

**JANUARY 20th to 30th, 2011**  
**Wendy Williamson Auditorium, UAA**

**GUEST ARTISTS:**

1st Weekend: **John Whelan**

2nd Weekend: **Hot Club of Cowtown**

Dear Ken & Margie,

Welcome to our inaugural e-newsletter that we hope to send out several times a year with festival information as well as other folk happenings. Also, you can get updates by becoming a [Facebook friend of the Festival](#) or by visiting our [Anchorage Folk Festival website](#).

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Thank you for your support of the Anchorage Folk Festival.

With your generous help, the 2010 Folk Festival was a great success! Individual donations in the form of memberships are essential to continue the Festival's celebration of acoustic traditional music and related folk arts. Additionally, commercial contributions from our partners, patrons, and sponsors demonstrate community commitment. And let's not forget our many volunteers! We can't do it without you!

***John Whelan***



AFF is excited to announce that John Whelan will be our guest artist for the opening weekend of the 2011 festival. John is an accordion-player extraordinaire. He has performed with Riverdance and Eilen Ivers and at folk festivals throughout the US and Europe. Named "Traditionalist of the Year" by Irish Echo magazine, John brings passion and playfulness to celtic music.

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

***Hot Club of Cowtown***



Heating up the second weekend of the Folk Festival is Hot Club of Cowtown! The Hot Club of Cowtown has grown to become one of the most globe-trotting, hard-swinging, western swing trios on the planet.

[hotclubofcowtown.com](http://hotclubofcowtown.com)

## **TAP ROOT CAFE MOVING TO SLEAZY SPENARD LOCATION**



The rumors are true! Tap Root is moving to Spenard! As of June 7, 2010, Tap Root will occupy the former "Fly By Night Club" at 3300 Spenard Road. The new location will have a full kitchen and bar, more seating, plenty of parking, and longer hours, with community music seven nights a week!

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

## **ALASKA CITY FOLK ARTS CAMP, JUNE 14-18th**



Join the fun and learn something! Folk Arts classes include everything from calling dances, dancing, making instruments, writing songs, to playing instruments. All sessions are related to folk music. New this year are evening classes for adults, as well as the week-long sessions for younger musicians.

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