

# FOLK CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

# FOLK NOTES

Contemporary, traditional, roots and alternative music

February 2009

## ACOUSTIC UNDERGROUND

### CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS:

## Kath Bloom

Saturday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m.

Connecticut-based singer-songwriter Kath Bloom is a folk, country, and avant-garde legend. Her melancholy voice presents essential folk melodies which have been used to underscore the story in many major films. She has been recording since the late 1970s, and her music was featured in the movie *Before Sunrise* by Richard Linklater (starring Ethan Hawke and Julie Delpy). Her songs *It's Fall Again* and *Come Here* were used in the movie *A Little Stiff* by Caveh Zaheei. *Finally* was covered by Mark Kozelek in his 2008 album *The Finally LP*.

The daughter of world-renowned oboist Robert Bloom, Kath was born and raised in New Haven, where she trained as a cellist. Kath met avant-garde guitarist Loren Mazzacane Connors in 1976 and teamed up with him for a series of now highly sought-after recordings of traditional blues songs and Bloom's fragile, beautiful originals.

"Reminiscent of depression-era folk music, her recordings with Connors from 1981-84 occasionally bring the Carter Family to mind," Jesse Ashlock wrote in 2001. "Almost all of these songs are characterized by Bloom's plaintive voice and acoustic guitar backed by Connors' improvised guitar musings."

After a period of child-rearing and family life, Kath began to return to the studio in the 1990s. These new songs, recorded in friends' lounge rooms or cut-rate studios, reveal a mother-of-three songwriter as accomplished and affecting as any of her more



acclaimed colleagues such as Lucinda Williams, Gillian Welch or Hazel Dickens.

In the mid-90s, U.S. director Linklater stumbled across Bloom's music and used the song *Come Here* in *Before Sunrise*. Encouraged by Linklater's interest in her music, Bloom started writing new songs and released her first album in more than 10 years, *Come Here: The Florida Years*, in 1999. The album was followed up with a re-release of songs she had recorded with Connors just before they split up, *1981-1984*. Next out was *Sing the Children Over / Sand in My Shoe*, a double CD of work Bloom and Connors had recorded in the early 1980s.

The Australian label, Chapter Music, brought out Kath's next album, *Finally*, in 2006, and *Terror* in July 2008.

Now Kath trains horses and plays with her band, Love at Work, including longtime collaborator Tom Hanford and husband Stan Bronski. She offers a musical tour de force of programs for children and adults, as well as playing solo shows in the Northeast.

It will be a pleasure to welcome Kath back to Florida, to hear her stellar songs, and to see how they have evolved over the years reflecting life's experiences and paths. And Luna Star will be a perfect setting for Kath's intimate style and messages.

### A link to try:

[iLike.com/artist/Kath+Bloom/track/Come+Here](http://iLike.com/artist/Kath+Bloom/track/Come+Here)

### The night's opening act:

RAFFA JO HARRIS

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

Saturday, Feb. 7, at 8 p.m.

LUNA STAR CAFE

775 NE 125<sup>th</sup> St., North Miami, phone 305-799-7123.

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

## THE PREZ SAYS . . .

### Broward effort pays off in quality

By Barry J. White

Kudos to Arlene Boumel and the Broward Folk Club on their nine-hour mini-festival, the South Florida Folk Round Up, on Jan. 18. A great lineup of local and national talent presented a varied and fun day of the music we love. To name just a few of the artists would be unfair. Suffice to say there was not a throwaway act on the entire program. It was balanced and included almost every folk genre.



Wouldn't you know it, one day when the festival was held inside, the weather was gloriously beautiful. Contrast this with memories of past South Florida Folk Festivals in near-freezing temperatures with rain to boot; there's no justice in the world.

Ideally, we prefer to perform and listen to our music close to nature, but trading necessities for preferences is sometimes required. The Broward club worked collectively and hard to present us with a memorable day. Congratulations and many thanks!

