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January 18–28, 2024
UAA Wendy Williamson Auditorium



GUEST ARTISTS — WEEK 1

Frog Holler

Frog Holler is a six-piece Alternative Country/Americana band from Kutztown, Berks County, Pennsylvania. These “Neo-hillbillies with a twist” play mountain blues and country. “Pigs root forward, chickens scratch back. It’s this fingers crossed optimism in the face of tough times ahead that serve as the ethos for the Pennsylvania Dutch culture” and many of Frog Holler’s songs. Since 1996, Frog Holler has released 7 full length recordings and 2 EPs (ZoBird Records) of lead singer and acoustic guitar player, Darren Schlappich’s original songs, backed by an ensemble cast of longtime friends and bandmates: Mike Lavdanski (banjo and harmony vocals), Josh Sceurman (bass), Daniel Bower (drums), Cory Heller (keyboards), and Johnny Kilgore (electric guitar; an old FH friend Greg Masterson debuts for the Alaska gigs!).



www.frogholler.com

“Some of the most rollicking, heartfelt country rock songs this side of Nashville.”

- Brian Howard, *The Philadelphia City Paper*

APPEARANCES

Friday, January 19

Main Stage Performance

Wendy Williamson Auditorium
Local artist acts at 7 pm followed by
Frog Holler at 9 pm

Saturday, January 20

Concert | \$20/ticket, 21+

Bear Tooth Theatrepub
Doors: 7 pm
Performance: 7:30 pm - *She's With Me* (opener), 8:30 pm - *Frog Holler*

Sunday, January 21

Workshops | See p. 23

PSB 110/166 at 1:00-2:15 pm
PSB 166 2:30-3:45 pm

Main Stage Performance

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Friday Evening, January 19, 7 pm

Midnight Sun Zombies

Shambling out of the crypt for some new acoustic twists on old tunes of the Dead and the Undead, or some new tunes that haven't even been twisted yet! Todd Kelsey – Banjo/Guitar; Tim Gould – Bass; Brett Jokela – Mandolin; Nino Muniz – Guitar

Katie Scoggin

Katie has been a singer-songwriter in Anchorage since she was 11 years old when she performed at the AFF for the first time. She released her album "Eleven" when she was 16 and hopes to release new music in the near future.

The Chamberliners

Soon to be the Shake City String Band, these classically trained symphonic musicians join together to take on the local pubs. A treat for all ages, and lovers of many genres. Combining celtic, folk, classical, and pop music, these musicians endeavor to bring Alaska a unique concert experience. Katie Wasko – Violin/Vocals/Guitar; Kade Bissell – Hammered Dulcimer/Percussion/Guitar/Vocals; Kyle Lindsey – Viola/Violin/Vocals/Aux Percussion; Brett Lindsay – Cello; Zach Akins – Bass

Mike & Matt

Father/son duo bridges the generational divide with some original tunes, family harmony and fancy pickin'.

Mary Schallert & New York City Boys

Mary and her friends with original and other interesting songs. Mary has played every festival

since the beginning, with many of her bands and musical friends. She has two CDs and multiple recordings with local artists and bands.

Call Us What You Like

Scottish and Irish Songs and Tunes. John Lewis – Guitar; Vicki Lewis – Whistle; Terri McCoy – Vocals/Whistle

Chelsea Berry

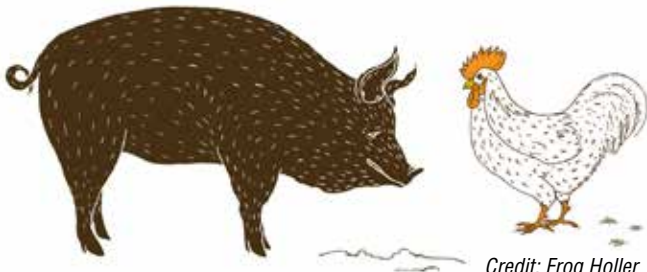
Chelsea Berry is a powerhouse vocalist and touring artist. Dubbed "the Pink of folk music" by acclaimed singer songwriter Susan Werner, Chelsea's shows are driven by her compelling stage presence, masterful vocals, and heartfelt lyrics and stories.

The Roland Roberts Band

Home grown original Alaskan folk-rock with heavy undertones of blues and country. Roland Roberts – Guitar/Vocals; Matt Faubion – Mandolin/Vocals; Garrett Monroe – Bass; Matt Wallace – Percussion/Vocals

Guest Artists: Frog Holler

When the six members of Pennsylvania's Frog Holler take the stage, you can expect a rollicking good time. *Mojo's* Syllie Simmons says they are "Well-written, well-played, mark them as special." That Pennsylvania Dutch optimism of "pigs root forward, chickens scratch back" is a thru-line in many of their songs. Be sure to catch their first appearance at AFF, along with their concert Saturday (1/20), workshops Sunday (1/21), and final appearance on the main stage Sunday night (1/21). See their bio, p. 17.



