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## Much Ado about the Minstrel:

## Open Stage, Give a Folkie a Bed, Valentine's Show **Change in Open Stage Procedures**

Since we've been at the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, The Minstrel has been using a sign-up procedure for the Open Stage that started taking reservations for the reserved slots starting the Saturday before the Open Stage itself. As our regulars at the Open Stage have become more aware of this, more and more of them have started staying up until midnight on Friday, and sending off their requests for a reserved slot immediately afterwards. It's now gotten to the point where the reserved slots are all gone by 12:10AM

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### January Evening o' Music Sat., 1/14, 8pm • the Roffmans'

This month, our regular Evening o' Music happens at Eddie and Robin's place, 11 Butternut Rd., Randolph. (973) 328-7742. Bring voice, song, instruments and bev/food to share. Note: Eddie and Robin keep Kosher. Non-kosher items can be shared on the kitchen table; bring serving utensils.

Directions: >From I287 Southbound: exit 36, Ridgedale Ave. Keep right at fork, follow signs for and turn right at Ridgedale Ave., go 0.7 mi. Follow directions from Ridgedale-Hanover intersection below >From I287 Northbound: exit 36B, W Lafayette Ave. Right at light onto Ridgedale Ave., go 0.9 mi. >From Ridgedale-Hanover Intersection: Left onto E Hanover (westbound), go 4.6 mi. Turn right at Black Birch Dr. (just past traffic light at Shongum Rd.) go 0.8 mi. Turn right at Butternut Rd., second driveway on the right.

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# The Minstrel January 2012



#### Fri., 1/6: John Forster, Tony DeSantis

JOHN FORSTER obviously fell asleep one too many times as a child to the sound of his Tom Lehrer albums. This is evidenced by his twisted sense of humor, his delightfully skewed view of the human condition, and his prodigious skills as a pianist. His songs have a knack for taking the plausible but improbable, and leading that to its implausible but ineveitable conclusion by way of unlikely rhymes, horrible puns, and ironic satire. John is a very funny man.. Opening is Tony DeSantis who, befitting his influences, aims to sound like Gordon Lightfoot, write like a whimsical Stan Rogers and play guitar like Ralph McTell. Three major interests in his songwriting are trains, resurrection, and Canada. Tell him about some strange place or obscure event, and it will end up in one of his songs.



#### Fri., 1/13: Open Stage

Please note a change in our Open Stage procedures: Starting in 2012 we are moving the start of the signup for our Open Stage from midnight to noon of the Saturday before the date of the Open Stage.

This is an opportunity for all acoustic musicians to perform a 15-minute set on our stage, and for the audience to be treated to a diverse collection of acoustic musicians. We've often seen previews of our regular scheduled acts for the first time at Open Stage. For information on how to secure a performance slot, call 973-335-9489, or visit the Open Stage page.



#### Fri., 1/20: Vance Gilbert, Caitlin Canty

It's been 5 years since Vance Gilbert has visited us. (He was unavailable for a time while touring with George Carlin.) Vance's jazz roots are showing in his intricate guitar style and sophisticated vocal technique. But his stage charisma and wicked wit sing "folk" at the top of those powerful lungs. Vance is a great showman, an amazing singer, and a real swell guy. The first thing that strikes the listener about Caitlin Canty is her voice. It's not just her pure tone and precise control, but the poetic nuance with which she injects every fraction of a syllable with meaning and feeling. Her stage presence is delightful and her songwriting is well crafted, insightful, creative and entertaining.

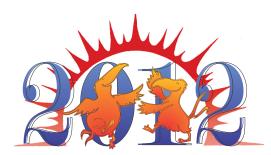
#### Fri., 1/27: David Massengill, Honor Finnegan

RSongwriter DAVID MASSENGILL's rural Tennessee roots are still evident in his speech even after 30+ years in the heart of the Greenwich Village NYC folk scene. Both of these environments shape his performances. They show up in the gritty and touching reality of his classic "My Name Joe" and "Great American Dream", and in the homespun stories of his country upbringing. David plays guitar and dulcimer as well as your heartstrings. Opening for David is Honor Finnegan, Honor has been making a splash on the regional folk scene with her original songs, which employ elements of musical theatre, humor, traditional folk, and poetry. She accompanies herself on ukulele, with her husband, Carl Money, playing lead guitar.



UPCOMING: 2/3: Al Parris; 2/10: Folk Project Valentines Day Extravaganza; 2/17: Archie Fischer; 2/24: Rich Deans; 3/2: The Nuala Kennedy Band; 3/9: Open Stage; 3/16: The Buskin & Batteau Trio; 3/30: Long Time Courting; 4/13: Open Stage; 4/27: The Accidentals, Fibonacci

The Minstrel is an acoustic music concert series run by the Folk Project, a non-profit folk music and arts organization. We use the facilities of the Morristown Unitarian Fellowship, 21 Normandy Heights Road, Morristown, NJ. We hold shows almost every Friday, year round, and the second Friday of the month is usually an open stage/audition night. The music we present is "folk" music in its broadest sense. That is, in addition to traditional American and ethnic "folk" music (in its purist definition), we welcome music of contemporary, primarily acoustic songwriters, and other types of music more folkie in attitude than in content. Shows start at 8pm; dress is casual. We serve coffee, teas, and baked goods. There is no alcohol or tobacco on the premises. Admission is inexpensive; on our regular Friday concerts we ask \$7.00 on your way in, and, if you feel the show was worth it, an additional amount at your discretion on the way out, which goes to supplement what we pay the feature performer. Children under 12 are free. For travel information, or information on shows call 973 335 9489 or visit our website at www.folkproject.org.



