

THE FOLK CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.

# FOLK NOTES

*Since 1985 traditional/contemporary folk, roots & alternative music  
February, 2011*

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ACOUSTIC UNDERGROUND CONCERT SERIES *presents*



## ***“MEAN MARY” JAMES***

**LUNA STAR CAFÉ, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2011 – 8:00 P.M.**

**775 NE 125<sup>TH</sup> Street, North Miami, FL 33125 305-799-7123**

**Requested Contribution: \$10, members of any folk club, \$7**

"Mean Mary" James, a Florida native now based in Nashville, began life as a musical prodigy—could read music before she could read words and co-wrote songs at age five. By age seven she was proficient on the guitar, banjo, & violin, and entertained audiences across the US with her vocal and instrumental skills. Her life has been one long road show interspersed with TV, radio, and film. She has performed more than 500 live TV shows and over 4,000 road shows—including national festivals, fairs, cruises, colleges, theatres, clubs and

house concerts.

Mary's music career was really taking off when she was in the passenger seat of a small car one rainy evening when the driver lost control, Mary's head broke the windshield and her neck cracked the hard plastic dashboard. Her right vocal cord was paralyzed.

It was one joyous day 6 months later a throat specialist told her there was slight movement in her frozen vocal cord. He said it might not totally recover, might not even improve further, but his news was enough for Mary. That was when her real work began. She booked shows, sang when she could, and when she couldn't she'd play her instruments. She was now adept at 11 instruments and so took advantage of that to stay in the music game.

She started touring again, sometimes as a solo act, sometimes as a duo with her brother, and sometimes as a full band. She also got her own Nashville TV show: Mean Mary's CAFE AMERICANA. The show recently got a new name (NEVER ENDING STREET) and new format (a documentary/reality type show depicting the trials and joys of a touring musician).

During this time she co-wrote novels with her mom. One is now under contract with a publisher. Another four are with an agent along with a devotional book she co-wrote with her mom and Frank.

It was also during this same time that her YouTube videos began to take off. They'd started out with a few daily visits but quickly climbed to 2000 visits a day and rising. Her bookings increased and her international fan base took a leap of growth. This was all good news, but the greatest thing to happen during this time was the recovery of her vocal cord. She'd worked it back to life!

Today she labors on her TV show, produces music for herself and other artists, produces shows and videos, is co-writing a novel trilogy about the music world, is an endorsing artist for Deering Banjos, and is constantly touring. She has recorded 12 CD's, her newest being WALK A LITTLE WAYS WITH ME. Visit Mary's website to read her compelling story and to listen to her fine music. And come hear her at the Luna Star Café.

Visit: <http://meanmary.com/>

**AT THE ACOUSTIC UNDERGROUND CONCERT SERIES ON:  
MARCH 5 – KATH BLOOM  
APRIL 2 – CHARLIE ROBERSTON**

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## *Lighthouse Cafe at Temple Beth Or*

11715 SE 87th Avenue, Miami, FL 33176 – 305-632-9893

*Saturday, February 26, 2011 7:30 P.M.*

### *Jennings & Keller*



**Jennings and Keller** is Laurie Jennings Oudin and Dana Keller, an acoustic duo based out of Miami, Florida. They bring a wealth of experience to their collaboration, from the Broadway musicals of New York to the honky tonks of West Texas. Their music is called "Fusion Folk Americana" - a blend of many different elements that comes from their vast and wide-ranging musical backgrounds. With the release of their debut CD, 'Susan's House', and its follow-up (May 2009), 'As The Universe Unfolds', Jennings and Keller are quickly gaining recognition throughout the country. In 2007 alone, they were finalists in five songwriting contests across the nation: South Florida Folk Fest, Suwanee SpringFest, Susquehanna, SolarFest, and Falcon Ridge Folk.