Credit: Frog Holler

Saturday Afternoon, January 20, 1 pm**Alaska Main Squeeze**

A fun loving, polka band that covers folk, waltzes, country, Cajun and polka too!! Jason Ott – Guitar; Joyce Haugstad, John McCleary & Jill Williams – Accordion; Gary Stevens – Vocals

Jim Pfeiffenberger

Instrumental originals strummed on the mountain dulcimer and octave mandolin.

Terry re.e.d

terry re.e.d has lived in Alaska since 2006. Having taught in nearly all areas of Alaska, working primarily in Bush Alaska (no roads). Playing music since 1976, Performing at venues across south Arkansas. New songs for your consideration.

Chris Thompson & Friends

Featuring songs composed by Chris around the themes of love, loss, and nostalgic memories of our great state. Our group has performed together for over 10 years. Chris Thompson – Guitar/Vocals; Rolfe Buzzell – Harps/Banjo; Harrison Jennings – Mando; Rebecca Bingham – Vocals

Evie Bear

Evie will sing and play a few of her original songs with her sweetheart Klaus Lerch on the djembe.

Tim Samuelson

Anchorage born and raised, folk and country inspired fingerstyle guitar and vocals.

C & H

Sibling duo whose first performance was back at AFF over 12 years ago. Camas Oxford and Harrison Sturm love playing and learning music that they both enjoy.

Williwaw Blue

Bright, cheery jazz, originals and pop music. Tom Lamber – Piano/Vocals; Karl Wilhelmi – Guitar/Mandolin/Vocals; John Weeks – Bass

Dawn Berg

Singing Traditional and Contemporary British and American Folk songs, from Kate Rusby to Emma's Revolution, a capella style.

Bill Falsey

Bill is a hobby player, who first performed at the Folk Festival last year. He is happy to have an excuse to share some covers with the audience again this year. Also with Terry Kelly on guitar.

Cladouhos Family Band

Performing for the first time on stage, the Cladouhos family is fulfilling a long time dream of playing together as a family for AFF! Joel – Bass, Della – Vocals; Greta – Guitar; Tova – Cello

The Song Writing Experiment

4 new songs all with the same prompt. We selected "Break Up" as our prompt. How different will they be? You will have to listen and see.

Terry Kelly

Terry is a working philosopher at UAA and performs original songs about love and life in the Great Land that blend pop, folk, and Americana. Think John Prine, George Harrison and James Taylor sharing a cabin on the Iditarod Trail.

Lois Fedele

Presenting original songs accompanied by Karl Wilhelmi on guitar. Look for her CD in the lobby. Lois is on all music platforms and has music videos on Youtube.

Lisa Maloney and the Dancing Buttons

Join Lisa Maloney and friends for traditional Irish music and maybe even some dancing!

The Hoppers

The family that plays together stays together! Robin – Guitar/Vocal; Bruce – Mandolin/Vocal; Grady – Bass/Vocal; Caiti – Vocal

Frog Holler

Saturday, January 20

**Bear Tooth
Theatrepub**

Doors: 7 pm

**Performance:
7:30 pm**

\$20 • Ages 21+

Frog Holler is Berks County, Pennsylvania's real-deal storytellers! A genre-defying, mostly electric sextet, these "Neo-hillbillies with a twist" play mountain blues and country coming from a "rare place of honesty" that is "as apt to produce a belly laugh as a tear", and for sure to make you feel something every time.

frogholler.com

She's With Me is a supergroup of Alaska women that bring an impactful and inspirational energy to their live shows. Mandy King, Katy Rexford, Melissa Mitchell and Angela Oudean collectively bring decades of songwriting, musicianship, and a truly unique connection to their audiences. melissamitchell.org/she-s-with-me

She's With Me opens at 7:30 pm followed by
AFF Guest Artists Frog Holler at 8:30 pm

She's With Me



BUY TICKETS



Saturday Evening, January 20, 7 pm

Pepper Kit

Pepper Kit's sound is often described as "sad girl pop rock," a vulnerable sound with a 90s edge. In 2023 Pepper started her regular event for female artists, "Girl Crush Friday."

Spindrift

Acoustic folk-rock originals from the shores of Resurrection Bay. Jim Pfeiffenberger - Guitar/Vocals; Stephanie Robertson - Vocals

db and Bazile

db Pedersen and Bazile Booth return to AFF to celebrate their Anchorage wedding anniversary and amaze their friends with goofy songs.

J@y, Leah and Abigail

J@y, Leah and Abigail will knock your socks off with soulful piano and rich voices performing R and B. Surprise! – their ages are 14, 13, and 12 .

