

Folk Notes

July, 2008

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ACOUSTIC UNDERGROUND CONCERT SERIES *PRESENTS:*

AMY CAROL WEBB Saturday, July 5, 8pm

Fresh from her award winning performance in Kerville, Amy Carol Webb, Florida's First Lady of Folk Music, will return for what has become her much anticipated annual visit to our music series. Since you are reading this in Folk Notes, probably



all you need to know is that Amy Carol Webb is appearing, where and when. For us, she is one of ours, she is of South Florida, she is part of its fiber and fabric. We are proud that someone of her talent and professionalism is setting a high standard for the frequently maligned and vague genre we call "folk music". Unless we have a sudden appendicitis attack, we will catch her show.

If, on the other hand, you have no idea who Amy Carol Webb is, listen up. First of all, like most of us down here, she is not a native. She hails from Oklahoma actually, with Native American great-grandmothers. Then, although most of us know her as an engaging performer and gifted songwriter, she is also an educator and teacher of song writing and performing; she is a musician's resource and mentor.

But, more important, Amy's commanding strength and presence of message and meaning take her work to level we seldom experience. When she tells you I Come From Women, you viscerally feel the pride and responsibility that entails. There are no throwaway lines or thoughts in her lyrics. She is economical and precise in telling her stories and sharing life experience and insights. Her acoustic guitar skills alone would

merit hearing her; taken with her literary skills, fine timing and voice, the total effect is magical.

To hear Amy in concert with our full attention, as we will on this evening at the legendary Luna Star Cafe, will be musical nerverna. And fun too because, with all of her talent and skills, she doesn't take herself too seriously. She is, after all, one of us. Please visit her website to listen to her music and to learn what the world is saying about her. www.amycarolwebb.com

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

Danny Aaronson

On Friday evening, June 20, 2008 our friend Danny Aaronson lost his battle with lung cancer. His infectious smile and apparently boundless energy pulled many of us into his life. You seldom realized that he was under going therapy.



Photo: Barry White

He was at Luna Star Café frequently. He did his Folk Club secretarial duties until a week ago. He was one of the first people at the Annual Meeting to help set up. You never knew he was hurting.

It was Danny's enthusiasm for music, for people, for life that we will remember. As those of us who *kibitz* on the South Florida Folk Music Email network know, Danny jumped in when had something to say. He was a rare bundle of energy, talent and love for almost any music that a group of people can play together. He came from The Old Town School of Folk Music in Chicago. With deep roots in many genres his knowledge of music was encyclopedic and he loved nothing more than to be in the middle of a performance. He was thrilled when we were able to book his group at Discover Miami a few years ago.

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THE PREZ SEZ...By **Barry J. White****Board meeting; Jim; Danny; Amy**

Planning is ninety percent of everything so we hope you will join us at our Board Meeting on Monday, July 7 as we brainstorm and discuss how we can fulfill our mission of bringing live folk music to the widest possible audiences. Join us at the Sun Inn Chinese Restaurant, 3045 Biscayne Blvd (33137, 305-576-1728) at 7:30 P.M. and bring your ideas and energy to the table. Our musical heritage in Miami is enriched by the diversity of cultures and it all merits being heard and enjoyed not just by the people of each sub-culture, but across cultures. We have done that; we can continue to do that. You can help.

In the first draft of this column, we spoke of Danny Aaronson and expressed hope that he would rally and overcome his illness. Since then, he has left us. Please read a remembrance of him in this issue.

Jim Collier was one of our folk music stars. Please read a remembrance of him and his work in this issue of Folk Notes.

As this month's Prez Sez reflects, we do lose our friends and colleagues over time. These experiences only underscore the importance of making everyday special and using well the precious little time we do have.

Don't miss our local treasure Amy Carol Webb on July 5 at the Luna Star Café (Story on page one). She is so special.

And the Song Swaps on the second Sunday of the month continue to be the highlight of each month for many accomplished and would be folkies. No matter. Come to play or listen; it's all good. Details below.

Song Swap

Please join your fellow folkies for an evening of camaraderie and music at the Folk Club of South Florida's monthly song swap and open house from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 12th, at the home of Bill and Anne Feuer, at 18661 Belview Dr., Cutler Bay, FL 33157-6919, phone (305) 256-7959. Bring your contribution to a pot luck dinner and your musical instruments of choice. Come to sing, play, and/or listen.

**Danny Aaronson** (continued from page 1)

In a city where few people appreciate our music Danny was an anachronism. We went to him to learn about the performers and music of the last fifty years. He knew. He knew them, their music, their stories, their peccadilloes. We often encouraged him to do a radio show where he could share his knowledge and his stories; time ran out. We share his loss with his family and close friends. His presence will not soon fade. May his memory be as a blessing.

We will have an Evening Of Remembrance on Saturday, June 28th at the Luna Star Café. Brother Lou (or "Big Lou" as Danny would say)... will lead a celebration of Danny's Life at the Luna Star Café; Saturday Open Mic. This evening will begin at 5:30 p.m and go on late into the evening. We would love to see some players and hear some songs and stories that will honor Danny.

Danny was not a maudlin person; he cherished life and his religion was music. So come with that in mind. Come with cheer in your heart and an attitude of celebration, sing a song or tell a story or two or just sit and listen; but come and help us celebrate Danny's life and contribution to the South Florida Music Community.

Jim Collier Remembered

If you ever heard Jim Collier, you would not have forgotten him. He came, as even his family name implied, from coal working people. And he was one of the few members of his family not toiling in the mines and coal fields of Virginia.

What he brought to his music from that hardscrabble existence was a sensitivity to a life of tragedy and hardship where emotions are always close to the surface and a life changing event never far away. From these roots, he delivered his heartfelt, tough yet tender messages with hundreds of melodies that came to him as a rare gift. Whether he was playing guitar or his beloved fiddle, alone or with accompanying musicians, his plaintive sound was very reminiscent of Roy Orbison. He also felt a strong tie to the rich musical heritage of our nation and included a diverse and wide range selection to his performances. If you have a copy of the Songwriters' Solstice CD, they had the good taste to have Jim open and close that show so you have two of his songs on it.

Our condolences to his family and close friends. Thanks for all the music Jim. We'll all just keep moving on 'step by step', and 'day by day', thinking of you as we do.

Folk Calendar July 2008

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

1	Tue	Lou's music jam Luna Star Café, North Miami 5-8pm Old time music Elks, Pompano Beach 7-10 pm Acoustic open mic Chocolate Moose 8pm
2	Wed	Open blues jam Nitecap, North Miami Beach 9pm Open mic Churchill's Pub, Miami, 8:30 pm
3	Thu	Open mic Elks, South Miami Sign up 730 pm Show 8pm
4	Fri	
5	Sat	Sat 3pm S. Florida Bluegrass Association Jam Lake Forest Volunteer Fire station SW 39 ST and SW 41 Ave Hollywood Matthew Sabatella Broward Northwest Regional Library Free Childrens Program 2-3 PM
		Folk Club of South Florida Acoustic Underground Concert Presents Amy Carol Web 8pm
6	Sun	John Martin's Acoustic Night Open Mke with John Brown Folk & Acoustic Music: Michael Stock, host - 91.3 FM, 2 pm
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Full listings at www.gotfolk.com

Addresses of venues

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

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- **OPEN HOUSE & SONG SWAP, Sunday, July 12**
- **FOLK AND ACOUSTIC MUSIC WITH MICHAEL STOCK, Sundays 2- 5 PM, WLRN 91.3 MHz**