### Sat., 12/31— New Year's Eve: Janine Smith, Last Exit

Potluck Dinner 7pm Dance 8pm - 1 am • \$20 advance, \$25 at door Chris Jacoby – guitar, mandolin, feet, vocals; Ross Harriss – sax, whistle, guitar; Laurie Tupper – flute, whistle; Doug Healy – bass, guitar, percussion

### Sat., 1/7: 28th Anniversary Dance, Contra Rebels

Home grown Folk Project callers with Todd Clewell – fiddle: Barb Schmid – fiddle: Henry Koretzky – guitar Contras and Squares

Two, four, six, eight; celebrate we're twenty-eight.

Our own first rate; callers will annunciate.

Star, swing, hey, gate; contra corners, figure eight.

Reels, jigs, tunes great; Rebels you'll appreciate.

Dance, dance, dance, dance; cut the cake and don't be late.

### Sat., 1/21: Ridge Kennedy, Blue Jersey

Louise McClure - fiddle; Frank Ruck - mandolin; Ellen Ruck - guitar; Michael Sutton quitar Contras and Squares

Ridgewood be able to tell you that Blue Jersey will be the talk of East Hanover. Kennedy's Collingswood be enough, but with a band to Rockaway the night, you'll Wanague up in the center line. Ewing seen nuthin' yet as those born to be Wildwood go Alloway over Andover. So Ironia your Oxford, use your Gillette, put on your Cologne and grab a guy from Manville or a Lacey lady of Verona. If life Hazlet you down, you're crying Mahwah and you've given up Hope, come Sea Bright talent at the Summit of entertainment for just a Little Silver. Orange you glad Swingin' Tern will have you saying thank you Allamuchy as you land in Pleasantville?

Non-dancing children must be supervised at all times.

Contra and Square Dancing to Live Music. All dances taught. No partner necessary. Beginner's workshop, 7:30pm; dance at 8pm. \$10, \$5 with student I.D. Soft soles only.

### **First Presbyterian Church of East Hanover** Parish House • 14 Hanover Road, East Hanover, NJ 07936

From I-287 northbound or southbound: Exit 39, travel East on Route 10 for approx, 3.5 miles, Exit by the Ford dealership ("To River Road/ Okner Pkway") onto Mount Pleasant Ave. Tight at the second light onto Hanover Rd. then immediate left into the parking lot of the Parish House. From I-78: Exit 48 (Route 24 West) to Exit 2B, Route 510 East/Florham Park. Go 1.9 miles and turn left onto Hanover Rd. Turn right into the parking lot of the Parish House just before the road ends at Mount Pleasant Ave. Additional directions are on our website.

(973) 295-6864

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## Feets Don't Fail Me Now!

- Blue Ribbon Cloggers: Meets in Pluckemin, Tuesdays, 7pm. Call Paula Fromen (908) 735-9133 or Heidi Rusch (908) 453-2750 for info.
- Center Contra: Gender-role free contra dance in NYC. LGBT Community Center, 208 West 13th St., Room 301, 7:30pm. Usually 2nd Fri. Open to all. (971) 991-0597, (347) 275-7983, or www.lcfd.org/nyc or email AmericanFolkDanceNYC@yahoo.com
- Country Dance\*New York: Contra every Sat. at Chinatown Y, Houston Street Center, 273 Bowery (bet. East Houston and Stanton); English Country every Tues. at: Philip Coltoff Center, 219 Sullivan St. (bet. Bleecker and West 3rd), www.cdny.org or (212) 459-4080
- Lambertville Country Dancers: Soft soled shoes only! Contra/English country. Info: (609) 882-7733 or www.lambertvillecountrydancers.org
- Maplewood International Dancers: Recreation House, 124 Dunellen Rd., Maplewood. Mondays 7:30pm, \$5. Beginners welcome, partner not necessary, refreshments served. Days (908) 273-6468, eves (973) 376-7568. http://nifolkdance.tripod.com/ fd\_maplewood.html
- Morristown International Dancers: Wednesdays, Mountain Lakes Comm. Church, 48 Briarcliff Rd, 8:30pm, 7:30pm beginners. \$4 member/\$5 non-member (973) 539-7020 or (973) 228-5966, http://nifolkdance.tripod.com/fd morristown.html
- North Jersey English Country Dancers: 2nd & 4th Sundays, 2–5 pm, Unitarian Society, 113 Cottage Pl., Ridgewood. \$8 members, \$10 non. (201) 445-4497 or (201) 447-1136. www.maxellute.net/njecd.html; 1/8: Miriam Newman; live music with the Flying Romanos
- Palisades Folk Dancers: Twice a month on Sundays, 3pm, Church of the Atonement, Engle St. & Highland Ave., Tenafly. GinnyandHallB@cs.com.
- Philly Family Folk Dances: Memorial Church of the Good Shepherd, 3820 The Oak Rd. East Falls, PA. 2nd Sundays, 2-4:30pm (215) 844-2474
- Princeton Folk Dance Group: 7:30pm, Riverside School, Riverside Drive, Princeton. Tuesdays (except school closings) www.princetonfolkdance.org (609) 924-6930
- Princeton Folk Dancers: 8pm Fridays, Susan Patterson Center, Stockton St.and Monument Dr. (behind Borough Hall), Princeton, www.princetonfolkdance.org
- Princeton Country Dancers: Suzanne Patterson Center, Borough Hall, Princeton, Wed. (and some Saturdays) 8pm, beginners 7:40. Pickup band musicians welcome. Usually \$6. (609) 683-7956 or (609) 924-8813, email pcdinfo@aol.com. Band info only: (609) 252-0248 or srl@mail.princeton.edu performerlisting at www.princetoncountrydancers.org. Community Dance, www.princetonol.com/groups/pcd/
- PCD English Country Dance series: Second Saturday of the month, 8pm; intro/basics at 7:30. \$10 (\$5 seniors & students). Info: (908) 359-2642
- Scandinavian Folk Dancing: Bound Brook. Alt. Thursdays, See skandinoje.org for info.
- Swingin' Tern: Sat., 12/31: New Years Dance; 1/7: 28th Anniversary Dance, Contra Rebels; 1/21: Ridge Kennedy, Blue Jersey
- Valley Contra Dance Society: 7pm, 2nd and 4th Saturdays, UU Church of The Lehigh Valley, 424 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA. \$9/\$5 students. www.valleycontradance. org, (610) 868-7432;