Casey Smith Project

The Casey Smith Project is a soulful indie-folk trio based in Fairbanks. Their exploration of sounds & styles results in blending indie grooves with classic pop. Casey – Vocals/Guitar; Scott – Bass; Derek – Percussion

THV

THV is a soul jam band that combines jazz, world music, rock, hip hop, and rhythm & blues. They have released 1 album and 3 singles. Lance Howard – Guitar; Mark Zuniga – Cajon/Percussion; Daniel Cox – Bass Guitar

Tailor Maids

Songs from the Wrangell Mountains. With Karen Loso – Bass/Guitar, Mike Loso – Banjo; Jeremy Cohen – Mandolin/Guitar

YK Delta Yupiks

A trio of Yukon musicians from Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta. Genres include Country western, Blues, Rock and original Yup'ik composed songs. Carl Jack – guitar; Paul Kiyunia, Jr. – Keyboard; Peter Twitchell – Bass

Diamond in the Tuffs

Diamond in the Tuffs began with Xavier and Vanessa playing in a garage band in high school. When they got married, song writing and jamming became one of their favorite past times. Gaël Gonzalez joined in 2015 and Raziel Gonzales joined in 2020.

Stephen Hendricks

Stephen Hendricks is a folk n' blues singer songwriter who plays fingerstyle and slide guitar original music.

Folks Tales

Singing songs and telling tales since 2001. Preserving the oral tradition one story at a time. With Shane Mitchell, Wayne Mitchell, Dennis Cleary, Lindsay Lamar Schweitzer, Erin Mitchell, Kristen Mumm, Leif Sawyer.

Four Fish In A Tree

Family harmonies on songs silly to serious, and some originals. Bill likes to say he puts the harm in harmony. :) Devin Frey - vocal / guitar, Lily Frey - vocal, Kluonie Frey - vocal, Bill Frey - vocal, Shonti Elder - vocal / fiddle

Matt Hopper & The Roman Candles

As a songwriter, Matt strives to deliver memorable lines and catchy hooks. The Roman Candles are a rock and roll band with roots leanings not unlike Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers. Matt Hopper – Vocals/Guitar; Nichole Campanale – Violin; Chris Bieri – Upright Bass; Matt Raney – Mandolin; Jason Searle – Guitar, Vocals

HarpDaddy Unraveled

Making his 6th appearance at AFF, HarpDaddy (AKA Darren Smith) stays as excited as ever about our Alaska music scene. Tonight's ensemble is anchored by Pete Gates on percussion, Joe Craig on guitar, TBA on bass, and HarpDaddy does what he does...

Sunday Afternoon, January 21, 1 pm

JJ and Friends

JJ Shockley will be singing both covers and original songs. With John Schlomer on harmonica and Donny Foss keeping the beat on cajon.

Mathew Olson, LukeBigHair Studio

Americana music

Guido's Paddle Boat Jam Group

Guido's Paddle Boat Jam is a group of people just looking for a little fun to break up our week. Join us every Tuesday night at Guido's Pizza on International Airport Road every Friday 7 pm.

Almost Angels

Almost Angels formed originally to perform Holiday Christmas songs, but now have expanded beyond that with sweet harmonies and a piano player! He sings too! Meg Anderson – Guitar; Suzanne Hickman – Vocal; Tom Lambert – Piano

Rousted By Bulls

Rousted By Bulls is excited to be playing Anchorage Folk Fest again this year! We hope you enjoy our performance. Jason – Acoustic Guitar & Vocals; Donnie – Cajon & Vocals; Dave – Electric Bass; Jerry – Acoustic Guitar

Woody Bill

Original folk and bluegrass songs inspired by the Alaska wilderness, travel and trains.

Fiora Denali

Fiora Denali's music is inspired by life and literature, and she's always adding a new instrument to her repertoire. Fiora shows a depth of understanding about life and love beyond her years.

Juicy Harps

Three-piece Alaskan musical collaboration consisting of strings, beats, and treats that transcend the boundaries of space and time. John Forbes – Acoustic Guitar; Mike Wahlig – Violin/Mandolin/Acoustic Guitar; Brian Mullen – Percussion

Steve Waldron

Steve plays covers of folk, rock and country tunes. Mostly older songs; lots of sixties and seventies, some traditional. Think John Prine, Townes Van Zandt, Jackson Browne, etc.

UAA Guitar Quartet

UAA Guitar Quartet includes UAA professor Armin Abdihodzic and three students: Alex Soboleff, Daniel Capote, and Malachi Stamooolis. This year's performance includes several Brazilian dances written by Jurg Kindle.

Djinn Fizz (On The Raqs)

Compelling music and dance from the Middle East, beginning with a veil dance to a Hebrew love song, and ending with a lively traditional song called "Ah Ya Zein." Debra Addie – Cello; Rosemarie Fitch – Clarinet; Corliss Kimmel – Percussion. Dancers: Kathy Burgoyne, Grace Ann Pierce, Justine Riekena, Bobbie Stanley.

