

# FOLK CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

# *Folk Notes*

August, 2008  
 Contemporary, Traditional,  
 Roots and Alternative Music

## ACOUSTIC UNDERGROUND CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS:

**SHARON OSUNA** Saturday, Aug 2, 8pm

We hear that  
 Titusville  
 might be  
 losing her  
 rockets but  
 now we learn  
 that they  
 have, in their  
 place, a  
 Maryland  
 transplant  
 singer  
 /songwriter  
 with a really  
 strong case of  
 "sand in her



shoes". When you listen to Sharon Osuna's Florida Christmas or The Biscayne Bay Waltz it is hard to believe that she wasn't spawned on one of our beaches; she really loves Florida and it shows. And Florida seems to love her. She had two songs placed in the Top 10 Best Of Florida Folk Songs at the 2007 Will McLean Festival and has become a favorite at festivals all over the State. And "Waltz" earned an Honorable Mention in the 2008 Woody Guthrie Song Contest, a tribute to its Americana appeal. They probably loved her Florida songs and her clever, slightly bawdy double entendre ditties and sense of humor. It seems they like her in Nashville too where she passed the Blue Bird Café Audition in 2007 and was invited to appear there in April 2008 and will be appearing there again in November. This gal is carrying the real Florida to the nation.

Val discovered Sharon on the festival circuit and couldn't wait to bring her to us. The Luna Star Café will be perfect for her personal, speaking to you style; you'll connect with her right away. Check out some of her music on these sites:

[www.myspace.com/sharonosuna](http://www.myspace.com/sharonosuna)  
[www.sonicbids.com/sharonosuna](http://www.sonicbids.com/sharonosuna)

LUNA STAR CAFE 725 NE 125th Street, North Miami, Florida 33161 305-799-7123. Requested Contribution: \$10 non-members/ \$7 for members of any Folk Club

*Broward Folk Club, in conjunction with  
 the Broward County Cultural Division,  
 Presents*

## An Evening with Zoe Lewis

*A special Benefit Concert also featuring:  
 Jacob Jeffries*

**Saturday, September 6, 2008, 8:00 P.M.**

ZOË LEWIS is a band in a body! She plays jazz, jump jive, Latin grooves, swing, international folk, and funk originals on anything from the piano to the spoons! Troubadour/vaudevillian/storyteller/singer-songwriter /piece of work! Her music is upbeat, amusing and perfect for all ages.

Come and experience and support the arts, via this live musical event, in a comfortable theatrical setting. Learn about the Broward Folk Club, and help us raise funds



to be used toward the South Florida Folk Festival."

Broward County Main Library Auditorium, 100 S. Andrews Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL.

\$25 Premium Seats, \$20 General Admission, \$5 Discount for BFC Members

## Any Folk Club Photos?

Board Member Carol Foster is planning an informational brochure on the Folk Club and would love to have photos from the near or distant past. Please try to identify any people in the photos, tell her what, where and when the event was and who took the photo. Her email is: [mangomum2@aol.com](mailto:mangomum2@aol.com)

**THE PREZ SEZ...**By **Barry J. White*****Celebration of Life,  
Celebration of a life***

This past month brought us together at the Luna Star Café for contrasting celebrations of life's events. On July 19 we gathered to celebrate the birthday of a gal who has come to symbolize the spirit and essence to our folk subculture in South Florida. Valerie C. Wisecracker, aka our Veep, gave her many friends and co-conspirators a chance to bask in her musical and poetic irreverence and to share in the joy that surrounds her. With a practiced eye, she takes aim at those who have and continue to try to destroy nature and character in our beloved State. And we loved every minute of the camaraderie with her in that packed to over flowing evening. Many happy returns Val.



Three weeks earlier we also packed Luna Star to celebrate the life of another friend who gave us hope and guidance in how to live a life, despite what it might throw at you. Danny Aaronson brought his love for life, people and music to us only a few years ago. But in that time, we learned more about him and ourselves. And at the celebration of his life on June 28 we learned that his dedication to the music we love spanned many decades. Danny, your memory will always be a blessing to us. Contributions in his honor can be sent to his family members Debrah and Philip Shenefelt, 15959 Notting Hill Drive, Lutz, FL 33548, payable to the Or Ahavah Angel Fund.

If you haven't been to one of our song swaps lately, or ever, come on over. And bring your friends and kids. We had a grand father/grand daughter on July 13 to the delight of everyone. And we will have the Rise Up Singing songbooks available for \$15. With over 1200 songs it is a treasure. And don't miss Sharon Osuna on August 2 at Luna; she's a hoot!

**Song Swap**

You are invited to enjoy the Folk Club of South Florida's next song swap and open house on Sunday, August 10th, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. It will be in South Miami at the home of Chris Kirchner and Mike Malone, 6741 SW 68 Terrace. Call (305)662-4007 for directions. Bring your contribution for a pot luck dinner, your musical instruments, and good cheer.