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# Members' Gigs & Friends

Jennie Avila: Fri., 1/13: w/ Hot Soup, Godfrey Daniels, Bethlehem, PA www.godfreydaniels. org; Sat., 1/21: w/ Hot Soup, Oswego, NY Music Hall, www.oswegomusichall.org

Mike Agranoff: Sat., Dec. 31: First Night Morris, Market Street Mission, 9:45 & 10:45pm. www.firstnightmorris.com; Sat., 1/21: Cafe Verutas, Rochester, NY. www.cafeveritas.org; Sat., 1/21 & Sun., 1/22: Services at First Unitarian Church, Rochester. www.rochesterunitarian. org; Sun., 1/22: 8pm, Ithaca, NY radio show "Bound for Glory," WVBR 93.5 FM,on the web at WVBR.org

Carl Croce: Sat., 1/21: Cafe Zed (see Venues)

Christine deLeon: Thurs., 1/19: Co-bill w/ Spook Handy 7pm, Folk Music Cafe at the Mountainside Library Constitution Plaza, Mountainside NJ (908) 233-0115 Open jam after concert.

Russ Kelner: Tues., 1/3: w/ Wayne Mandolin Orchestra, Oradell Seniors; Sat., 12/21: w/NJIO Outreach Ensemble, Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside; Sun., 1/29: w/ PetroGrass (including Nancy Kelner) at Runnells Hospital

Kathy Moser: Sat. 1/14: 8pm, Crossroads Coffeehouse (see Venues).

Joe Petraitis: Thurs., 1/19: NJ Friends of Clearwater's monthly Circle of Song (see Venues) Odarka Stockert: Sun., 1/8: 2pm, family-friendly w/ HarpAntics, Museum of Early Trades

and Crafts, 8 Main St., Madison. (973) 377-298

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## "...Horses Sing None of It!"

Is a folksy non-commercial public access TV series featuring a surprising variety of quest performers, hosted by Ralph Litwin. All types of (mainly acoustic) music, storytellers, dancers, others. Schedule available at the Folk Project web page. Seen on: Cablevision Morris area, Sun. 7:300pm ch. 21; Manhattan Neighborhood Network (MNN), New York City, Thurs. 2:30pm on Time/Warner Cable ch. 34 and on RCN Cable ch. 82; also broadcast via streaming video on the web at www.MNN.org (popup players 34/82 http | mms); Service Electric Cable TV Allentown, PA, Thurs. 9:30pm ch. 50; Staten Island Community

TV (SICTV) Thursdays 7:30pm ch. 35; Fargo Access (www.cityoffargo.com/ cable) on Cable One Fri. 6:30pm & Mon. 3:00pm ch. 12 in Fargo, ND; Cablevision 67; RCN 82; Verizon 42. Also streams via www.bricartsmedia.org/community-media/bcat-tv-network. Mendham TV: Mon., Wed., Fri.: 8am, 2pm & 8pm; Tues., Thurs., Sat.: 7am, 1pm & 7pm (same episode all week) on Comcast ch. 22 or 25 & Verizon

ch. 22 or 25; Comcast Central NJ 2, 3:30pm Friday, Ch. 280; simulcast on Comcast Northwest NJ (Hunterdon County area) ch. 21.