Hurricane Dave

Cheechako Country: Original Alaska songs with a heavy dose of humor.

Wings To Fly

Sweet harmonies, silly to serious. Shonti Elder – Fiddle; Karl Wilhelmi – Mandolin; Marianne See – Guitar

Meg and Her Married Men

This year Meg and Her Married Men will be swinging' with original and standard tunes. Meg Anderson – Bass; Michael Faubion – Guitar; Tom Lambert – Piano

Gary Stedman

Gary is known for his eclectic mix of classic country, rock, and blues from the 20s through the 2000s. "Free the music."

Alaska City Folk Arts

Alaska City Folk Arts returns, for the 35th year

MAIN STAGE PERFORMANCES: WEEK 1
Sunday Evening, January 21, 7 pm

EMCEE: MATT FAUBIAN

Anchorage Mandolin Orchestra

Anchorage Mandolin Orchestra (AMO) is celebrating its 10th Anniversary. Under the musical direction of UAA Associate Professor of Music, Armin Abdihodžić, AMO performs an eclectic program from folk to pop to Bach. Contact: Pam, pdmac5330@gmail.com

Mountain Waxwings

Soaring bluegrass harmonies from these Matanuska Valley girls: Suzy Crosby, Melanie Keenan and Jessica Campbell

Steve Durr

Steve Durr is a longtime Alaska songwriter whose specialty is songs about our Alaska way of life. He is also a painter and playwright who received a Rasmuson Artist Award in 2022.

Ten Dollar Bet

Contras, rags, polkas, swing, jump and old world favorites performed on fiddle, clarinet, mandolin and a variety of string instruments. Mike Lane – Guitar; Gary Fitch – Mandolin; Bill MacDonald – Bass; Rose Fitch – Clarinet/Fiddle

A Secret Tuesday

Karina Belle Elliott and Samaya Martin grew up in Arizona before crossing paths in Wasilla High's jazz band. Currently 16 and 17, they've both been writing music since pre-teenhood, and Belle is currently recording an album of original songs.

Robin Hopper

Back again, with a new song or two in her pocket! Will she make you laugh or cry this year? We'll see....

Tom Begich and Sarah Sledge

Singer/songwriters Tom Begich and Sarah Sledge perform their original music, exploring the complications and yearnings of the human condition, of life, and how and who we are.

Guest Artists: Frog Holler

"As apt to produce a belly laugh as a tear," Frog Holler is sure to make you feel something every time. Frog Holler has endured the changing musical landscape, staying true to its core and cementing its reputation as a must see "deliriously entertaining" live act! Don't miss their last appearance at AFF. You're sure to become a long-time fan of the pride and joy of Berks County, Pennsylvania. See their bio, p. 17.



Master Schedule

All events free unless otherwise noted.

Purchase tickets for paid events at anchoragefolkfestival.org.

BUY TICKETS



Thursday / Jan 18

- ☀️ **Parlor in the Round** featuring Guest Artist Darren Schlappich | Wendy Williamson Auditorium | 7 - 9:30 pm | p. 13

Friday / Jan 19

- ☀️ **Main Stage Performances** with Local Acts and Guest Artist | Wendy Williamson Auditorium | 7 - 10 pm | p. 18 | Frog Holler, 9 pm | bio p. 17

Saturday / Jan 20

- **Main Stage Performances** | Wendy Williamson Auditorium | 1 - 5 pm and 7 - 10 pm | p. 20, 22
- ◆ **Workshops** | UAA Professional Studies Building/Main Stage | 9 am - 5:15 pm | p. 19
- ☀️ **AFF Guest Artist** Frog Holler | Bear Tooth Theatrepub | 21+ | Doors - 7 pm, Music - She's With Me @ 7:30 pm | Frog Holler @ 8:30 pm | \$20 | p. 21

Sunday / Jan 21

- ☀️ **Workshops** (Featuring Guest Artist Frog Holler) | UAA Professional Studies Building/Main Stage | 10:15 am - 5:15 pm | p. 23

- **Main Stage Performances** with Local Acts | Wendy Williamson Auditorium | 1 - 5 pm | p. 24

- ☀️ **Main Stage Performances** with Local Acts and Guest Artist | Wendy Williamson Auditorium | 7 - 10 pm | p. 25 | Frog Holler, 8:45 pm | bio p. 17

Monday / Jan 22

- **Folk Week** at various venues/times | p. 28

Tuesday / Jan 23

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Wednesday / Jan 24

- **Bagpipe Competition** | UAA Wendy Williamson Auditorium | Doors @ 6 | Solo competition @ 6:30 pm | Band @ 8 pm | p. 27
- **Folk Week** at various venues/times | p. 28

Thursday / Jan 25

- * **Barn Dance** | The Nave | Doors - 7 pm, Caller - Brian DeMarcus | Music - Big Chimney Barn Dance/Spit City Slickers | \$20/\$10/Free | p. 30
- **Folk Week** at various venues/times | p. 29