We thank July's song swap host, Bill Feuer, for graciously hosting our song swap and open house on July 13th. Our song swaps/open houses make our club feel like a club. Friendships develop from becoming acquainted with one another.

Our last song swap was intergenerational and convivial. People really enjoy these events. We had several members come all the way from Broward County to participate in the song swap in Cutler Bay.

The September song swap and open house will be on Sunday, September 14, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Barry and Ronnie White's home, 10001 SW 129 Terr., Miami, FL 33176. Call 305-251-1960 for directions.

If you would like to host a song swap at your home, please contact Linda Singer, 305-667-4386

**Ain't Nobody Don't Like Bluegrass!**

If you are not aware of it, South Florida is home to some of the best Bluegrass music in the nation. The South Florida Bluegrass Association has an event on the first Sunday of each month. They also arrange for their many bands to appear at events and festivals in the area.

The next South Florida Bluegrass Festival is on August 3, 2008, at 12:30 at The Oak Grove, 1511 NE 207 Street, in north Miami-Dade County (2 blocks north of Ive's Dairy Road, just west of I-95). Admission is five bucks. Bring a chair!

Bluegrass, Gospel and Old Time for a lovely afternoon under the oaks. Some food is available for sale or you can bring your own. Surrounded by the forest, you'll think you are far away in Old Florida. Bring the kids and the elderly. Delightful.

<http://www.southfloridabluegrass.org/>

**Can you help Alexis?**

The Luna Star's Alexis is seeking your help as her folks need a car. Her folks are retired and live in Boca. They need a car for around \$2000 to go to the store and run errands. Anyone who has a serviceable vehicle for sale please call her at 305-987-8087 or 305-799-7123 or send her an email at: Lunastarcafe@aol.com

**Sing-along****Fundraiser - Raffle Prizes****Labyrinth Cafe - Saturday, August 9 - 7:30 p.m.**

The folks at The Labyrinth Café are ready to get back into the musical swing of things. For the last three years they have unofficially kicked off the season with an Open Mic event as a fundraiser for the church – this year, inspired by a friend active in the East Lansing, Michigan music scene as well as an article by David Engels quite a few months ago, they are going to try something a bit different.....

We will be singing from the **Rise Up Singing** songbook (a wonderful guide compiled by SingOut Magazine with lyrics to over 1200 classic songs) as well as from our own memory (no jokes, please!) – selections will include a great mix of folk, gospel, bluegrass, jazz, contemporary, rounds, old-time.

Song leaders will be on hand to coordinate, refreshments are available for sale and plenty of free parking is provided. "There is no pressure to sing out really loudly, or to sing incredibly well.

The only common bond is that everyone in the group loves to sing. That's it. Sharing songs and creating magical sound is really way too much fun."

If you have a copy of Rise Up Singing, please bring it – we also plan to have copies for sale for \$15 (\$8 below retail) at the event. Everyone is welcome! Without you, there is no sound. For more on the motivational article, as well as the phenomenon please see this website: <http://www.singingfestival.com/>

In addition you can also find further information at the following websites:

[www.labyrinthcafe.com](http://www.labyrinthcafe.com)

[www.myspace.com/labyrinthcafe](http://www.myspace.com/labyrinthcafe)

[www.browardfolkclub.com](http://www.browardfolkclub.com)

[www.southfloridafolkfest.com](http://www.southfloridafolkfest.com)

[www.gotfolk.com](http://www.gotfolk.com)

Admission is \$10

Labyrinth Café, UU Church of Ft. Lauderdale, 3970 NW 21st Avenue, Oakland Park, FL 33309.

For more information, contact Susan: (954) 478-8637 or OzWoman321@aol.com

**Brother Lou****with Raffa and Rainer at the Luna Star Café****Friday August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00pm**

Brother Lou is a singer and songwriter from Hollywood, Florida. He has played in bands in New York, Philadelphia and Atlanta. He currently records and plays in South Florida. His song 'Tonight' was nominated as a finalist in the 'Song of the Year' contest, sponsored by VH1 and his song "Hey Jesus" won the honor award in the folk/acoustic category of the 9th annual 'Great American Song Contest.' Two of his songs are featured in the award winning documentary "Anytown, USA" which is available on Netflix.

- Honorable Mention Award for 'Hey Jesus' from the Independent Songwriter Society Awards.
- Austin Songwriters Group Annual Spring Song Contest - Non-ASG Members - First Song w/ASG Membership: 'Hey Jesus' was selected as Finalist 2008
- "As Good As You Want", his latest full-length solo album and is now available on CD and as a digital download.

Brother Lou is currently touring the Northwest and Canada. He will be back in South Florida to perform at the Luna Star Cafe with Raffa and Rainer.