## All Venues That's Fit To Print

- Albert Hall/Sounds of the NJ Pines: Country/bluegrass/folk every Saturday. 125 Wells Mills Rd. (Route 532), Waretown. (609) 971-1593 or www.alberthall.org;
- Acoustic Café: Our Lady of Mercy Church, 2 Fremont Ave, Park Ridge, NJ, 8pm, (201) 573-0718, www.cafeacoustic.org;
- Arts off Main Open Mike: every third Thursday, The Lab, 128 Willow Grove St., Hackettstown. thelab\_openmic@yahoo.com; www.artsoffmain.com; (908) 684-4728
- Bluegrass & Old Time Music Assoc. (BOTMA): Every 3rd Sun. from Sept. thru May, Embury United Methodist Church Hall, 49 Church St., Little Silver, NJ. 1-5pm. \$4 for BOTMA members \$5 non-members. Info: www.newjerseybluegrass.org
- Borderline Folk Music House Club: New City Ambulance Corps Bldg, 200 Congers Rd., New City, NY. 2pm, Info: (845) 354-4586, www.borderlinefolkmusic.4themax.com; reservations solz1@optonline.net or (845) 354-4586
- Brennan Coffee House: Justice William Brennan Court House, 583 Newark Ave., Jersey City. Show starts 7pm, open mike at end. (800) 542-7894, www.brennancoffeehouse.com;
- Café Zed: Open mic 7pm, concert 8, New Jersey Arts Incubator in the Essex Green Shopping Center, 495 Prospect St., West Orange. (848) 219-1868 or tom@tompicard. com. Sat., 1/21: Carl Croce
- Celebration House Concert & Workshop Series: In Clifton; address given with reservation, (973) 879-8568 or celebrationhouseconcerts@vahoo.com, Workshops usually 3:30-5:30pm; concert usually 6:30pm. Concert only \$15; workshop only \$20; concert and workshop combo \$30;
- Coffee With Conscience: 1st United Methodist Church of Westfield, 1 E. Broad St. 8pm info 908-412-9105, Concerts4Causes@aol.com; www.coffeewithconscience.org; Sat., 1/21: Red Molly
- Community Theater at Mayo Center for Performing Arts: 100 South St., Morristown, NJ, for tickets/info call 973-539-8008, www.mayoarts.org, shows at 8pm
- Crossroads Coffeehouse: 8pm, Crossroads Community Church, 104 Bartley Rd., Flanders. (973) 786-7940 or (908) 879-7739; Sat., 1/14: Kathy Moser
- **Dublin House:** Irish Session, 1st & 3rd Sundays, 6-9pm, Monmouth St., Red Bank
- Dull Music: 7pm, Rutherford Congregational Church, Union and Rutherford Avenues, Rutherford. www.dullmusic.com;
- Godfrey Daniels: 7 E. 4th St., Bethlehem, PA (610) 867-2390, www.godfreydaniels.org.
- Good Coffeehouse: 53 Prospect Park W. at 2nd St., Park Slope, Brooklyn, doors open at 7:30, music at 8pm, (718) 768-2972 or www.bsec.org;
- The Hillside Cafe Coffee House: 45 Hillside Cres., Nutley. Doors open 7:30, show at 8pm. (973) 667-7055 or info@hillsidecafe.com, www.hillsidecafe.com; Sat., 1/21: The Lords of Liechtenstein and The Jen Chapin Trio
- Hurdy Gurdy Folk Music Club: Fair Lawn Community Center, 10-10 20th St., Fair Lawn 8pm. (201) 384-1325. www.hurdygurdyfolk.org; Sat., 1/7: Spuyten Duyvil and Hungrytown
- McLynn's Restaurant: Open mic Wed., 9pm. 250 Morris Ave, Springfield. (973) 258-1600
- Morris County Center for the Arts: Darress Theatre, 615 Main St, Boonton. (973) 334-9292, www.darresstheater.com. Wed., 1/4, Open Mic hosted by Tommy Mahoney
- Music at the Mission: West Milford Presbyterian Church, 1452 Union Valley Rd., West Milford, (973) 728-3081, www.musicatthemission.org; Sat., 1/21: Emerging Artist Showcase with Caleb Hawley, The YaYas, Chasing June and The Twangtown Paramours

## Good of the Order/Community News

This is a place to share news about memorable events and challenges you have faced in the past month with your Folk Project Community. Please send items to Eddie Roffman, eroffman@optonline.net.

It took a lot of trips to the Minstrel to reach this milestone, but Lois DeRitter is proud that her 2002 Chrysler mini-van hit 200,000 miles last month. Lois says, "I don't have a long commute, so most of those miles were the result of traveling to folk coffeehouses, concerts and festivals!"

Mark Levanda continues to recover from complications of a blood clot in his leg. As of mid-December, Mark was convalescing at the Clark Nursing and Rehab Center. Mark is one of our most loyal FP members and supporters. Please join in sending him wishes for healing and recovery.

Jim Gartner's sister, Pat, who has been in hospice care, seems to be doing better. We don't know what the future has in store, but they are hopeful and glad to enjoy the time they have together.

Rachel Streich recently went to Texas to visit her mother, who moved to Texas in June. They shared a great Thanksgiving dinner at her aunt's house, where she many of her mom's new friends.

Longtime FP member Paul Ferris received the 2010-11 John J O'Connor Scholarship for Excellence, awarded by the NY Irish History Roundtable. Paul teaches Gaelic Studies at NYU and Drew. Please join us in saying, "Comhghairdeas!" (Congratulations!)

Pam Robinson reports, with joy and gratitude, that she has been vertigo-free since July. Pam also celebrates her 2002 Honda Accord turning over 100,000 miles last month. Not to be outdone, Barb Moo's 1995 Volvo has 105,000.

FP member Mark D. Conklin has songs in two new indie moves: (1) 'Santa Needs a Brand New Bag' in "Walk a Mile in My Pradas", starring Tom Arnold and Bruce Vilanch and (2) 'Vampires Suck Blood', in "Halloween Party", due out in 2012. The songs can be heard at www.markdconklin.com. Mark also recently opened a full service entertainment and marketing company; check it out at www. MusicCityEast.com.

Bob McNally reports with pride that Strumstick is featured in an upcoming movie called 'Wanderlust', starring Paul Rudd/Jennifer Aniston. Watch for the strumstick in the promo trailer.

Sandie Reilly's son, Matt, is recovering from an auto accident; his car was 'broadsided' and totaled. Matt had seven staples placed in his head. Not to be outdone Matt's sister, Shannon, broke her elbow the day after his accident. Both are expected to make full recovery. Matt has been enjoying classes in audio recording at Morris County College. Matt is currently working for Gabriel Sound.

Joanne Cronin recently spent some vacation time relaxing and winning trivia contests in Cape May, Joanne then went on to visit friends in the DC area, including meeting up for breakfast with longtime FP stalwart C.W. Hartmann who she says, "is doing well, but misses his FP friends."