Laurie Jennings Oudin is well-known as the former proprietress of The Main Street Cafe, which was viewed across the country as the premier acoustic music venue in Florida. A former Shakespearean actress, Laurie has been a singer and songwriter for many years. Since the cafe's close in June 2006, she has been devoting her time to her musical career with Dana. Dana Keller is a veteran pedal steel, dobro, and guitar player who has spent years performing on stage or in the studio with such luminaries as Vince Gill, Ricky Skaggs, Stevie Wonder, Larry

Graham, Marvin Gaye, Dave Mason, Johnny Rodriguez and The Allen Brothers, to name a few. He has opened for, among others, Spirit, Pure Prairie League, Gordon Lightfoot, Waylon Jennings, and Buck Owens. Dana has been an endorsee of the Gretsch Guitar and Drum Company since 1980. The synergy created from these two diverse talents is apparent in the responses they are getting from festival directors, club owners, and audience members. Laurie's and Dana's music is not easy to define, but will leave a lasting impression on all who listen.

<http://www.jenningsandkeller.com>

Tickets: \$15 pre-paid reservation. \$20 at the door.

Reservations: 305-235-1419 (**Tues or Fri 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**)  
or email [vicki@dragonfly129.com](mailto:vicki@dragonfly129.com) . **Concert night: 305-632-9893**

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## ***Monthly SONG SWAP***

**SUNDAY, February 13, 2011 5 - 9 PM**

It was a wall stretcher full house at the pond-side home of South Miami Mayor Dr. Philip Stoddard and his wife, Mrs. Gray Read. Along with Co-Host Joel Heinen, they provided a lovely setting for a wide variety of music, instruments and means of expression. We heard some interesting and even risqué stories from some of our more long-lived participants. As we say, when its your turn, its *your* call. You never know what will be presented.

Our Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> Song Swap will return to the warm home of Holly White. Her address is 9300 SW 80<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami, FL 33156 305-595-3549. Little tricky to find so use Mapquest or Google Maps.

Song Swaps include a potluck supper. Please bring enough for six to eight people; veggies and vegan are appreciated but not mandatory. Everyone is welcome, performers or kibitzers, no matter. Play an instrument. sing a song, recite a poem, tell a story, dance or just listen; no rules. As we say above, just do as you like when it is your turn. If you would like to host a song swap, contact me, Linda Singer 305-667-4386.

Song Swap etiquette: If you are playing a song, you may tell the group whether you wish for others to join in or not. If you are singing or playing while another person is taking his/her turn, sing or play softer than the lead performer. Hope to see you all next month. Linda

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***Contra Dance in Palmetto Bay***  
***Saturday, February, 19, 2011***

The next Contra Dance in the series coordinated by Liz Warriner and sponsored by the Perrine Peters Methodist Church, 18301 South Dixie Highway, Palmetto Bay, FL 33157, will be held Saturday, February, 19, 2011. Music will be provided by the Palmetto Bug Stompers and Eric Harris, statewide caller, will be keeping us whirling and moving. The evening will start at 7:30 with lessons and dancing will be from 8 to 11. Requested contribution is \$10. All the dances are held on the third Saturday of the month. Put March 19<sup>th</sup> on your calendar for the next contra dance here with Lou Dows calling and Happy Feet playing.

If you have never tried contra dancing, this is your chance. Come alone or with a group, no matter. We mix and match all evening long. We'll soon become one dosey doing, twirling, sashaying, balancing and swinging, perspiring mass. Bring some snacks or drinks to share if you like; we do work up a sweat and an appetite. We will also enjoy the treats created on site by our new kitchen staff which vaguely resembles Keisha and her cohorts. Call 786-242-0766 (305-803-7008 on dance night) for more information.

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***PRES SEZ by Barry J. White***



January was a stellar month for folk music in South Florida. Bob Singer and the Broward Folk Club did a first rate job with the South Florida Folk Festival and the Pre-Fest-Fest. They presented the best of national and local performers in comfortable settings in a professional manner. Thanks to all involved and thanks for carrying this fine tradition forward.