[www.brotherlou.com](http://www.brotherlou.com) or  
[www.myspace.com/loubrotherlou](http://www.myspace.com/loubrotherlou)

Raffa and Rainer have information on  
[www.myspace.com/raffaandrainer](http://www.myspace.com/raffaandrainer)

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**Folk Calendar August 2008**

Where time is not given, contact venue to be sure.

- 1 Fri [CHANCE GARDNER Singer Songwriter at the Luna Star Café](#)  
 2 Sat [5-7 SNAKE CHURCH Country Folk Luna Star Cafe](#)  
[Sharon Osuna Singer Songwriter FCSF Acoustic Underground concert](#)  
[Luna Star Café](#)  
[OPEN MIC 8:30pm Moose Davie](#)  
[South Florida Bluegrass Association Bluegrass Jam](#)  
[Lake Forest Volunteer Fire Station, SW 39 St. and SW 41 Ave. Hollywood](#)
- 3 Sun [S. Florida Bluegrass Assoc. Festival 12:30 The Oak Grove 151](#)  
[Open mic John Martin's](#)  
[Folk & Acoustic Music: Michael Stock, host - 91.3 FM, 2 pm](#)
- 4 Mon [Blues open mic Chocolate Moose](#)  
[Open mic Java D'Lites](#)  
[Acoustic open mic Marvelous Coffee](#)
- 5 Tue [Lou's music jam Luna Star Café](#)  
[Old time music Jam Elks, Pompano Beach](#)  
[Acoustic open mic Chocolate Moose](#)  
[Shauna Sweeney Open Mic Kingshead Pub, Sunrise](#)  
[Open blues jam Nitecap, North Miami Beach](#)
- 6 Wed [Open Mic Churchill's Pub](#)  
[Songwriters in the Round Luna Star](#)
- 7 Thu [Open mic Elks, South Miami](#)
- 8 Fri [Denny & Josh Rowan Luna Star](#)
- 9 Sat [OPEN MIC 8:30pm Moose Davie](#)  
[5-7 SNAKE CHURCH Country Folk Luna Star Cafe](#)  
[South Florida Bluegrass Association Bluegrass Jam](#)  
[Lake Forest Volunteer Fire Station, SW 39 St. and SW 41 Ave. Hollywood](#)  
[Open mic Luna StarLuna Star Café 8pm](#)  
[Labyrinth Cafe - Sing-along/Fundraiser/Raffle Prizes](#)
- 10 Sun [Open mic John Martin's](#)  
[South Florida Bluegrass Association Bluegrass Jam](#)  
[Lake Forest Volunteer Fire Station, SW 39 St. and SW 41 Ave. Hollywood](#)  
[Folk & Acoustic Music: Michael Stock, host - 91.3 FM, 2 pm](#)  
 Folk Club of South Florida's next song swap and open house
- 11 Mon [Blues open mic Chocolate Moose](#)  
[Open mic Java D'Lites](#)  
[Acoustic open mic Marvelous Coffee](#)
- 12 Tue [Lou's music jam Luna Star Café](#)  
[Old time music Elks, Pompano Beach](#)  
[Acoustic open mic Chocolate Moose](#)  
[Shauna Sweeney Open Mic Kingshead Pub, Sunrise](#)  
[TUE AUG 12 IRISH MUSIC SESSION Luna Star Café](#)  
[Open blues jam Nitecap, North Miami Beach](#)
- 13 Wed [Open Mic Churchill's Pub](#)  
[NASHVILLE SONG WRITERS IN THE ROUND Luna Star Cafe](#)
- 14 Thu [Open mic Elks, South Miami](#)
- 15 Fri [Bob Lind Luna Star Café](#)
- 16 Sat [5-7 SNAKE CHURCH Country Folk Luna Star Cafe](#)  
[MONGO JOHN CAMACHO & FRIENDS Luna Star Café](#)  
[OPEN MIC 8:30pm Moose Davie](#)
- 17 Sun [South Florida Bluegrass Association Bluegrass Jam](#)  
[Lake Forest Volunteer Fire Station, SW 39 St. and SW 41 Ave. Hollywood](#)  
[Open mic John Martin's](#)  
[Folk & Acoustic Music: Michael Stock, host - 91.3 FM, 2 pm](#)
- 18 Mon [Blues open mic Chocolate Moose](#)  
[Open mic Java D'Lites](#)  
[Acoustic open mic Marvelous Coffee](#)
- 19 Tue [Lou's music jam Luna Star Café](#)  
[Old time music Elks, Pompano Beach](#)  
[Acoustic open mic Chocolate Moose](#)  
[Shauna Sweeney Open Mic Kingshead Pub, Sunrise](#)  
[Open blues jam Nitecap, North Miami Beach](#)