Get your tickets for
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Friday / Jan 26

- ☀️ **Main Stage Performances** with Local Acts and Guest Artist | Wendy Williamson Auditorium | 7 - 10 pm | p. 43 | [I Draw Slow](#) @ 9 pm | bio p. 42
- ▲ **Community Jam** | Guido's Pizza | 7 pm - 1 am | p. 34

Saturday / Jan 27

- ▲ **Workshops** | UAA Campus Professional Studies Building/Main Stage | 9 am - 5:15 pm | p. 46
- **Main Stage Performances** with Local Acts | Wendy Williamson Auditorium | 1 - 5 pm and 7 - 10 pm | p. 49, 50
- ▲ **Instrument Swap** | Buy, Sell, Trade! | PSB 110 | 3 - 6 pm | p. 47

13th Annual Banjo Contest | Professional Studies Building 166 | Sign up - 2:30 pm, Contest 3 - 5:15 pm | p. 44

Annual AFF Members Meeting - All Members Welcome! | Professional Studies Building 166 | 5:15 pm

- ☀️ **AFF Guest Artist** | [I Draw Slow](#) | Odd Man Rush Brewing | 21+ | Doors - 7 pm | Music - [Witty Youngman](#) @ 7:30 pm | [I Draw Slow](#) @ 8:30 pm | \$20 | p. 48

- ✗ **After Party** | Featuring [Cold Country](#) & Special Guests | The Broken Blender | Post-festival

Sunday / January 28

- ☀️ **Workshops** | UAA Professional Studies Building/Main Stage | (Featuring members of Guest Artist [I Draw Slow](#)) | 10:30 am - 5:15 pm | p. 51
- **Main Stage Performances** with Local Acts | Wendy Williamson Auditorium | 1 - 5 pm | p. 53
- ☀️ **Main Stage Performances** with Local Acts and Guest Artist | Wendy Williamson Auditorium | 7 - 10 pm | p. 55 | [I Draw Slow](#) @ 8:45 pm | bio p. 42

- ☀️ **Guest Artists**
- ▲ **Bring Instrument**
- **Main Stage**
- **Musicians around town**
- ✗ **Got to be 21+**
- ✳️ **Could be dancing!**
- ◆ **Learn new tricks**



GUEST ARTISTS — WEEK 2

I DRAW SLOW

I Draw Slow from Dublin, Ireland, weaves traditional “old-time Appalachian roots with an Irish edge.” *I Draw Slow* has consistently redefined roots music with unique songs that inspire love and loyalty. “coaxing the past into the present, [and creating] a very personal sonic tapestry.” *I Draw Slow* is helmed by the Holden siblings, Dave (guitar, vocals) and Louise (vocals), with Konrad Liddle (upright bass), Adrian Hart (fiddle) and Colin Derham (clawhammer banjo) rounding out this powerhouse quintet. *I Draw Slow*’s fans are drawn to their dynamic, emotionally-charged performances that captivate audiences with exquisite balladry, then bring them to their feet with high energy, bass heavy dance trad. Their latest album (self-titled, Compass Records) moves once again into new roots territory, employing traditional string instruments to deliver contemporary themes and alt-folk grooves.

“Flat out brilliant. This band is really going places.” - *Folk Radio*



APPEARANCES

Friday, January 26

Main Stage Performance

Wendy Williamson Auditorium
Local artist acts at 7 pm followed by
I Draw Slow at 9 pm

Saturday, January 27

Dance | \$20/ticket, 21+ only

Odd Man Rush Brewing, Eagle River
Doors: 7 pm
Performance: 7:30 pm - *Witty Youngman* (opener), 8:30 pm -
I Draw Slow

Sunday, January 28

Workshops | See p. 51

PSB 110/166/219 at 1:00-2:15 pm
PSB 166 2:30-3:45 pm

Main Stage Performance

Wendy Williamson Auditorium
Local artist acts at 7 pm followed by
I Draw Slow at 8:45 pm

Friday Evening, January 26, 7 pm

Alaska Button Box Gang

The Alaska Button Box Gang has played in the Anchorage area and at festivals around the country, including the Anchorage Folk Festival, for some 35 years. They play polkas, waltzes, two steps, latin and original music and have recorded 5 CDs.

Nate and Rachel

Nate Williamson and Rachel Overby perform original Acoustic Duets.

Mountain Echo

Mountain Echo is made up of Steve Hinds, Mike Childers and Al Koenig. Their music selections lean towards the more humorous side of music. If you could use a few laughs, do not miss these guys! Steve Hinds – Autoharp; Mike Childers – Guitar; Al Koenig – Mandolin

Luna & Ursus

Joshua Thomas and Michelle Morton are Luna & Ursus, a creative duo from Homer who make music to heal the heart and inspire positive change. They blend familiar genres of folk and Americana with powerful vocals and enchanting harp melodies.

