

FOLK CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

FOLK NOTES

Contemporary, traditional, roots and alternative music

December 2008

ACOUSTIC UNDERGROUND

CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS:

Annie Wenz

Saturday,
Dec. 6, at
8 p.m.

You can only get out of your music what you bring to it. Annie Wenz brings us the world and her endless and varied encounters with it.

Someone she encountered described her as “a poet on the road, blending in with the people of different lands from South America to Ireland. Annie has stayed a spell, embraced the people, understood their plight, shared songs and enriched herself as much as her new-found friends...” That after her year 2000 backpacking trip around the world (written by M Plumbley, a DJ on the Isle of Wight, England).

But that's just one side of Annie! “So many roads, so little time!” Annie's newest muse-a-rama has led her from backpacking jungles to bike, Harley that is. From the Dragons Tail in the United States to the twisting switchback cliffs of the Costa Brava in Spain, Annie's circling about with guitar & native American flute in one saddlebag and drum in another, writing about the natty characters she “shares a few with” from hovel to hacienda. And performing at festivals and events around the globe! Does it get any better? She doesn't think so. Annie's

already planning on shaking the ground at some throbbin' biker events in the upcoming year.

It was a totally different world before that. Like

any true artist, Annie dives in and becomes other sounds and instruments. In a new recording, she plans to include songs and influences from her journeys to Pakistan and India.

Annie's road to wherever started long ago. She is originally from Queens, NY, and a family of seven children. Annie's musical career hit the scene full

Photo by Larry French

tilt in Northampton, Mass., in 1992 at the Iron Horse Concert Hall. When not on the road performing, she rides her Harley, paddles a kayak, plants bananas and hibiscus, and dreams on a small island in Southwest Florida. It is no surprise that she is also a nurse and massage therapist, bringing healing in many ways.

Please visit her website to live and share her full and rich life. And join us at Luna Star to drink in her boundless energy and her delightful music and all of its flavors and influences.

www.anniewenz.com/press.html

www.myspace.com/anniewenz

“... Suddenly I realized I was not listening to New Age, nor to Traditional, but to composition ... Annie had done something quite special here. The mellow and somewhat muted sound of steel drum



which opens the piece is followed by a delicate splash of a Vietnamese gong (cymbal-like in its effect). In the background is the gentle aroma of red curry, evoked here by an electric sitar. Bells, shakers, rain tree, and an Udu drum fill out the meal nicely."

--Bill Beckett,

WUFT-FM & WJUF-FM, Gainesville

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LUNA STAR CAFE

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Requested contribution \$7 for member of any folk club; \$10 for non-member.

Folk Round Up coming on MLK weekend

By Arlene Boumel

The South Florida Folk Round Up is coming on Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009 (Martin Luther King weekend). The event will be held from noon until 9 p.m. Mark your calendars for the biggest event of our year! The Round Up is a country & western nightclub and restaurant in Davie, and we are renting it for a full day of folk music and delicious food. We will be "rounding up" artists from across our community and beyond, and presenting music from a wide spectrum of the "folk tradition" including singer-songwriters, folk duos, ballads, blues, Celtic, Bluegrass, Florida swamp blues, zydeco, traditional, Gospel, old-time, Americana/roots, fingerstyle, Appalachian, country, and folk rock. You don't want to miss this great day of music.

The performers include: Ally Smith, Andy Wahlberg (Harp Guitar Guy), Ben Prestage, Deny and Josh Rowand, Doug Spears, Ellen Bukstel, Friction Farm, Joe Virga, Joey George, The Laws, Marc Durso, Marie Nofsinger, Matthew Sabatella, Michael Chapdelaine, Mindy Simmons, New River Boys, Peters Road Swamp Blues Band, Rachel Garlin, Roadside Revue, Rod MacDonald, Steve Wildey, Ty Billings with Celtic Mayhem, and Valerie C. Wisecracker. To learn more about these wonderful artists, please visit the BFC page at MySpace

(www.myspace.com/browardfolkclub), where you will find links to their own websites.

Members of the Broward Folk Club and the Folk Club of South Florida can purchase discount tickets for only \$20 until Jan. 11 at

www.browardfolkclub.com (limit, two discount tickets per household). If you are not a member of either folk club, now is a great time to join. Non-member tickets can also be purchased in advance at the website for \$25. At the door, all tickets will be \$25. (Children under 16 will be admitted free.)

The Round Up is a large venue, but there is a capacity limit. We urge you to order your tickets now to ensure your attendance at this fabulous event. By the way, the folk club is unable to accept credit cards for admission or for CD sales. For food and beverages, of course, the Round Up will accept credit cards.

In addition to all the great music (which will include some community round-robin style "round ups"), there is a huge dance floor for those who might

be inclined to move their feet along to the music, and there will be an outdoor jam area. And of course, great food and beverages will be available all day.

