

anchorage folk festival, inc.

A non-profit organization supporting folk arts in the community

OCTOBER 1998

NEWSLETTER

P.O. BOX 243034
ANCHORAGE, AK 99524-3034

Novemberfest

November 7th - 7:30 p.m.

Anchorage Folk Festival Performer Applications due Nov. 15

Szygy to Host Novemberfest Fundraiser

Novemberfest, the Folk Festival's principal fundraising event, will be held on **Saturday Nov. 7** at Szygy Studio, a new downtown venue devoted to showcasing traditional music.

A lively evening of music, dancing and fun is in store. Entertainment includes Irish music from **John Walsh, Mark Ward, and Tom Walker**, oldtime and bluegrass from the **Just Met Band** and finally a set of swing, zydeco and rock by the **Rhythm Ramblers**.

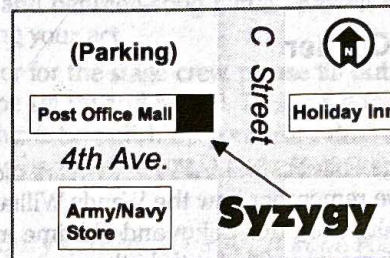
The popular silent auction will offer attendees a chance to pick up great deals on art, crafts, travel and recreational activities. And as always, there'll be plenty of time for catching up with fellow musicians we may not have seen for awhile.

We'll be applying for a special beer and wine permit for the evening and bringing the usual selection of free cookies and snacks. Heartier fare and espresso drinks will be available for purchase.

Szygy, located in the Post Office Mall at 4th and C, offers a great stage and sound system with a big wooden dance floor and plenty of room for everyone. There's also lots of free parking in the lot behind the mall. Many of our members have had the opportunity to perform here in recent months, and we hope you'll join us in supporting owner Linda Charles Warford's effort to build a regular venue for folk music in Anchorage.

Presently, we are rounding up **Novemberfest auction donations**. Our non-profit organization welcomes all donated goods and services for our "Fun-raiser". Please call **Suzy (561-6030) or Patty (345-1144)** with auction items.

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids (under 12) and seniors. The fun begins at 7:30 p.m. Bring a friend, and we'll see you there!



Dates

Please Join Us! Novemberfest "Fun-raiser"

Saturday, November 7
7:30 - 11 p.m.
Szygy Studio
Admission: \$10 adults,
\$5 for kids (under 12) and
seniors

10th Annual Anchorage Folk Festival Festivities 562-AFFI

COMMUNITY POTLUCK SQUARE DANCE

with guest artist
Canote Brothers playing
American fiddle tunes
Thursday, January 21
7 - 10:30 p.m.
Admission: \$8
Venue TBA

ANCHORAGE FOLK FESTIVAL OPENS

Friday, January 22
7 p.m. concert
Saturday, January 23
1 - 5 p.m. & 7 - 11 p.m.
Sunday, January 24
1 - 5 p.m. & 7 - 10 p.m.
Wendy Williamson
Auditorium, UAA Campus
36th & Lake Otis Blvd.

SWING DANCE
with **Canote Brothers**
Saturday, January 23
7:30 - 11:00 p.m.
Snow Goose Elks Hall

Laurie Lewis and Canote Brothers to Headline 10th Annual Anchorage Folk Festival



Laurie Lewis, one of the best-known bandleaders in bluegrass, will be the featured guest artist at the 10th annual Anchorage Folk Festival, to be held **Jan. 22-31** at UAA's **Williamson Auditorium**.

Lewis will be appearing the second weekend, accompanied by her partner and longtime bandmate, **Tom Rozum**, and by legendary bass player **Todd Phillips**, a veteran of the David Grisman Quintet and Tony Rice's Bluegrass Album Band.

Gifted with a clear, sweet voice and championship fiddle

technique, Lewis has recorded many albums in many moods for Rounder Records and other labels. Her music ranges from traditional bluegrass to Appalachian folk to the best of modern songwriting.

Guest artists for the first weekend are the **Canote Brothers, Greg and Jere**. These longtime instructors at Seattle's Fiddle Tunes Festival wowed participants at this year's Dance Camp with their rollicking performances of old time and swing music. Rounding out the lineup of guest artists is **Ira Bernstein**, a virtuoso clogger and dance master who's been described as a "one-man Riverdance."

For the second year, Folk Festival activities will include a series of dances co-hosted by the Dancing Bears and the Snow Goose Restaurant. All of our guest artists will be playing for dances, as will the ever-popular Ray-Jen Cajun Band from Homer.

As always, the real stars of the festival are the more than 400 performers from across Alaska who will take the stage to share their latest creative enthusiasm. This year, the deadline for performer applications has been advanced to Nov. 15 to make the scheduling process a little smoother.

