Grade school friends with a common interest. Anya Otterson and Sevrin Persson.

Roger Fuson: Storyteller shares the tale of "The Devil's Hide."

Edward San Martin: Creates a layered effect using a looper device. The end result sounds like two or more guitars playing at the same time.

Midnight Sun Zombies: Deadgrass. It must be something we ate. Brett Jokela, Bill MacFarlane and Nino Muniz.

Fountain of Youth Fiddlers: Amanda Kerr and her advanced fiddle students will play their favorite tunes, accompanied by Jim Kerr on guitar.

Jim Adams: New songs, same old Garanimals.

New Anointing: Youth group sings gospel the Polynesian way. Savili Godinet, Lei Lani Alo, Chantel, Yolanda, Matthew, Jr, and Pelu Alailefaleula, and Pastor Al.

ANNUAL MEETING - 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Saturday Evening 7:00 pm; January 29, 2011

Emcees: LESLIE KLEINFELD and JON LOCKHART

Creative Reflections: Presenting an Art Meditation combining music, art, poetry and storytelling with the purpose of teaching, inspiring, and guiding creative reflection for healing and spiritual growth. Liu Hsiu Kuo and Carol Loftfield.

Midnight Sun Cloggers: An all-female contemporary clog and percussion dance team. Amanda, Dixine, Kari, Katrina, Lindsay, Lyn, Marcy, Robin, Shannon and Tiffany.

Relative-ly Famous: Returning from Homer by the Sea, with a mix of favorites in vocal harmony and the best bass support ever! Sunrise Sjoeberg, Tim Quinn and Marjolein Cardon.

Jubilee: Instru-Mental Tunes. Shonti Elder, Elsa Aegerter, Ben Saylor, Denise Martin and Jim Kerr.

Jillian Chamberlain: Gospel and R&B. Jillian opened for the "Meet the Browns" show at the Atwood last July!

Asteroids: Swingy jazzgrass. Miles Allen, Ryan McLaughlin, Sean Galvin and Casey Hoflich.

The Twangabillies: Timeless toe-tapping tunes from some grizzled old pros. Wendell Wright, Karl Wilhelmi, Wade Hampton Miller, Wayne Campbell and Bob Curtis-Johnson.

Melissa Beck: Singer/songwriter performs original songs and personal favorites about living in Alaska, and she doesn't mind that her Southern roots are showing!

Barbwire Twisters: Back again - three "twisted sisters" from other mothers, with their usual flare and grace...not! Cheri Spink, Marcia Knorr and Mary Ann Schallert.

The Hopper Family Band: The family that plays together stays together! Robin, Bruce, Caitlin and Grady Hopper.

The Grass-Fed String Band: An organic blend of feel-good roots music with a "new grass" feel. Keith Barkwood, Theresa Taylor, Laura Wagner and Carlyle Watt.

Irish Dance Academy of Alaska: Eight to ten academy members perform several Irish dance pieces featuring champion dancers.

The Wright Stripes: Old-time covers of White Stripes songs. Duncan, Addy, Geoff, Cathy, Phil and Oliver Wright.

Hot Club of Nunaka: This hot swing band will give you a serious Djangover! Jon Schick, Derek Christianson, Eric Rodgers, Nathan Levine and Marin Granholm.

String Break: A fun bunch of guys who will entertain you with everything from hard-driving bluegrass to sensitive old-timey folk. Dustin Rider, Jake Schlapfer, Travis Dennison and Bill Yeagle.

Nick "the Dream" Weaver: An Anchorage area singer/songwriter since 1997. Nick has hosted open mics and plays at local cafes.

Sunday Afternoon, 1:00pm - January 30, 2011

Emcee: **GABI WHITE**

Froggie and the Bean: Performing time-honored classics from around the world. Mary Regat, Jacques Regat, Tony Bustamante, Mary Bustamante, Matt O'Conner, Greg Durocher and Tamera McCoy.

Uncle Curly's Daughters: Singing folk favorites for all ages. Uncle Curly, Sharon Ann Jaeger and Brenda Jaeger.

George Navarre: Love Songs for the Masses.

Country Gospel: Country gospel music with guitar and vocals. Davis Normand, Jill Ekstrom and Jan Fry.

Paul Paslay: He plays guitar and sings!

Three Fish in a Tree: Lively songs for fun, not profit. Shonti Elder, Devin Frey and Kluonie Frey.

Marty Raney: Singing Alaskan music on an Alaska-shaped guitar.

Aunt Rhody's Allstars: Kevin Cassity's Suzuki guitar students perform the blues, a train song, a fiddle tune and "Twinkle, Twinkle" in time with a SuperBall!

Betty Arnett, Storyteller: Has told stories in China, Canada, South Africa, and the U.S.A. She is a member of the Storyteller's Guild of Anchorage and the National Storytelling Network.

Cowboy Church of Anchorage: Country, gospel. Come on by the Cowboy Church of Anchorage, Sundays at 9:30 AM. 7801 East 32nd Avenue. Doug Briney, Amberly Briney, Steve Oudean, Deb Oudean, Steve Wright, Anita Wright and Dave Hames.

TGB: The Girl Band. Yana Smith, Erin McCarthy-Keeler, Irene Bembenek and Willow Feighery.

Henry Duffel: Original country music.

Lauralee: Alaskan, musician, pirate-lover. Lauralee performs original and traditional folk ballads with a distinctive backwoods flavor. From lonesome love to rowdy outlaws, she's got a song for you. Lauralee Honkola and Peter Johnson.

The Grunt Monkeys: Performing originals, roots music and Dylan songs. Jim Foster, Paul Paslay, Meg Anderson and Brian Wallace.

Dawn Berg: A cappella songs of love, death and whimsey.

Northern Lights Celtic Dancers: Irish dancers, delighted to present state of the art solo and figures dances. Routines will feature reels, jigs and hornpipes.

Sunday Evening 7:00 pm; January 30, 2011

Emcees: **TERRI McCOY AND BRETT JOKELA**

Back Alley Banned: Celtic Céilidh Cacophony – jigs and reels, rigs and jeels. Ben Alexander, Charlie Rogge, Susan Fowley, Eileen Frey, Linda Ziegler, Heather Resz, Maura Walsh, Donna Feary, Marilyn Backus, John Lewis, Terri McCoy and Brett Jokela.

Folk's Tales: Dedicated to preserving the oral tradition of American folk stories and music for over a decade. Seen all over South Central Alaska as the touring arm of TBA Theatre. Shane Mitchell, Wayne Mitchell, Erin Mitchell, Lindsay Lamar, Dennis Cleary, Leif Sawyer, Petra Banks, Kristin Fernandez and Elle Janachek-Delaney.

Grateful Reds: The brothers Bassett are back performing some of their new favorite songs. Jake and Zach Bassett.

The Love Choir: A gospel group sharing sounds of love!

Minute Hand: Energetic jazzy folk funk. Miles Allen, Alex von Hafften, David Devlin, Ryan McLaughlin, Sean Galvin and Levi Betz.

Acoustic Banana: A folk rock group with shimmery four-part vocals. Peter Crimp, Kevin Cassity, Kippy Lanz, Lisa Jamieson and Delores Catherino.

Denise Martin: Irish music. Denise Martin and Jim Kerr.

Bootleg Brown: The best bluegrass band you've ever heard...in this price range. Dave Mannheimer, Paul Paslay, Chuck Dunnagan, Lowell Webb, Suzanne Little.

HEADLINER: HOT CLUB SANDWICH - Take one last taste of their delicious sounds!