How delighted we were to hear *Simple Gifts* at the presidential swearing-in ceremony. How

thoughtful and reassuring! And performed in a classical motif by some of the world's finest musicians and arranged by John Williams in a piece called *Air and Simple Gifts*. Performers were violinist Itzhak Perlman, cellist Yo-Yo Ma, clarinetist Anthony McGill and pianist Gabriele Montero. (McGill, the principal clarinet of the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, is brother of Demarre McGill, principal flute with the Florida Orchestra from 2001 until 2004.) Lasting just over four minutes, the Williams piece is an arrangement of the Shaker tune *Simple Gifts*, familiar from Aaron Copland's ballet score *Appalachian Spring*. We are off to a great start with the new administration.

As the New Year begins, we have many ideas and plans for new ways to bring folk music to the public, and we can use your help. Please let us know if you have the time, interest and energy to assist us in achieving this goal. We'll show you how to do it. As with all of "Show Business," just showing up is half the job. Show up!

Catch Kath Bloom, a complex and interesting writer and performer (story on page 1) on Feb. 7 at Luna Star. And try to make our Song Swap; what fun and you won't believe the harmony.

### Song Swap and open house

We thank Rae Newoman for hosting the Folk Club of South Florida's very enjoyable open house and song swap in January.

The next open house and song swap will be held on Sunday, February 8, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Our host again is Rae Newoman. Thank you, Rae, for agreeing to host us two months in a row.

If you plan to participate, please bring your contribution for the pot luck dinner, i.e. salads, main dishes, or desserts.

Address: 7921 SW 100th St., Miami. (If you are coming from the Palmetto or U.S. 1, turn west on SW 104th Street, turn right on SW 79th Avenue, and left on SW 100th Street. Rae's place is on the right).

Telephone: 786-229-2275 or 305-595-5483.

You don't have to be a member of the Folk Club of South Florida -- or even a musician. Bring friends and family, if you like.

If you have a home that could accommodate 25

to 30 people, plus instruments, and would like to be a host, there are opportunities available. The joy of having your home fill with music, good people, and gaiety is your remuneration. E-mail me at [lcs\\_folk@bellsouth.net](mailto:lcs_folk@bellsouth.net) or call 305-667-4386 if you would like to be a host.

– Linda Singer

life has been interesting and adventurous and as a result his songs are varied and engrossing. Some are funny, some very serious, but they all make you think.

–Karen Goldstein

## '09 opens with a bang



The Acoustic Underground Series of 2009 began with an amazing show at the Luna Star Café. If you weren't there, you missed the night that will set the bar for the rest of the year. With an opening act by the astoundingly talented Zip Robertson, it was hard to imagine that the rest of the evening could be as good. But Grant Peeples met the challenge and continued to impress those of us lucky enough to be there.

Part of the credit for the "wow" factor was the inclusion of Robertson on some of Peeples's songs, above. As if that wasn't enough to blow us away, Valerie C. Wisecracker joined in on an emotion-evoking performance of *The Hanging*.

Grant Peeples sings about what he knows. His

## February folk calendar

### Concerts and shows

All events start at 8 p.m. unless time is given. Our club events are in bold. Later details may be found at [www.gotfolk.com](http://www.gotfolk.com).

#### Friday, Feb. 6

Zip Robertson, [Luna Star Café](#), 775 NE 125th St., North Miami, 305-799-7123.

#### Saturday, Feb. 7

[Kath Bloom](#), Luna Star Café, Acoustic Underground Concert Series (see page 1).

[Susan Werner](#), Emerald house concert, Hollywood. Info: 954-981-4141 or [LEsunburst@aol.com](mailto:LEsunburst@aol.com).

[John Hammond](#), 8:30 p.m., Colony Theatre, 1040 Lincoln Road, Miami

Beach.

#### Monday, Feb. 9

[Matthew Sabatella](#) & the Rambling String Band, 7-9 p.m., The Barnacle State Park, 3485 Main Hwy., Coconut Grove. Info: 305-442-6866.

#### Thursday, Feb. 12

Respect Yer Mama: [Shannon Murray](#) & [Evan Greer](#), radical folk musicians, Luna Star Café (see page 5).

#### Saturday, Feb. 14

[The Orphan Trains](#) and [Jennings & Keller](#), 7:30 p.m., Labyrinth Café, Unitarian Universalist Church, 3970 NW 21<sup>st</sup> Ave., Oakland Park. Reservations: [OzWoman321@aol.com](mailto:OzWoman321@aol.com) or 954-478-8637.