Rosie Rush

Intimate and powerful singer songwriter with an unforgettable vocal performance.

Zane Penny

Alternative, sad angst. Alaskans show up for Zane Penny in our hometown. Zane's whole-package presentation raises the eyes of young 20-something shoe-gazers looking to connect. His performance is honest and grungy, yet tender.

Fiona Rose and the Show Ponies

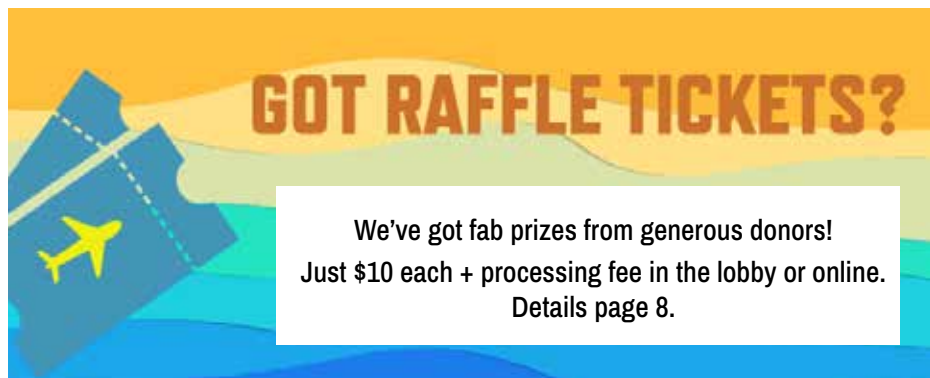
Whimsical tunes written for the folks! Fiona Rose – Vocals/Guitar; Logan Bean – Bass/Vocals; Matt Roberts – Drums

Folk Medicine

Folk Medicine is a group of dads, friends, and neighbors who formed under the spotlight of the Anchorage Folk Festival in 2018 and have been playing together ever since. Garrett Burtner – Clarinet/Vocals; Peter Host – Drums/Vocals; Roger Koos Fox – Guitar; Adam Mackie – Banjo/Guitar/Vocals; Eric McCoy – Bass Guitar

Guest Artists: I Draw Slow

The five members of *I Draw Slow* bring their Irish/Appalachia influenced music all the way from Dublin to Anchorage. Tonight is their first performance at AFF, followed by a dance/concert on Saturday (1/27) and workshops and a final mainstage performance Sunday (1/28). Their unique, authentic roots music will resonate with new fans during this 35th Anchorage Folk Festival.



GOT RAFFLE TICKETS?

We've got fab prizes from generous donors!
Just \$10 each + processing fee in the lobby or online.
Details page 8.

I DRAW SLOW



SATURDAY, 1/27

\$20/ticket, 21+ only

Odd Man Rush
Brewing, Eagle River
Doors: 7 pm

Performance: 7:30

pm - *Witty Youngman*
(opener), 8:30 pm -
I Draw Slow

BUY TICKETS



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idrawslow.wordpress.com



WITTY YOUNGMAN, a descendant of King Island Inupiat and an enrolled member of the Fort Peck Sioux tribe, opens the night at 7:30 pm!

badfishruca.com

Saturday Afternoon, January 27, 1 pm

Suzuki Association of Southcentral Alaska

Students of the Suzuki violin method taking lessons from Suzuki teachers in the Anchorage area. Some have been playing since the age of 4!

Clark Whitney

This Fisher poet performs songs about Alaska and his time fishing in Bristol Bay and Cook Inlet. He has performed at Salmonfest, the Fisher Poets Gathering in Astoria, Oregon and AFF.

Paul Sangl

Self-taught guitar player whose original songs are inspired by life, family and everyone from John Prine to Hobo Jim to Johnny Cash.

MEAR Kats

The MEAR Kats play a variety of music from classical to folk to bluegrass. Of particular note, we don't take ourselves too seriously! Mark Enzenberger, Elisa Long, and Ron Hale.

Twisted Tunes

A diverse group of musicians who enjoy harmonizing to classic tunes in various genres. Felicia Cassel – Vocal; Joan Unger – Vocal/Mandolin; Erica Ivy – Vocal; Natalie Tucker – Vocal; Tim Tucker – Vocal/Guitar

Russell Ariel

Russell Ariel bringing the heat with Alaska style Folk Punk

Peter Chan the Weatherman with Cellist Brett Lindsay

Intimate set of original songs and perhaps a moving cover of the Cure. Enjoy the musical alchemy of an introspective meteorologist and accomplished symphony cellist.

Down From Lazy Mountain

Mike and Betty Hansen are a husband-and-wife duo from Lazy Mountain, who are inspired by Country, Bluegrass and Americana music.

Soul Sisters

Friends who love making music with their guitars! With Audra Butler, 11, and Nora Esping, 11.