And the new Lighthouse Café at Temple Beth Or in Kendall is solidifying its place in the folk music scene by presenting the best performers we have. Tom Nielson's insightful and illuminating take on life is always a pleasure to hear and many folks at the January show were new to his work. That is the highest

mission of our folk clubs. It is also gratifying that the audience included temple members and people from the general community.. Thanks to Michael Henry and the folks at Temple Beth Or for making this possible. On February 26 the Light house Café will present Jennings & Keller. They'll love Laurie and Dana.

Our dedicated Club Secretary Karen Goldstein has been recovering from a very challenging and uncomfortable eye condition. And despite it all, she has not dropped a stitch; great gal. We wish her a continued and speedy recovery.

This will be the last month that Dr. Bob Mitchell, our Experimental Ace Club Reporter At Large will compile the Monthly Calendar. Tony Thomas is ready to settle down for a while following his travels with Dagmar over a good part of our planet. Dr. Bob really seems to have enjoyed and thrived on his efforts for us. He will continue to keep us informed about folk music in the area, especially in Broward County, through his web posts.. Dr. Bob, many thanks.

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***Emerald Concerts Presents -***

## **Mad Agnes!**



**Saturday February 5 • 7:30 PM In Hollywood**

This incredible trio has dazzled our audience many times before and now they come down south to us with a brand new album/cd called HUSH. Their harmonies are truly legendary in this genre. These multi talented artists will present sophisticated, beautiful arrangements of their outstanding compositions. Their music soars. After many years of creating glorious harmonies, Mad Agnes is discontinuing touring in May 2011. This is the last opportunity to see them here. Bring friends, they'll thank you afterwards. [www.MadAgnes.com](http://www.MadAgnes.com)

Advance donation : \$20. At the door: \$25 (scholarships available). Please make your check out to Mark Saunders, and enclose a note with your email address to receive a confirmation and directions. Mail to: Emerald Concerts, 4812 Garfield

St., Hollywood FL 33021 or 954 981-4141 for reservations. Venue: **2919 Van Buren St** Hollywood - one block south of the intersection of Hollywood Blvd and I-95, east side. On day of concert contact: 954 290-4141 or 954-600-9191. Please bring cookies to share at intermission.

## January Calendar by Dr. Bob

### Experimental Ace Cub Reporter At Large



#### Weekly and Bi-weekly Events

Tuesdays: James Jam, 5:00 pm, Luna Star Café ([www.lunastarcafe.com](http://www.lunastarcafe.com)), 775 NE125 St, North Miami, 305-799-7123.; Old Time Jammers String Band Jam 7:30 pm, Elks Club, 700NE 10 St, Pompano; Shauna Sweeny's Open Mic every other Tuesday, 8:00 pm, Kingshead Pub, 2692 North University Dr, Sunrise, 954-572-5933; Ric Pattison's Originals Only Open Mic, 8:00 pm, The Havana Hideout, 509 Lake Ave, Lake Worth, 561-585-8444.

Wednesdays: Matter's Jam and Open Mic, 8:00 pm, Mugshots, 1047 North State Rd 7, Margate, 954-974-4420.

Thursdays: KoffeeOke's Open Mic, 9:00 pm, if you wish to play please register with

Dawn: [dawndj@aol.com](mailto:dawndj@aol.com), KoffeeOke, 271NE 6 Ave, Delray Beach, 561-455-0899. **Open Mic. Folk Club So. FL, Elks Lodge, 6304 SW78 St, So. Miami, 7:30 PM.**

Fridays: Rocky's Karaoke Open Mic, 9:30 pm, South Shores Tavern, 502 Lucerne Ave, Lake Worth, 561-547-7656.