Barbara Hall's son, Russ Tweedle, is the classical guitar virtuoso who performed last winter at the Minstrel, and at our July 4th party. Russell is currently pursuing a Masters in classical guitar at the Music Conservatory of Roosevelt University in Chicago.

Joe Petraitis is greatly enjoying time he spends with his seven-month-old grandson, Thatcher. Check out Joe's Facebook page for great pictures of him giving Thatcher his first guitar lesson.

Cont'd from previews page...Our new Membership chair, Scott Ross, will fill the big shoes of Rick Thomas, who will move to the state of Washington in the spring. Gloria Friedman is our new Merchandising chair, as Robin Schaffer retires to free herself up for responsibilities as Festival co-chair. Kevin Redden replaces Bob Safranek as Sound Reinforcement chair, and new Special Concerts committee chairperson Howie Goldman takes over from Pam Robinsonm our new VP.

Please be sure to thank our outgoing and incoming board members for their past and future dedication, commitment and hard work. If you would like to be on the board, or would like to volunteer to help the Folk Project in any way, we would love to have you! Eddie Roffman, president@folkproject.org.

# Folk Project Board Meeting • December 2011 Board Meeting: The Summary

The annual meeting of the Folk Project Board...was called to order at roughly 8:10pm on Dec. 6, in a spacious dining room at The Chimney Rock Inn, in Gillette. It was a very full house this year.

Present were Lois DeRitter, Gloria Friedman, Jim Gartner, Bob McNally, Ed Roffman, Bobbie Rosengarten and Ellen Schwartz (Trustees); and Mike Agranoff, Pat Brangs, Nancy Kelner, Sandie Reilly, Chris Riemer, Pam Robinson, Bob Safranek, Robin Schaffer, Jean Scully, Rachel Streich, Rick Thomas and Leigh Walker. (Other Board Members). Absent were Carl Croce, Nancy Dugan, Scooter Ferguson, Allan Kugel and Elizabeth Lachowicz. We also had an incredible number of guests: Barry Bontempo, Joanne Cronin, Christine DeLeon, Mike DelVecchio, Lori Falco, Howie Goldman, Janice Gardiner, Joe Graziano, Barbara Hull, Dave Kleiner, Evelyn Maurer, Lindsey Meyer, Barb Moo, Pat O'Donnell, Liz Pagan, Joe Petraitis, Kevin Redden, Robin Roffman, Scott Ross, Cathy Thomas, Mark Schaffer and Barrett Wilson. That might be a record.

Treasurer Rachel Streich assured us that our finances were sound, although the checking account balance is a bit low because of a Festival deposit check. There's generally no business discussed at the annual meeting, but the committees do us know how things are going:

- Rick Thomas said we're holding our own from a membership perspective. Rick and wife Cathy
  are relocating to Washington State sometime in January, so he also took this opportunity to
  say farewell (getting a standing ovation from the those present).
- Mark and Robin Schaffer confirmed that we've booked Camp Bernie for the Spring Festival. He
  thanked all those who made the 2011 Fall Festival a success, particularly Carl Croce, Barb Moo,
  Joe Petritis, Lori Falco and John Lamb.
- Mike A. felt 2011 was pretty healthy for The Minstrel, which will be closing out the year about \$2,250 in the black. Mike is also very happy with the changes made to the FFP Web site.
- Nancy Kelner thanked the members of her publicity committee, noting that we now reach some 70 different outlets. Highlights this year included a great article in NJ Monthly and an unsuccessful ad in the Hometown Quarterly.
- Leigh Walker reported that Swingin'Tern stands about \$1,400 in the black. Attendance is up 12%, and they've added some new people to the regular volunteers. They're also planning to target a college-age crowd at one or two events next year.
- Pam Robinson recapped the Special Concerts of the past year, and took the opportunity to look back over her six years on the job. She estimated the gross income from her concerts at \$36,000, and thanked everyone who made it possible.

After the committee reports, the group elected the Directors for 2012, as described ebelow Presideddie closed by pointing out that the Folk Project's volunteer base is our most valuable asset. Attracting and retaining good volunteers is really the most important thing we do.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38. The January meeting will be at the home of Nancy Dugan, in Madison. Please remember that board meetings are open to all general members. If you'd like to sit in, send a note to secretary@folkproject.org to get the details.

## Lots of Changes in FP Board Positions!

It's exciting to welcome four new people to our Folk Project Board of Directors! Here's a summary of the changes:

Pam Robinson becomes our new Vice President. Having reached her two-year term limit as veep, Elizabeth Lachowicz remains on the board as a newly elected trustee. Lindsey Meyer is our new Secretary, after outgoing Secretary, Chris Riemer, reached his term limit.

Joe Graziano is our new chairperson for Community Services. Pat Brangs is retiring from Community Services, but Pat remains on the board as a newly elected trustee and the 'operations manager' for our Festival committee.