String of Lights

Anchorage-based singer-songwriter Heather Stewart performs on banjo and piano offering original contemporary folk songs and reinterpretations of traditionals.

Jed and Friends

Jed Whittaker and friends, with music to make you smile and be happy.

Eclectic Acoustic

Dave Gerard, Sally Wills and Oshi Wills are a Trio from Homer who have been playing together for 20 plus years. Our musical interests range from folk to country to Celtic and all genres in between. Sally has produced 2 albums of original songs.

Ruby Rakes

All Acoustic bluegrass, singing and instrumentals, with players who have performed at AFF and organized the monthly Bluegrass Jam at Organic Oasis. Sashi Parameswarum – Guitar; Michael Doyle – Guitar; Patrick Flaherty – Mandolin; Tim Pickard – Upright Bass

Aspenyarrow

Like the birch water running through the veins of her hometown of Talkeetna, Aspenyarrow's (Kayti Heller) music is a balm for the soul described by listeners as genuine, honest, and undeniably relatable.

John Cook

Acoustic finger style guitar, singer song writer, playing original songs, using open tunings

The Sturm Troupers

The Sturm Troupers are a reoccurring scene at AFF. Annually regrouping, they bring good tunes and smiling faces. The father/son duo (Chris & Harrison Sturm) injects their sets with inspiring music.

The Good Ole Good Ones

Irish/Scottish Traditional Tunes and Songs with Charlie Rogge – Tin Whistle/Vocal and Patrick Flaherty – Mandolin/Guitar/Vocal

Saturday Evening, January 27, 7 pm

Thunderbird Ukulele

This ukulele ensemble from East High raises the bar on what can be done on four strings. Their fun arrangements of classic songs will have you rocking out and singing along.

Uncle Jim, the Eastside Balladeer aka Jim Haack

Also known as Jim Haack, Uncle Jim sings songs encompassing a variety of musical styles. From blues and folk to old-time rock & roll. Great music for toe-tapping or singing along.

Tucker Tunes

Tucker Tunes is a duo specializing in twisted covers and clever originals with a beachy, vintage, and playful vibe. These longtime Alaskans enjoy music, theater, entertainment, writing, arranging, recording, and collaborating!

Mr. Potatohead

Kevin Cassity & friends offer storytelling & music with guitar, banjo, mandolin.

Midnight Sons Chorus

The Midnight Sons are Anchorage's mens' a capella chorus. A chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society, the Midnight Sons were chartered in 1967 and have performed across Alaska and the northwest. Rehearsals are held weekly year-round.

The Spit City Slickers

Some old time string band music from way down south on the Kenai Peninsula. Kate Meyer – Banjo; Scotty Meyer – Fiddle; Willy B. Dunne – Bass; Colin McGovern – Guitar.



Solar Gain

Harmony rich Talkeetna Trio includes Kayti Heller – Vocal/Guitar; Danielle Aslanian – Vocal/Fiddle; Larry Zarella – Vocal/Guitar.

Steve Schoonmaker

Steve is a Fisher Poet who will perform spoken word poetry, accompanied by his friend Jim Maloney on hand pan.

Cannon Family Band

We usually make music together at Mountain View Hope Covenant Church and relish the opportunity to be a part of this incredible community festival. Phil Cannon – Guitar/Vocals; Kate Cannon – Vocals; Madeleine Cannon – Vocals; Elise Mitchell – Violin/Vocals.

Bayou Glacee

Cajun music song in French with traditional instrumentation. Bill Allen – Guitar; Bev Grogan – Fiddle/Vocals; Suzanne Little – Bass/Vocals; David Predeger – Triangle; Eric Stice – Fiddle/Vocals; Celine Vaillancourt – Accordion/Vocals.

The Old Overholt

Patrick Carrico offers songs, stories and dark anecdotes about modern living and dyin'.

Honey Davis

Honey Davis is a trans neo-folk and country artist. Her muse comes from the storytelling of old mountain tunes. She sings about the healing powers of good love and the awesome togetherness of her body with all things found in the woods.

Pedal Down Anchortown

Levi Adams and Mike Simpson make up this alternative-, pop-, country-, and bluegrass-inspired band with local ambition to make it big... ish. This year they are joined by Oliver Wright on cajon.

Ms. Miriah's Student Band

Students of Miriah May Music Studio playing things with strings and singing.

Alaska Celtic Pipes & Drums

Pipers: Richard Christiansen, Friedrich Christiansen, Carsten Christiansen, Jürgen Christiansen, Kris Musser, Amanda Fedewa, Nicholas Matthis.
Drummers: Christine Christiansen, Tanya Meyer, Dave Beaulieu, Joanne Meyer, Susie Kobierowski.

Jenny Baker

Jenny Baker was raised on alfalfa bluegrass and lava rock in Bend, Oregon. She's been raising a kid with her partner for the last 6 years and writing lullabies. Now she's in Homer and reblooming.