We expect more applicants than there are spaces. In developing the schedule, we may give preference to AFF members over non-members. If you're not already a member, please take a moment to fill out a copy of the enclosed membership form.

President's Corner

Greetings,

The Anchorage Folk Festival (AFF) is 10 years old! Memories of the 9th festival are still sizzling as we remember how the Wendy Williamson Hall erupted with standing ovations after Balfa 'Toujours' Cajun and old-time music performances and dances. The workshops and jams were filled with both new and familiar faces, all dedicated to sharing music and creating a sense of community during the heart of our Alaskan winter.

Last January we all joined in song, singing **"The 20th century is almost over...all over this world."** Our festival is in its infancy when you think that people have been creating music since the beginning of time. The bridge into the next millennium is a milestone, and also presents an opportunity to pause and reflect on AFF changes and how we can fine tune our vision for AFF's future. The AFF Board of Directors would like your input. We welcome new volunteers who have the time and energy to implement their AFF folkie growth ideas.

Our board is dedicated this year to several "Folk Key" components for the upcoming **10th Annual Anchorage Folk Festival held January 21st - 31st, 1999.** "Folk Key" number one is a **new deadline** for performer applications, **November 15th.** Check your 1999 calendars! Our second "Folk Key" is **performer outreach.** Our festival is looking for performers from a variety of musical genres and cultural backgrounds. Please help us spread the word and pass this application on. The third "Folk Key" is **dance.** Just try it! We all need more social and physical activity during winter. The fourth "Folk Key" is **fiscal responsibility.** This is the first year that the Anchorage Folk Festival is the recipient of a **Municipality of Anchorage Arts Advisory Commission** grant. We depend on support from corporations and our members. Our Bylaws state that the A.F.F. "will maintain a tradition of **free** public admission and encourage non-professional performers."

It is now fall and every time we look up into the sky there is a huge flock of geese, big V-shaped formations of honkers making the long journey to lands far south. Their lifestyle and home is nomadic, though ours is not. Many of us have migrated here, leaving our cultural roots behind as we adjust to the land of the northern extremes. To survive and thrive in the North one must yearly renew the personal commitment to winter, and to community. The 10th Annual Anchorage Folk Festival welcomes your involvement. Give us a call.

Warming up the Winter,
Patty Faulkner Hamre,
President

Dates

FOLK WEEK IN ANCHORAGE SCHOOLS AND LOCAL BUSINESSES

Monday - Friday
January 25 - 29

CONTRA SQUARE DANCE with guest artists

Laurie Lewis, Tom Rozum & Todd Phillips,
Thursday, January 28
7:00 - 10:30 p.m.
Admission: \$8
Venue TBA

2ND WEEKEND 10TH ANNUAL AFF

with guest artists Laurie Lewis, Tom Rozum & Todd Phillips
Friday, January 29
7 - 11 p.m.
Saturday & Sunday
1 - 5 p.m. & 7 - 11 p.m.
Wendy Williamson
Auditorium, UAA Campus

CAJUN DANCE

with Homer's Ray-Jen Cajun Band
Saturday, January, 30
9 - 1:00 a.m.
Admission: \$8

Dancing Bears Dances

Members \$6,
Guests \$8
phone 566-BEAR

Swing dance with the ROADHOUSE

RAMBLERS

Friday, October 16th
7:30 - 11 p.m.
Romig Jr. High

Halloween Contra dance with FAT WEASEL

Friday, October 30th
7:30 - 11p.m.
Jim Haack dance caller
Denali Elementary

Contra dance with the JUST MET BAND

Friday, November 6th
7:30 - 11 p.m.
Venue TBA

DJ SWING DANCE

Friday, November 13th
7:30 - 11 p.m.
Romig Jr. High



Performers Application

10th Annual 1999 Anchorage Folk Festival

SEND APPLICATIONS TO:
AFF Festival Coordinator
P.O. Box 243034, Anchorage, AK. 99524-3034

From the Anchorage Folk Festival Coordinator

Well, here it comes, folks— the tenth annual Anchorage Folk Festival. We've come a long way since 1989, and the 1999 event promises to be an event to remember. As you fill out this year's performer's application remember that we usually have more applicants than time slots, so don't forget the **NOVEMBER 15TH** mailing deadline. If you know a performer who didn't receive an application, feel free to pass along a copy, or call the folk festival hotline at **566-AFFI** to have a copy mailed or faxed. Also be sure to double-check your 1999 calendar with your spouse, kids and other band members before you mail in your application. Requests for last-minute changes have a big ripple effect on everyone from the scheduling team and the stage crew to the program editors and other performers, and can usually be avoided with some extra forethought as you fill in that "availability" line. If you can't make a scheduled time, we can cancel you from the line-up; however, there is no guarantee of getting you back in, particularly for the slot of your choice. Set length will be the traditional 15 minutes, which includes your set-up time and between-song patter. Expect to see a clock and red warning light on stage to keep you in touch with reality during your act.