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- Music on Main: 7:30pm, Woodbridge. www.woodbridgeartsnj.com, (732) 634-4500 x6497
- NJ Clearwater Circle of Song: Turnstile Coffee Bar, 1607 Route 71, Belmar (2 blocks from Rte. 35, 7 from Belmar Train Station), 6:30pm; Thurs., 1/19: Joe Petraitis
- **Outpost In The Burbs:** at the Unitarian Church of Montclair, 67 Church St., Montclair (973) 744-6560. Doors open 7:30pm, concert at 8pm. www.outpostintheburbs.org;
- People's Voice Cafe: Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, 40 East 35th St., NYC, www.peoplesvoicecafe.org or (212) 787-3903; Sat., 1/7: A Night of Music & Poetry with Professor Louie & Fast Eddy, Jeffrey Lewis, Shayna Lewis, Joshua Sol & Jordan Carlos; 1/14: Marie Mularczyk O'Connell & A Joyful Noise; Songs of the People from the English Music Halls with Heather Wood, David Jones & Jerry Epstein; 1/21: emma's revolution;
- **Pinewoods Folk Music Club:** 444 W. 54th St., #7, New York, NY 10019, (718) 651-1115, www.folkmusicny.org; Mondays Irish Session at Landmark Tavern, 626 11th Avenue at 46th Street, Manhattan;
- **The Place:** House Concerts, 3pm pot luck, 4pm concert in Livingston; RSVP to jamask8@ comcast.net or (973) 992-7491; **Sat., 1/8 Pat Wictor**
- Princeton Folk Music Society: Christ Congregation Church, 50 Walnut Lane, Princeton, 8pm, (609) 799-0944 \$15/Members \$10/\$3 kids under 12. www.PrincetonFolk.org; Fri., 1/20: Sloan Wainwright
- **Riverside Rhythm and Rhyme:** Skylands Unitarian Universalist Fellowship,1811 State Route 57, Hackettstown. 6:30pm, open mic sign-up, 7pm open mic. www.skylandsuu.org.
- Sacred Harp Singings: Much info at http://www.fasola.org/; 2nd Sun.: 2pm, St. Paul's Church, 199 Carroll St, Brooklyn. (718) 293-2848; 2pm, Montclair Friends Mtg, Park & Gordonhurst. (973) 509-2165; Midweek singing Wednesdays, 7-9:30pm, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, |346 W. 20th St. http://nycsacredharp.org/localsingings.html
- **Salem Roadhouse Café:** Townley Presbyterian Church, 829 Salem Rd., Union. (908) 686-1028, www.townleychurch.org;
- **Sanctuary Concerts:** The Presbyterian Church, 240 Southern Boulevard, Chatham. Most concerts 8pm, www.sanctuaryconcerts.org; **Fri., 1/13: Marc Cohen** (sold out)
- **Skylands Native American Flute Circle** meets at a home in Panther Valley. Info: Allan Johnson 908-850-5772 or ajflycasting@optonline.net
- **Stony Brook Friends of Old Time Music Jam:** Mannion's Pub & Restaurant, 140 West Main Street, Somerville. Starting around 7:30pm. (609) 924-5353 or visit www.diamondcut. com/oldtime/; 1st and 3rd Tuesdays each month
- The Uptown Coffeehouse: www.uptowncoffeehouse.org New Location: City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham S. lower level, City Island, NY. 5pm,\$15, under 12, \$5; Sun., 1/8: Danny Kalb
- Walkabout Clearwater Coffeehouse: United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Ave., White Plains, (914) 949-2146, www.WalkaboutClearwater.org; Sat., 1/14: Kathie Ryan

**Folk Arts Fridays at Ethical Culture** 516 Prospect St., Maplewood. 2nd Friday (except June-Aug.). Bring instruments and voices for singing, playing, quilting, and other crafts. run by Lisa Novemsky and Anja Moen. www.essexethical.org or (973) 763-8293. **Fri., 1/13** 

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Saturday. So starting in 2012, we will be moving the start of the registration procedure to noon of the Saturday before the Open Stage. It will not alleviate the mad rush when the gates open, but at least people won't have to stay up late or set their alarms in order to be around at the deadline. Also, we may at our discretion, award a slot to a first-timer or a prospective performer we want to evaluate for a regular booking in a live audition. We'll do this for some evaluation period, and then see how it's working and possibly make more changes.

Mike Agranoff, Minstrel Chair

### **The Minstrel Home for Travelling Musicians**

The Minstrel has, since the earliest days, provided overnight accommodations for its travelling performers in the homes of volunteers. One of our most stalwart and willing host families, Rick and Cathy Thomas will be moving out of the area in early 2012, and we'd like to enlarge our pool of volunteer hosts. The ideal situation would be a large home close to the Minstrel with an unused bedroom or two or three. (Empty-nesters, please take note.) Non-smoking and non-pet household would be a plus, because some performers have allergies. On the other hand, some performers love dogs and cats and/or smoke, so don't consider that to be a necessity. Also, even if you're not close, you may be on the route of where some performers are headed the next day. Some of our hosts like to offer the performers breakfast the next morning, or dinner, the night before, but that's not expected of you.

If anyone would like to help us out, and at the same time, meet the people you see on stage personally, please get back to me at 973-335-9489 or Minstrel@FolkProject.org.

Michael J. Agranoff, Program Chairman

### Star in our Valentines Day Extravaganza!

Performers! Open Stagers!! FP Memberts!!! Pay Attention before I run out of exclamation marks!!!! Too many of you have never been to or performed at the Minstrel's amazing Valentines Day Extravaganza, this year on Fri., Feb. 12. You don't want to miss this rare opportunity to perform for a huge audience jam-packed with friends, relatives, Project members, and sweethearts. This is one of our most exciting shows of the year and we want to share this joy with you.

There are three fun ways to be part of the show:

- Perform alone or in a group of your choice and back yourselves up;
- Sing a pop or jazz standard with the Valentines Love Trio;
- Rock out with our Valentines Day Loving Hearts Club Big Boogie Band.

The jazz trio is run by Frank Sole, Project guitar whiz. The Big Boogie Band, is a ten-piece rock ensemble, complete with electric guitars, drums, keyboard and horns, filled with pros and ringers from the top of Project talent pool. Both bands hold one rehearsal before the gig.