Tundra Berry Jams

Nikki Scherer writes children's songs and in recent years has included her children on the stage. This is their 4th AFF appearance. Nikki – Guitar/Vocal; Victoria – Vocal; Ashley – Percussion.

Alaska Jumping Fleas

The Alaska Jumping Fleas are a local all ukulele group committed to having FUN and showing people the versatility of this small instrument. We will take you on a musical journey and stir some memories. Feel free to dance and sing along.

Diamonds in the Rough

We are two eclectic musicians working on whatever strikes our fancy. Kris Nestby has served as a mainstay musician in Barrow for years and Lyn Franks has played in different venues in Anchorage since 1988, including AFF.

Red Cap and the Cyser Boys

Red Cap returns after a long Pandemic hiatus. Don't worry: they used all that down time to practice! Mike Richardson Sr., Max Richardson – Fiddle; Mike Richardson Jr. – Bodhran; Ben Richardson – Guitar; Chris Richardson – Mandolin.

Paulson Trio

The Paulson family trio delivers a wide range of songs in different timeless genres we all know and love. Dean – Guitar/Vocals. Sadie – Guitar/ Ukulele/Vocals; Sophie – Vocals.

Gospel Sound

Joining each year to provide message in songs for the Community. Singers: Jacki Starks, Sam Allen, Lewis King, Dev Williams. Drums: Xavier Brown, Drummer; Pianist: Ben Williams.

Fox in the Henhouse

A down-home roots 'n' roll group from Anchorage, performing a mix of toe-tapping covers and good-time original music. Mike Doyle – Vocals/ Guitar; Anna Nowosad – Vocals/Bass; Graham McManamin – Lead Guitar.

The B Sharps

We are a jazz band from a biology project with some added members. Enjoy! Rem – Drums; Ezy – Piano; Duncan – Berry Sax; Ishmael – Alto Sax; Marley – Flute.

Foreign Exchange

Formed in the Bayshore neighborhood, this group came together in support of exchange students living in Anchorage for the school year. Suzanne Little – Guitar; Dave Kemp – Guitar; Jeanne Kemp – Vocals; Coline Herrebaut – Vocals.

Elk Forrest

Forrest Collins and Cy A Two Elk perform music to warm your heart. In the deep underground tradition of so many Alaskan/Arkansan duos before them, they aim to get your toes tapping to their original Americana songs.

The Plumb Bobs

Jay Mullen and Miriah Phelps playing the folkier of folk tunes.

Anna Joy

This goth-adjacent, party princess is a public servant by day and a Folk-Punk, singer-songwriter by whiskey warmed night. She puts her heart and soul into all she does. Instagram: @nightingaleak.

The Balcao Company

Will Balcao sings and strums his guitar, as he plays the bass drum and the tambourine with his feet. He began his musical journey on the streets of Anchorage as a Busker in 2019.

Sunday Evening, January 28, 7 pm

A-Town Sharps

The A-Town Sharps are a classic small jazz combo formed in 2021. A-Town brings together a variety of musical influences to create a playful and popular mix of standards and originals. Sarah Burtner – Vocals/Percussion; Garrett Burtner – Clarinet/Vocals; Roger Fox – Guitar; Carrie Gruhn – Piano/Vocals; John Weeks – Bass Guitar.

Lou Nathanson

You've heard of artificial intelligence? Well come hear some all-natural idiocy!

not the legs of jake

Stringband surprises for all. Johnse, Peter, George, and Jason.

same but different

Denise Martin on hammered dulcimer & Jim Kerr on guitar.

LuLu Small

Known as Alaska's First Lady of Entertainment for 45 years, LuLu Small has been a mainstay performer throughout the state and internationally. This is LuLu's first year with the AFF, She celebrated her 70th birthday on the 21st!

Witty Youngman

Witty Youngman has been performing since 2012. She is a descendant of King Island Inupiat and an enrolled member of the Fort Peck Sioux.

The Hot Club of Nunaka

Playing songs from the great American songbook, the HCoN, as they are informally known, take inspiration from Django Reinhardt and Stephane Grappelli's interpretation of popular music from the first half of the 20th century. Adam Bartlett – Guitar; Carter Bancroft – Guitar; Derek Christianson – Mandolin; Eric Rodgers – Violin; Karl Pasch – Clarinet; Nathan Levine – Bass.

Guest Artists: I Draw Slow

When *I Draw Slow* reunited in a farmyard studio in the Dublin mountains after the pandemic to record their new album they found themselves and their music fundamentally changed. The traditional Irish and Appalachian influences that informed *I Draw Slow's* prior releases were augmented by a much wider range of influences, including sixties pop, cinematic soundscapes and the funereal jazz of New Orleans. Listen for these influences during their last performance at AFF, the cap to our 35th annual event! See bio. p. 42.



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