To help expedite each act's set-up time and make life easier for the stage crew, please fill out the stage plot on the reverse side with a diagram of how your band would like to be set up and miked. This is a good opportunity to give the stage manager a heads-up on any special requests you may have. So polish up your axes, dust off your best tunes, call your jamming buddies, and we'll see you all in January for the best Anchorage Folk Festival yet!

Suzy Crosby, 1999 Anchorage Folk Festival Coordinator

Performer/Group Name: _____

Type of music or dance: _____

Description for Festival Program: _____

Dates/Times you will **NOT** be able to perform: _____

Contact Person: _____

Day Phone: _____ Eve. Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Do you have a **PHOTO** of yourself or your group that we can include in our Folk Festival publicity? _____

In addition to the Festival, **Folk Week** activities will be held at various coffee shops and other venues around town, Jan. 25 - 29, during the noon hour and in the evening. Would you be interested in participating in a **Folk Week** Performance? Yes No

If yes, what days and times are you available? _____

Would you be interested in performing in schools? Yes No



Please go to next page to provide us information about your performance

Performer and Stage Information

List the names of your group members with instrumentation:

Performer Name: _____ Instrument: _____

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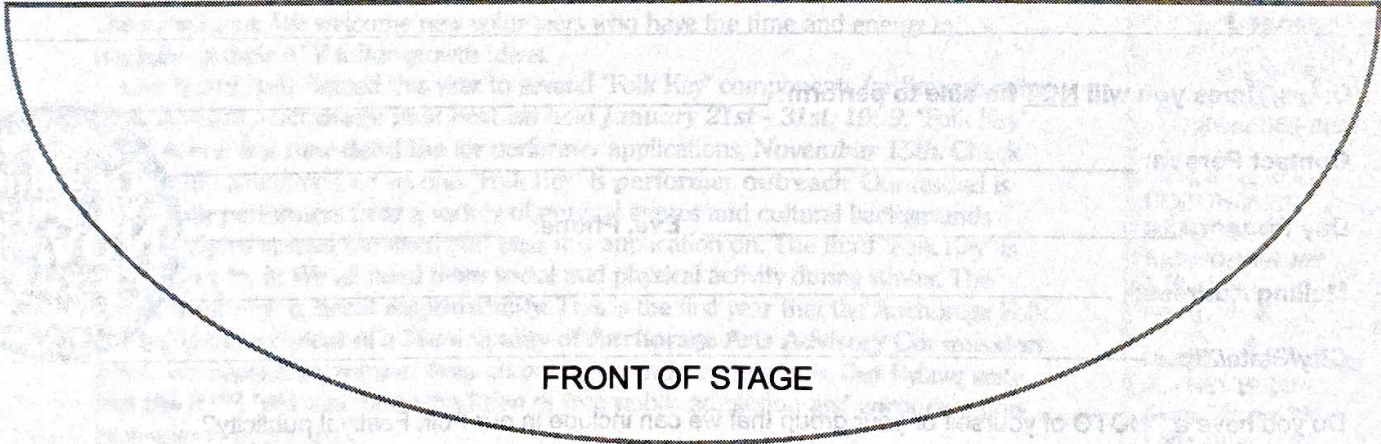
Performer Name: _____ Instrument: _____

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How many microphones do you need? _____ Direct Lines/Boxes? _____

Any additional information that may be helpful to our sound crew? _____

Please fill in the stage plot below to help us meet your technical and logistical needs.

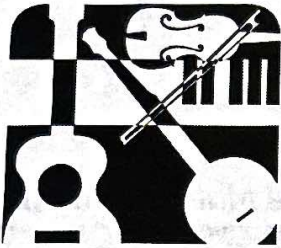


● Instrument Microphone

○ Voice Microphone

* Chairs

■ Special Dance Floor



Volunteer Application

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SEND APPLICATIONS TO:
AFF Volunteer Coordinator
P.O. Box 243034, Anchorage, AK. 99524-3034

Name: _____ Day Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Eve. Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

I would like to volunteer to help with the following:
(Please check one or more)

- | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> Food | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Stage Crew |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sound | <input type="checkbox"/> Promotions | <input type="checkbox"/> Tape Sales | <input type="checkbox"/> Anything |

I would like to volunteer to help on the following days:
(Please check one or more)

- | | | | |
|--|--|--|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday
Jan. 22 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday
Jan. 23 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday
Jan. 24 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday
Jan. 29 | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday
Jan. 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday
Jan. 31 | <input type="checkbox"/> Any day |

Workshops

Workshops are scheduled for Saturday and Sunday afternoons on both weekends. We are looking for folks to lead workshops on instruments, vocals music styles, dance and other topics of interest.