Reserve a performance slot by calling Mark (201) 207-8696 starting Jan. 2. There are 24 slots, first come, first served. All members are encouraged to join in, but I'm surprised how many of our new and talented open stagers have skipped over this great opportunity. (I've got one exclamation point left.) You gotta see it to believe it!

# Join the Folk Project

Cut out this handy dandy membership form and mail it, with your membership fee, to Rick Thomas, 12 Upper Warren Way, Warren, NJ 07059. Info? (908) 647-7517 or membership@folkproject.org or

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Choose at least one:

Name		
Home Tel.		
E mail 1:	_ E mail 2:	
Do you play or sing music:		
[ ] For fun [ ] Occasionally perform in public [ ] Professionally or semi-professionally		
Basic Individual membership @ \$20, (You'll receive this personal monthly newsletter.)	/year	\$
Supporting membership @ \$25/year (Personal monthly newsletter PLUS our eternal gratitude)		\$
Family membership*		\$
(Additional family members @ \$3 each per year)		
Multiple Year Membership		\$
number of banjo-tossing years X type of membership. You do the math.		
DONATION to Folk Project (Tax deductible! We are also eligible for Corporate Matching Do	nations and banjos.)	\$
	Total amount enclosed:	\$
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check one: I'd like to save trees and receive an Enewsletter		
Make your check payable to: The Folk Project  *Family membership is one basic or supporting membership plus \$3 for each additional family member/banjo.  Please list the names of additional family members:		

Mark "Svengali" Schaffer

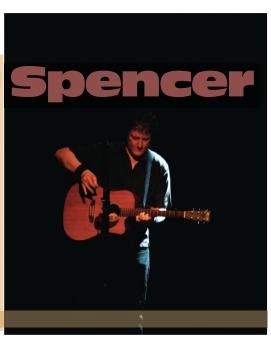


## Peter

A House Concert hosted by Lindsey Meyer

## Saturday, January 7 Peapack, NJ

pot luck 1:30pm concert 3:00pm Tickets \$15



ong-time Folk Project favorite Peter Spencer will knock our socks off with his jawdropping guitarwork and impressive range of vocal expression. Rooted in 1920s and 30s blues, he's equally adept at interpreting his own songs as well as musicians such as Skip James and Big Bill Broonzy. His fluid blend of folk and blues is accompanied by an easy charm that's well-suited to a living room concert.

Peter has been called a "guitar wizard" by Seattle's Victory Music News and "a gifted lyricist with a sharp eye" by the New Jersey Star-Ledger. He tours regularly in the Northeast and throughout the Pacific Northwest and teaches guitar and voice at the Dusty Strings Music School in Seattle and the Island Music Center of Bainbridge Island, WA. For more information, check out his website at www.peterspencer.com.

There are a limited number of tickets so get yours soon. Tickets are \$15, available at The Minstrel (Friday evenings) or online at http://www.folkproject.org/sp\_events/houseconcerts.php. Address and directions available with ticket purchase. All proceeds go to the performer.



Information: 908-766-9696 or concerts@folkproject.org

## **SPRING FESTIVAL**

# Memorial Day Weekend — May 25–27, 2012 With headliners Jay Ungar & Molly Mason!

We've got a new date, a new site, new talent, and a new attitude. We're totally newed!

- Mark your calendar for Friday through Sunday on Memorial Weekend. You'll enjoy a great 3-day music party -- and still make it home for your Memorial Day picnic.
- Our new site is Camp Bernie, just outside of Hackettstown. It's a comfortable and friendly environment, perfect for our event.
- And... with Jay Ungar and Molly Mason as headliners, this promises to be a Festival you'll always remember.

PRE-REGISTRATION is now available on the Project Festival web page. Pre-registration makes you eligible for the early bird discount and ensures that members are first in line for registration before the world finds out about our headliners and we sell out!

Want to help make this Festival happen? Come to our open planning meeting on Tues. Jan. 24 at 7:30 pm at The Schafferosa. Call for address and directions. 908 421 5315.

Mark & Robin Schaffer, Festival Chairs

## Special Concerts Committee Update

Happy New Year! We hope you have all recovered from the holidays. We have a new year ahead of us and lots of great times to be had!

We are looking to build our team of volunteers to be part of our Special Concerts Committee. We need your ideas, talent and energy to continue to create amazing concerts and workshops.

We are looking for more committee members to assist with scheduling, outreach to performers and concert logistics. If you would like to be part of our committee or occasionally assist with events, email Howie Goldman at concerts@folkproject.org.

Also, if you have ideas of performers or types of music you would like to see (who would be happy to play for smaller audiences) please send your ideas to the email address above.

# The Road Goes On Forever and The Party Never Ends

Sun., 1/1, 3pm • Highland Park

Cecilia and Allan invite our folk project friends to our New Year's **DAY** Music Party Sunday, January 1st, starting at 3:00pm. Bring musical instruments, food or drink to share, and your fine selves to 511 S. 1st Avenue, Highland Park, NJ 08904. Directions and contact info.: http://rci.rutgers.edu/~kugel/CeciliaDirections.html

# FP Calendar: January 2011

#### **Last-minute December events:**

#### Sat., 12/31: Swingin' Tern: New Year's Eve Dance — Janine Smith, Last Exit

Mike Agranoff, First Night Morris. www.firstnightmorris.com First Night Maplewood/ So. Orange 20th Anniversary Concert: Livingston Taylor, www.firstnightmwso.org/

**1/Sun.** EVERY Sun.: Music You Can't Hear On The Radio, 7pm, WPRB 103.3FM; www.wprb.com

EVERY first & third Sunday: Open Irish session, 6pm, Dublin House, Red Bank.