[Valerie C. Wisecracker](#), Love Sucks concert, Les Beans, 410 Second Ave. North, Lake Worth. Info: 561-586-7277.

#### Tuesday, Feb. 17

[Karma-Ann Swanepoel](#), Luna Star Café.

Singer-songwriters [Rob Elba](#), [Brian Franklin](#) and [Diane Ward](#). Featuring guitarist [Jack Shawde](#), Laffing Matterz, 219 Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Info: 954-763-5236.

[Red Molly](#) (pot luck at 7, show at 8), [Glades Edge Concerts](#), [gladesedge@comcast.net](mailto:gladesedge@comcast.net) 954-742-9236.

#### Friday, Feb. 20

[The Orphan Trains](#), Luna Star Café.

#### Saturday, Feb. 21

[Leo Kottke & Pierre Bensusan](#), Coral Shores Performing Arts Center, Tavernier (mile marker 88.9). [info@keysice.com](mailto:info@keysice.com) or call 305-395-6344.

[Jennings & Keller](#), Temple Samu-El Or Olom, 10680 SW 113<sup>th</sup> Place, Miami. Details: [info@tsoomiami](mailto:info@tsoomiami) or 305-271-5756.

[Diane Ward](#) trio featuring Jack Shawde and Debbie Duke, Glades Guitars, 6754 Pines Blvd., Suite A, Pembroke Pines. Details: 954-983-2510.

[Hungrytown](#) (pot luck at 6, concert at 7), Boumel House Concerts, Coral Springs. Info: 954-341-0086 or from [aboumel@bellsouth.net](mailto:aboumel@bellsouth.net).

#### Friday, Feb. 27

[Michael Pickett](#), Canadian Blues singer-songwriter with harmonica: [Luna Star Café](#).

#### Feb. 27-March 1

[31<sup>st</sup> Annual Everglades Bluegrass Festival](#), South Florida Bluegrass Association, Haulover Beach and Marina, 10800 Collins Ave, Bal Harbour. Info: 888-950-Blue or [sfba@southfloridabluegrass.com](mailto:sfba@southfloridabluegrass.com).

#### Sunday, March 1

You don't want to miss [Malcom Holcombe](#) in a special show at the Luna Star Café.

### Monthly regular events

#### Sunday, Feb. 1

[South Florida Bluegrass Association](#), monthly festival, Greynolds Park. NE 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and 185<sup>th</sup> Street (a block south of Miami Gardens Drive), North Miami Beach.

#### Saturday, Feb. 7

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

#### Sunday, Feb. 8

Open House and Song Swap, 5 p.m. (see page 2).

#### Wednesday, Feb. 11

Songwriters in the Round, [Luna Star Café](#), 775 NE 125<sup>th</sup> St., North Miami. Info: 305-799-7123 or [lunastarcafe@aol.com](mailto:lunastarcafe@aol.com).

#### Saturday, Feb. 14

[Contra dance](#): Loose Shoes with Brian Kushner calling; beginners' lesson 7:30 p.m., dance 8-11 p.m., Davie Women's Club, 6551 Orange Drive, Davie, \$10 and bring a snack to share. For info: Marty at 954-270-9764.

#### Tuesday, Feb. 17

Second Tuesdays Irish music, [Luna Star Café](#).

#### Sunday, Feb. 22

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

### Weekly regular events

#### Sundays

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

#### Tuesdays

Lou's jam, [Luna Star Café](#).

[Chocolate Moose](#) acoustic open mic, 9118 State Road 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.

[Old-time jam](#), Elks Club, 700 NE 10<sup>th</sup> St., Pompano Beach.

#### Wednesdays

"Rock a Little Softer" with Raffa and Rainer, featured artists and open mic, Churchill's Pub 5501 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Miami.

#### Thursdays

Open mic, [Elks Club](#), 6304 SW 78<sup>th</sup> St., South Miami. [Open mic](#), D.P.'s (formerly Bu's), 200 N. Hollywood Broadwalk, 954-922-7993.