I would like to lead the following type of workshop: _____

I would like to volunteer to teach workshop(s) on the following day(s):
(Please check one or more)

- | | | |
|--|--|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday
Jan. 23 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday
Jan. 24 | <input type="checkbox"/> Any day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday
Jan. 30 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday
Jan. 31 | |

FOR ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS AND FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE
AFF FESTIVAL HOTLINE AT 566-AFFI.

Images from the 1998 Anchorage Folk Festival

Miracle Mat-Su Drummers



Balfa Toujours



Swing Kids from Spenard



...the next generation

Folk Festival Board

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Contracts

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Brian DeMarcus
Dance Liason

Nora Dorman
Stage Manager

Karl Wilhelm
Membership/
Sound

Dates

Step lively contra dance
RHYTHM RAMBLERS
Friday, November 20th
7:30 - 11 p.m.
Brian DeMarcus caller
Romig Jr. High

Contra square dance
ANCHOR STEAM
Friday, December 4
7:30 - 11 p.m.
Venue TBA

Folkie Concerts

MARTIN HAYES & DENNIS CAHILL
November 14, 7:30 p.m.
Performing Arts Center

THE 1998 SONG OF THE YEAR CONCERT
A benefit for APRN
Top five Alaskan songs
with special guests
performing
Saturday, November 14th
Wilda Marston Theater
Admission: \$18

Open **IRISH JAM**
Every Wednesday night
7:30 p.m. - ??
Qupqugiaq Cafe

BRYAN BOWERS and BILL STAINES
Sunday, October 25th
4 p.m.
Wilda Marston Theater
Whistling Swan Productions

DOUGIE MACLEAN
Mark Ward and Tom Walker open.
Friday, October 30th
8 p.m.
Discovery Theater
Whistling Swan Productions

MICK MALONEY and TOMMY SANDS
Saturday, October 31st
8 p.m.
Discovery Theater
an Irish Claddagh/Curlew presentation

FRED EAGLESMITH
Friday, November 6th
8 p.m.
Szygy Studio
Whistling Swan Productions

VANCE GILBERT
Friday, November 13th
8 p.m.
Wilda Marston Theater

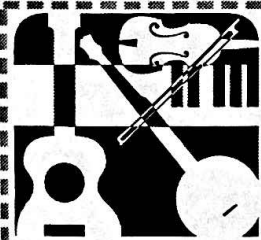
Workshops

What are workshops? The AFF hosts musical folk workshops which are free to all participants. That means you may walk in a workshop door during the festival, sit down, and meet a teacher who will demonstrate his or her instrument, and introduce you to new skills. Workshops are a fun shot-in-the-arm and festival goers of all ages and abilities are welcome. We also need Workshop teachers, so please give us a call with your ideas and let us know when you are available to share your special skills with other folkies.

We Need You To Become A Member!

The AFF is a non-profit organization and is committed to the idea of free admission for everybody. You are free to come and go when as your schedule allows. We want to encourage you to perform, be part of the audience or attend a workshop class at absolutely no charge. There are, however, costs associated with running this festival, including: hall rental, guest artists fees and transportation, insurance, sound engineering, etc. So how do we make ends meet? The AFF's philosophy is similar to public radio or public TV. We are here for all residents to benefit and learn from, and we are supported through your donations of time and talents, as well as monetary contributions.

Please cut out and return to address listed in box below



Membership Form

Return to:
Anchorage Folk Festival
P.O. Box 243034
Anchorage, AK 99524

- Basic \$10
- Supporter \$25
- Friend \$50
- Patron \$100
- Benefactor \$250
- Major Sponsor \$1,000
- Folk Hero \$1,500

Yes! I would like to become a member of the Anchorage Folk Festival, Inc.

Name: _____

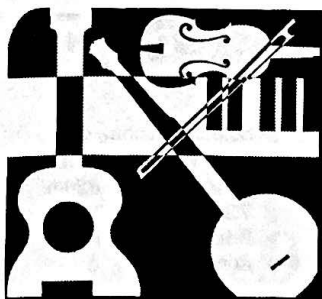
Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Day Phone: _____ Eve. Phone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Your tax deductible membership contribution \$ _____
Renewal?



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Permit #63
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Address Service Requested

"I had thought that folk music was something old, back in the library, and pop music was new. It was something you could hear on the radio. All of a sudden I realized that was a phony distinction. Millions of people were making music which grew out of the old traditions, mostly making up new songs to fit old tunes, and new words to fit new circumstances. This is what I call the folk process."

Pete Seeger