Saturdays: Sings and Stings Song Circle, 1:00 pm, first and third Saturdays, Palm Springs Library in the Village Government Complex, 217 Cypress Lane, Palm Springs, 561-965-2204; The Guitar Club, 3:00 pm, meets on the first and third Saturdays, Dania Library, 255 East Dania Beach Blvd, Dania Beach, 954-926-2420; Len and Lance Perry's Acoustic Guitar Open Mic, 7:00 pm, Your Big Picture Cafe, 4900 South

University Dr, Davie, 954-252-5644;

Luna Star Cafe Open  
Mic([www.lunastarcafe.com](http://www.lunastarcafe.com)), 8:00  
pm, second and fourth Saturdays,  
775 NE 125St, North Miami, 305-  
799-7123;

Sundays: John Brown's Acoustic  
Showcase, John Martin's,  
253Miracle Mile, Coral Gables.

#### Monthly Events

Feb 04, Fri, 7:30 pm, Broward Folk  
Club's open mic with featured  
performer Kevin So  
([www.kevinso.com](http://www.kevinso.com)) at Bidy Earlys,  
3419 N Andrews Ave, Oakland Park,  
33309, 954-567-1990. This event  
recurs the 1st Friday of each month.

Feb 05, Sat, 2:00 pm, James Lee  
Stanley ([www.jamesleestanley.com](http://www.jamesleestanley.com))  
at the Concert On The Green series  
sponsored by Jeff Hansen, Chrystal  
Hartigan and the Dania Beach  
Chamber of Commerce. It takes  
place on the lawn of the historic  
Nyberg-Swanson House located at  
102 West Dania Beach Blvd, Dania.  
For more info call Joanne at 954-  
926-2323.

Feb 05, Sat, 7:30 pm, Mad Agnes  
([www.madagnes.com](http://www.madagnes.com)) – Emerald  
Concerts in Hollywood. For time,  
reservations and directions call 954-  
981-4141 or email  
[lesunburst@aol.com](mailto:lesunburst@aol.com)

**Feb 05, Sat, 8:00 pm, Mean Mary**  
([www.meanmary.com](http://www.meanmary.com)) at the Folk  
Club of South Florida's Acoustic  
Underground Concert at Luna Star

#### **Cafe, 775 NE 125 St, North Miami, 305-799-7123.**

Feb 06, Sun, 12:30 pm, South  
Florida Bluegrass Association.  
Greynolds Park, Miami Gardens Dr.  
and NE 22 Ave, North Miami Beach.  
305-358-1800 or 888-950-Blue or  
[sfba@southfloridabluegrass.com](mailto:sfba@southfloridabluegrass.com).  
This event recurs the 1st Sunday of  
every month.

Feb 06, Sun, 7:00 pm, Kevin So  
([www.kevinso.com](http://www.kevinso.com)) – Glades' Edge  
House Concerts in Sunrise. Pot-luck  
at 6:30 pm. For time and directions  
contact Dave at 954-742-9236,  
[shadow83blk@att.net](mailto:shadow83blk@att.net), or  
[www.gladesedgeconcerts.com](http://www.gladesedgeconcerts.com)

Feb 08, Tue - Scott Becker  
([www.myspace.com/beckergeronimo](http://www.myspace.com/beckergeronimo)  
) at Fat Cats, 320 SW 2nd St, Ft  
Lauderdale, 954-467-5867.

Feb 11, Fri, 6:00 pm, Jennings &  
Keller ([www.jenningsandkeller.com](http://www.jenningsandkeller.com))  
at the Barnacle, 3485 Main Hwy,  
Coconut Grove (Miami), 305-442-  
6866.

Feb 12, Sat - Carrie Elkin  
([www.carrieelkin.com](http://www.carrieelkin.com)) and Danny  
Schmidt ([www.dannyschmidt.com](http://www.dannyschmidt.com)) -  
Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series at the  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft.  
Lauderdale. For time, reservations  
and directions call 954-478-8637 or  
email [ozwoman321@aol.com](mailto:ozwoman321@aol.com)

**Feb 13 Sun – FCSF SONG  
SWAP 5-9 9300 SW 80<sup>th</sup>  
Street, Miami, FL 33156 305-**

**595-3549. Story above.**

Feb 14, Mon - There will be NO Chrystal Hartigan's Songwriter's Showcase in February. This event will restart on March 14 with Kristen Long

[www.myspace.com/longlostrfriend](http://www.myspace.com/longlostrfriend)),  
Mary Washington Brooks  
([www.marywashingtonbrooks.com](http://www.marywashingtonbrooks.com)),  
and Shira Abergel  
[www.facebook.com/shiraabergel](http://www.facebook.com/shiraabergel)).