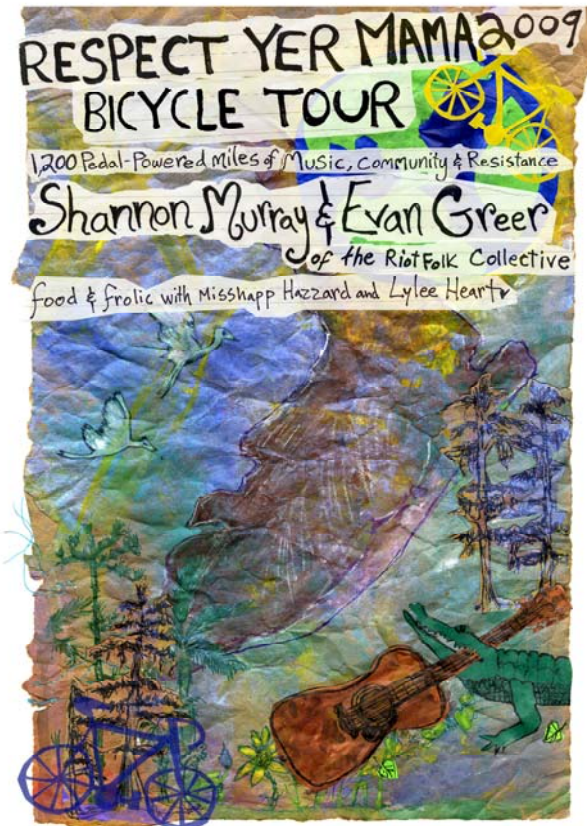
**Saturdays**

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

[Luna Star Café](#), Open mic: Feb. 14, 21 and 28, 775 NE 125<sup>th</sup> St., North Miami. Info: 305-799-7123 or [lunastarcafe@aol.com](mailto:lunastarcafe@aol.com).

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

To revise or add a concert or other folk event to our March calendar, e-mail Tony Thomas – [writerrad@aol.com](mailto:writerrad@aol.com) – before Feb. 18.

**Cycling singers to visit for a week**

Four radical folk musicians from the Riotfolk Collective are stopping in Miami during their February [bicycle tour of Florida](#). With singalongs, storytelling and straight-up songwriting, they tackle issues as varied as feminism, climate change, gardening and bike love.

You can hear Shannon Murray, Evan Greer, Misshapp Hazzard and Lylee Heart on Michael Stock's WLRN radio show Feb. 8 or at these progressive venues:

Feb. 11: Noon workshops and concert at FIU farmer's market, University Park campus, 11200 SW 8<sup>th</sup> St., then at 11 p.m. at Churchill's, 5501 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Miami.

Feb. 12: 8 p.m. show at Luna Star Café, 775 NE 125<sup>th</sup> St., North Miami.

Feb. 13, 6 p.m. workshop at Pridelines Youth Services, 180 NE 19<sup>th</sup> St., Miami; evening show with Black Mangrove Collective, place to be announced.

Feb. 14, an evening at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Miami, 7701 SW 76<sup>th</sup> Ave.: 5 p.m. dinner and workshop for green sanctuaries (RSVP to [misshapp@gmail.com](mailto:misshapp@gmail.com)), 7 p.m. Lavender Salon, 9 p.m. Valentines dance party for gay youth.

**Sabatella's latest**

Matthew Sabatella announces the February release of *Songs in the Life of Abraham Lincoln (Ballad of America Volume 3)*, just in time for the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of the 16<sup>th</sup> president of the United States.

Watch his website, [www.balladofamerica.com](http://www.balladofamerica.com), and his new blog, [www.celebratewithsong.com](http://www.celebratewithsong.com), to learn more about Matthew, the Rambling String Band and all kinds of musical Americana.

**Grace notes**

The club still has some *Rise Up Singing* songbooks for sale for \$15. Talk to Barry White or Nellie Lee, or ask at the monthly Song Swap.

Don't forget to catch Michael Stock's show Sundays from 2 p.m. to 5 on WLRN, 91.3 FM.

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

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### DON'T MISS:

- KATH BLOOM at the Luna Star Café, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7
- SONG SWAP in Continental Park, 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, phone 305-595-5483
- FOLK & ACOUSTIC MUSIC with MICHAEL STOCK, Sundays 2-5 PM, WLRN 91.3 MHz