- 20 Wed [Open Mic Churchill's Pub](#)
- 21 Thu [Open mic Elks, South Miami](#)
- 22 FRI [BROTHER LOU AND RAFFA AND RAINER Luna Star Cafe](#)
- 23 Sat [5-7 SNAKE CHURCH Country Folk Luna Star Cafe](#)  
[Open mic Luna Star](#)  
[OPEN MIC 8:30pm Moose Davie](#)  
[South Florida Bluegrass Association Bluegrass Jam](#)  
[Lake Forest Volunteer Fire Station, SW 39 St. and SW 41 Ave. Hollywood](#)
- 24 Sun [Open mic John Martin's](#)  
[BFC Music In The Park 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM](#)  
[Secret Woods Nature Center Julia Assembly Hall Dania Beach](#)  
[South Florida Bluegrass Association Bluegrass Jam](#)  
[Lake Forest Volunteer Fire Station, SW 39 St. and SW 41 Ave. Hollywood](#)  
[Folk & Acoustic Music: Michael Stock, host - 91.3 FM, 2 pm](#)
- 25 Mon [Blues open mic Chocolate Moose](#)  
[Open mic Java D'Lites](#)  
[Acoustic open mic Marvelous Coffee](#)  
[Blues open mic Chocolate Moose, Davie](#)
- 26 Tue [Lou's music jam Luna Star Café](#)  
[Old time music Elks, Pompano Beach](#)  
[Acoustic open mic Chocolate Moose](#)  
[Shauna Sweeney Open Mic Kingshead Pub, Sunrise](#)  
[Open blues jam Nitecap, North Miami Beach](#)
- 27 Wed [Open Mic Churchill's Pub](#)
- 28 Thu [Open mic Elks, South Miami](#)
- 30 Sat [The Three Jacks, Luna Star Café 8pm](#)  
[OPEN MIC 8:30pm Moose Davie](#)  
[South Florida Bluegrass Association Bluegrass Jam](#)  
[Lake Forest Volunteer Fire Station, SW 39 St. and SW 41 Ave. Hollywood](#)
- 31 Sun [Open mic John Martin's](#)  
[Folk & Acoustic Music: Michael Stock, host - 91.3 FM, 2 pm](#)  
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[Lake Forest Volunteer Fire Station, SW 39 St. and SW 41 Ave. Hollywood](#)

Full listings at [www.gotfolk.com](http://www.gotfolk.com)

Addresses of venues:

Chocolate Moose, 9118 State Road 84, Davie  
 Elks Club, 6304 SW 78<sup>th</sup> St., South Miami  
 Harvest Festival, Tamiami Park, 10901 Coral Way, Miami  
 Luna Star Café, 775 NE 125<sup>th</sup> St., North Miami  
 South Miami Community Center, 5800 SW 66<sup>th</sup> St.

## The Luna Star Cafe



Bored with the average? Come feed your mind as well as your face.

We offer fine food, exotic coffees, beers, ales, ciders, and fruit & spice beverages, along with the best in art, poetry, story-telling, folk and traditional music, blues and jazz. It's a living room atmosphere, and a place for stimulating conversation. 775 NE 125th St. - North Miami, FL - (305) 892-8522. 10am to Midnight Tue. through Thu. - Fri. and Sat. - 10am to 1am

## FOLK CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Is a non-profit organization (501-C) and member of The North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance. We proudly support Friends of Florida Folk and the radio station WLRN in Miami, Florida.

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Folk Club of South Florida: [www.souflafolk.com](http://www.souflafolk.com)  
 Broward Folk Club: [www.browardfolkclub.com](http://www.browardfolkclub.com)  
 Local Folk Music Resources: [www.gotfolk.com](http://www.gotfolk.com)  
 North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance: [www.folk.org](http://www.folk.org)  
 South Florida Folk Festival: [www.southfloridafolkfest.com](http://www.southfloridafolkfest.com)  
 Palm Beach Folk Club: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pbfcchat>

### WEBSITE LINKS

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

PLEASE FILL OUT MEMBERSHIP INFO AND MAIL YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CHECK  
Made out to:

**FOLK CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA**  
**10001 SW 129 Terrace Miami,**  
**Florida 33176**

Annual membership entitles you to a special rate on concerts, a monthly newsletter and admission to our annual party featuring complimentary food and music. Please choose the membership that is best suited for you and your family:

**INDIVIDUAL \$20.00 -- FAMILY \$25.00**  
**SUPPORTING \$35.00 -- SUSTAINING \$75.00 SPONSOR \$125.00**

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### DON'T MISS:

- **ACOUSTIC UNDERGROUND AT LUNA STAR CAFE, Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- **OPEN HOUSE & SONG SWAP, Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>**
- **FOLK AND ACOUSTIC MUSIC WITH MICHAEL STOCK, Sundays 2- 5 PM, WLRN 91.3 MHz**