Feb 19, Sat - Craig Bickhardt  
([www.craigbickhardt.com](http://www.craigbickhardt.com)) - Boumel  
House Concerts in Coral Springs.  
For time, reservations and directions  
contact 954-341-0086 or email  
[aboumel@bellsouth.net](mailto:aboumel@bellsouth.net)

**Feb 26, Sat – Lighthouse  
Café at Temple Beth Or,  
Jennings & Keller, 11715 SE  
87th Avenue, Miami, FL 33176 –  
305-632-9893 7:30. Story  
above.**

Feb 26, Sat - Buskin and Batteau  
([www.buskinandbatteau.com](http://www.buskinandbatteau.com)) –  
Shack In The Back Concerts. For  
time, reservations and directions call  
954-880-0250 or email  
[ellen@bukstel.com](mailto:ellen@bukstel.com)

Feb 27, Sun – Buskin and Batteau  
([www.buskinandbatteau.com](http://www.buskinandbatteau.com)) -  
Garden Folk Concerts in Delray  
Beach/Lake Park for time,  
reservations call 301-807-7801 or  
email [fsl143@comcast.net](mailto:fsl143@comcast.net)

Feb 27, Sun - George Goehring, Rod

Macdonald  
([www.rodmacdonald.net](http://www.rodmacdonald.net)), Ellen  
Bukstel ([www.ellenbukstel.com](http://www.ellenbukstel.com)),  
Nicole Yarling - Shack In The Back  
Concerts. For time, reservations and  
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hear traditional and contemporary  
folk performers online for the  
Midnight Special at  
[www.midnightspecial.org](http://www.midnightspecial.org)

Every Sunday at 6 am listen to The  
Acoustic Storm on Majic 102.7 FM  
radio or online at  
[www.majic1027.com](http://www.majic1027.com)

Every Sunday at 2 pm for great live  
and recorded acoustic music, listen  
to Michael Stock's Folk and Acoustic  
Music Show on WLRN at 91.3 on the  
FM radio dial. You can visit Michael's  
website -  
<http://folkandacousticmusic.com> - or  
call him at 305-995-2264.

Every Sunday at 6 pm Songwriter  
Yves Giraud hosts a Live Internet  
show with Interviews &  
performances by various  
singer/songwriters at  
[www.ustream.tv/channel/studio-M31-  
interview-room](http://www.ustream.tv/channel/studio-M31-interview-room)

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urpose: To foster and promote traditional, contemporary and multicultural folk music and other folk arts in South Florida by supporting and encouraging local talent and showcasing local and national folk performers. To increase public understanding of the rich variety, artistic value, cultural and historical significance, and continuing relevance of folk music. The Folk Club is a non-profit organization with 501(c)(3) status and is a member of The North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance. We proudly support Friends of Florida Folk and Miami radio station WLRN.

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### WEBSITE LINKS

ocal folk music calendar/resources: [www.gotfolk.com](http://www.gotfolk.com)

arker House Concert Series: [www.floridamusic.org](http://www.floridamusic.org)

orth American Folk Music and Dance Alliance: [www.folk.org](http://www.folk.org)

outh Florida Folk Festival: [www.southfloridafolkfest.com](http://www.southfloridafolkfest.com)

alm Beach Folk Club: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/pbfcchat>

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February 5 – Mad Agnes – Hollywood – 7:30 PM  
February 13 – Song Swap - Kendall - 5-9 PM  
February 19 - Contra Dance – Palmetto Bay – 7:30 PM  
February 26 – Jennings & Keller – Kendall – 7:30 P.M.  
Every Thursday - Open Mic – Elks Lodge South Miami