We have a very limited number of volunteer opportunities for those who might

like to help (for three-hour shifts) in exchange for a \$10 discount off your ticket price. If you volunteer for the entire day, your admission will be free. (If selected as a volunteer, you will be reimbursed at the event.) If interested, please write to Nancy Wuerzbarger at nanceheart@comcast.net.

In addition to volunteer opportunities, we are offering several extremely affordable sponsorship opportunities that will maximize your organization's exposure to the community. If interested in being a Round Up sponsor, please call Walter Morris (954) 235-7333 or send an e-mail to wsmorris52@bellsouth.net.

South Florida Folk Round Up

Jan. 18, noon to 9 p.m.
9020 W. State Road 84,
Davie (in the Pine Island
Plaza, at the southwest
corner of Pine Island
Road and I-595)

For further information, please call 954-341-5953. We look forward to sharing a wonderful day of music with all of you.

Arlene Boumel is president of the Broward Folk Club.

THE PREZ SAYS . . .

McCutcheon not to be missed

By Barry J. White

Looks like the cool weather got here just in time to put a little Thanksgiving nip into the air, familiar



to those of us who did not grow up with sand in our shoes. And December brings us one of this nation's most creative and accomplished folk musicians, John McCutcheon. He

wrote a parody on Bushisms which is on his website and for which he grants unrestricted license to anyone who wants to perform it. Check it out. It's a hoot. And while you are there, check John's other great stuff, then book a ticket for his show on Dec. 13 listed on page 4. He's absolutely tops. He does not come here often; don't miss him.

If you have not already done so, put the South Florida Folk Round Up on your calendar for Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009. The Broward Folk Club has pulled out all the stops to present an outstanding day of fine music with many of our top artists. Buy your tickets in advance and, better still, sign up to help out. Folkies don't sit on the sidelines. There's plenty of work for all hands. And this is definitely a family day; no better way to introduce your kids, and friends, to the music and performers we love. BTW, Folk Club members receive a discount, always and reciprocally, for Broward Folk Club events. Visit www.browardfolkclub.com/SpecialEvents3.htm

It is no secret that many of us are delighted, and

relieved, that our political fortune is looking much different these days. In case you have not yet seen it, your opinions and ideas are welcome by the incoming administration and can be sent to www.change.gov/agenda/economy_agenda/. This will work whether or not you voted for the change; your ideas are still welcome.

The Folk Club has copies of the famous 1,200-song *Rise up Singing Songbook* for sale for \$15. They are available at the song swaps, from Nellie Lee and from yours truly, and also from the Broward Folk Club. The book is a must-have for any serious folkie. It's all here.

Song swap and open house

The Folk Club of South Florida song swap, pot luck dinner, and open house will be held from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 14, at the home of Nellie Lee, in Snapper Village, 6666 SW 115th Court, #203, Miami. If you need directions, you may call 305-279-8100. Please come to play, sing, or listen with your pot-luck contribution for dinner.

We thank Jane Walker and her family for hosting our November song swap. It was a pleasure for us to get to know them and to hear them perform.

Jane is extremely enthusiastic about being part of our folk community and we love her for it. And if you haven't heard Jane sing and play her original songs, you should come to the song swap so you don't miss out.

– Linda Singer

Breathing . . . more than you want

By David Feder

Sometimes our bodies become tight. Our minds are tight; thoughts are rigid, without flow. This is both a symptom and a cause of dis-ease and pain.

All of us hold on to images, feelings, and judgments we created at one time or another to help explain who we were to ourselves. But we are not our past. We are not our thoughts. We are not our images, no matter where they came from.

Although the past is already gone, for some

reason our bodies tend to cling to its memory, in our muscles, and our nerves, compelling us to experience it all again and again like a scar that reminds us of a fight.

When we breathe more than we want to, and force our bodies to inhale past the tension, past the thoughts and images, we purge the spirit of that past. We forgive all, and end the self-inflicted punishment. And so, with each breath, we enter a new world of endless possibilities.

So...whatever it is...whatever it was...breathe past it and wash it away. You can have it back later if you need it. But for right now, breathe in more than you want to. Hold it and savor the newness and beauty of one single, long, deep breath. Then have another. With every breath we are living a new life, we are reborn, *tabula rasa*.

Sometimes friends need a good hug. I'm not talking about the one-shoulder socially correct hug, but full-on heart to heart. Sometimes a good hug can help us remember to relax and breathe. We remind each other of the healing love and beauty in each of us that is always available.

Heal by example. Hug your friends and take a great big, long, deep belly breath. It's good for everyone.

December folk calendar

Concerts and shows

All events start at 8 p.m. unless time is given. Our club events are in bold.

Friday, Dec. 5

Wes's Mandolins 100th

Birthdays Jam featuring Valerie C. Wisecracker and the Walkin' Catfish, Mitch Metsel, Wes Malkin, and the Hot Java Band. Luna Star Café, 775 NE 125th St., North Miami.