Party at Cecelia and Allan's, 3pm, Highland Park. http://rci.rutgers.edu/~kugel/ CeciliaDirections.html

**2/Mon.** EVERY Monday: Maplewood International Dancers, 7:30pm, Maplewood. (973) 376-7568

**3/Tues.** FP Board meeting — Nancy Dugan's

EVERY 1st & 3rd Tuesday: Stony Brook Friends of Old Time Music Jam, 7:30pm, Mannion's Somerville. www.diamondcut.com/oldtime/

EVERY Tuesday: Northwest NJ Acoustic Jam, 7pm, Westside United Methodist Church, Hopatcong. (973) 770-0179

**4/Wed.** EVERY Wednesday, Straight Morning Drive, featuring Straight Drive 15 minutes after the 7:30am station break. 6–9am, WDVR-FM and www.wdvrfm.org

EVERY Wed.: Morristown Int'l Dancers, 7:30pm, Mountain Lakes. (973) 539-7020

EVERY Wednesday: Princeton Country Dancers, 8pm, Suzanne Patterson center, Princeton. (609) 799-2073, http://www.princetoncountrydancers.org/

EVERY Wednesday: "Down Jersey" with Jim Albertson, 7:30pm, WSNJ am1240, am1440 and www.wsnjam.com; http://members.aol.com/downjerseyjim/

EVERY 1st Wednesday: Folk Open Sing; 7pm, Ethical Culture Society, 53 Prospect Park West, Brooklyn. (212) 636-6341 or (718) 788-7563

EVERY Wednesday: 9pm, Open Mike, McLynn's Restaurant, Springfield. (973) 258-1600

Morris County Center for the Arts Open Mic hosted by Tommy Mahoney. Sign up 7:30pm, Darress Theatre, Boonton. (973) 334-9292

**5/Thurs.** Alternate Thursdays: Scandinavian couple dancing, 7:30 pm, Bound Brook. See skandinoje.org for dates/info

6/Fri. Minstrel: John Forster, Tony DeSantis

7/Sat. Swingin' Tern: Anniversary Dance, Contra Rebels

FP House Concert: Peter Spencer. 1:30pm pot luck, 3pm concert, Lindsey Meyer's, Peapack. Information: 908-766-9696 or concerts@folkproject.org

Hurdy Gurdy: Spuyten Duyvil, Hungrytown, 8pm, Fair Lawn. www.hurdygurdyfolk.org EVERY Saturday: CD\*NY: Contra dances, 8pm. NYC. www.cdny.org

**8/Sun.** The Place House Concert: Pat Wictor, 3pm, Livingston. Email jamask8@comcast.net

Odarka Stockert/HarpAntics, 2pm, Museum of Early Trades & Crafts, Madison. www. metc.org

North Jersey English Country Dance: Miriam Newman, 2pm, Ridgewood. www. maxellute.net/njecd.html

Uptown Coffeehouse: Danny Kalb, 5pm, new location — City Island Community Center, 190 Fordham St., City Island, NJ. www.uptowncoffeehouse.org

**12/Thurs.** NJ Songwriters Circle, 7pm, 32 Williamson Ave., Bloomfield. (973) 429-0288 or daveythek@aol.com

#### 13/Fri. Minstrel: Open Stage

Folk Arts Fridays at Ethical Culture, 516 Prospect St., Malewood. www.essexethical. org or (973) 763-8293

Sanctuary Concerts: Marc Cohen (Sold out), 8pm, Chatham. www.sanctuaryconcerts.org

**14/Sat. FP Evening 'o Music:** 8pm, **the Roffmans'** 8pm, 11 Butternut Rd., Randolph. (973) 328-7742

Crossroads Coffeehouse: Kathy Moseer, 8pm, Flanders. www.crossroadsmtolive.org/

**15/Sun.** Newsletter Deadline Send stuff to newsletter@folkproject.org

**19/Thurs.** Christine deLeon, Spook Handy: 7pm, Folk Music Cafe at the Mountainside Library. (908) 233-0115. Open jam after concert.

NJ Friends of Clearwater Circle of Song; 6:30 pm, Turnstile Coffee Bar, Belmar, NJ. (732) 894-9012; Leader-Performer: Joe Petraitis

#### 20/Fri. Minstrel: Vance Gilbert, Caitlin Canty

Princeton FMS: Sloan Wainwright, 8pm, Princeton. www.PrincetonFolk.org

#### 21/Sat. Swingin' Tern: Ridge Kennedy, Blue Jersey

Café Zed: Carl Croce, 8:30pm, West Orange. (848) 219-1868

Coffee with Conscience: Red Molly, 8pm, Westfield. www.coffeewithconscience.org

Music at the Mission: Emerging Artist Showcase with Caleb Hawley, The YaYas, Chasing June and The Twangtown Paramours 8pm, West Milford. www. musicatthemission.org

Hillside Cafe: The Lords of Liechtenstein and The Jen Chapin Trio , 8pm, Nutley. www.hillsidecafe.com, (973) 667-7055

**22/Sun.** Mike Agranoff: radio show "Bound for Glory," 8pm, WVBR, 93.5 FM Ithaca, NY or on the web at WVBR.org

27/Fri. Minstrel: David Massengill, Honor Finnegan

**28/Sat.** Bonus EoM at the Roffmans' 8pm, 11 Butternut Rd., Randolph. (973) 328-7742

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