Saturday, Dec. 6

[Grant Livingston](#), Attucks Middle School, 3500 N. 22nd Ave., Hollywood, 9 a.m.

[Annie Wenz](#), in the FOLK CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA'S Acoustic Underground Series, Luna Star Café, 775 NE 125th St., North Miami (see page 1).

[The Folk Brothers: Jack Hardy & David Massengill](#), Shack in the Back House Concerts. Contact ellen@bukstel.com or call 954-880-0250.

Friday, Dec. 12

[Laura Sue](#) the Silver Nightingale, Broward County Main Library open house, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 115 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale.

Saturday, Dec. 13

Valerie C. Wisecracker, Arch Creek Park, 1835 NE 135th St., 2 p.m.

John McCutcheon, Labyrinth Café, Unitarian Church of Fort Lauderdale, 3970 NW 21st Ave., Oakland Park, 7:30 p.m., \$15 door/\$12 in advance (plus non-perishable item for Cooperative Feeding Program). For details, ask Myrafly@yahoo.com or OzWoman321@aol.com.

Steve Wildey at [Glades Guitars](#), 6754 Pines Blvd., Pembroke Pines; to reserve call 954-983-2510.



Play, sing or listen

You are welcome at these standing events, starting at 8 p.m. unless specified here.

Monthly events

Saturday, Dec. 6

Open mic, [Vegetarian Restaurant](#), 73 NE 167th St., North Miami; 305-405-6346.

Open mic, Music Depot, 250 E. Palm Drive, Florida City, 7 p.m.; 305-246-9997.

[Broward Folk Club open mic](#) featuring Grant Peeples at 10 p.m. Fresh Aroma Coffee Bar, 3656 W Hillsborough Blvd, Deerfield Beach; (954) 463-7374.

Sunday, Dec. 7

[South Florida Bluegrass Association Festival](#), Oak Grove, 1511 NE 207th St., North Miami Beach.

Saturday, Dec. 13

[Contra dance](#): Brian Kushner and Loose Shoes, Davie Women's Club, 6555 Orange Drive, 7 p.m. beginners, 7:30 regulars.

Sunday, Dec. 14

FOLK CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA song swap and pot-luck dinner, 5-9 p.m., at the home of Nellie Lee in Snapper Village, 6666 SW 115th Court #203, Miami (see page 3).

Tuesday, Dec. 16

Irish music session, 3rd Tuesday each month, [Luna Star Café](#), 775 NE 125th St., North Miami.

Sunday, Dec. 28

[Broward Folk Club Music In The Park](#), Julia Assembly Hall, Secret Woods Nature Center, 2701 W. State Rd. 84, Dania Beach, phone 954-791-1030.

Wednesday, Dec. 31

[Broward Folk Club Song Circle](#) at the Mary Stephens home, 1301 NW 192nd Terr., Pembroke Pines. Call 954-432-5765 or e-mail msteph5307@aol.com for entry information.

Weekly events

Sundays

Michael Stock's *Folk & Acoustic Music*, 2 to 5 p.m. on WLRN-FM, 91.3 MHz.

John Brown's acoustic showcase, [JohnMartin's](#), 253 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables.

Mondays

[Marvelous Coffee](#) (acoustic), 8616 Griffin Rd., Cooper City, until 11 p.m.

Tuesdays

Lou's jam, [Luna Star Café](#), 775 NE 125th St., North Miami, 5-7 p.m.

[Old-time jam](#), Elks Club, 700 NE 10th St., Pompano Beach, 7-10 p.m.

[Chocolate Moose](#), acoustic open mic, 9118 SR 84, Davie, 9 p.m.

[Shauna Sweeney](#), Kingshead Pub, 2692 N. University Dr., Sunrise.

[Blues jam](#), Nitecap Lounge, 15455 W. Dixie Hwy., North Miami Beach, 9 p.m.

Wednesdays

Raffa & Rainer, Rock a Little Softer and open mic, Churchill's Pub, 5501 NE 2nd Ave., Miami.

Thursdays

Open mic, [Elks Club](#), 6304 SW 78th St., South Miami.

[Open mic](#), D.P.'s (formerly Bu's), 200 N. Broadwalk, Hollywood, 954-922-7993.

Saturdays

[Bluegrass jam](#), Lake Forest fire station, SW 39th Street & 41st Avenue, Hollywood, 3 p.m.

[Chocolate Moose](#), acoustic open mic, 9118 SR 84, Davie, 8:30 p.m.

Fuller detail about events and venues may be found at www.gotfolk.com. To revise or add a concert, open mic or other folk event to our January calendar, e-mail Tony Thomas – writerrad@aol.com – before Dec. 15.

FOLK CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

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- SONG SWAP in Snapper Village, 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, phone 305-279-8100
- FOLK & ACOUSTIC MUSIC with MICHAEL STOCK, Sundays 2-5 PM, WLRN 91.3 MHz