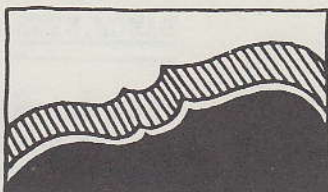


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Rumisongos

ANDEAN MUSIC FOR MAY PROGRAM

Some of the instruments and elements of the music that you hear from Rumisongos were part of the daily lives of this hemisphere some 20 centuries ago. They have survived centuries of Spanish colonization and later influences, while at the same time acquiring some elements of the imposed culture, the guitar for example. This music, like the languages and ways of the native people, is part of an immense cultural tradition that has been largely ignored or rejected. Rumisongos in the Quechua language of South America can be roughly translated to mean hearts of stone; not the insensitive heart but rather the heart that, like a stone, endureth through time and history.

Now Washingtonians, Nato, Alfredo, Alvaro, and Carlos are all from the Andean region of South America. Their instruments include the quena (bamboo flute), the tarka (carved wooden flute), the zampoñas (pan-pipe like instrument), the charango (small stringed instrument, the product of the assimilation by the native peoples of a mandolin-like instrument) and the bombo (native percussion instrument).

FRIDAY

The program will take place on ^{FRIDAY} May 12th, 8:30 p.m., at the Washington Ethical Society, 16th & Kalmia Rd. N.W. Admission is free for members and \$2.00 for non-members. See you there.

MAY 7th SPECIAL CONCERT AND DANCE

Maple Sugar, a group dedicated to presenting traditional Canadian Folk music, is co-sponsoring a 6 week American tour of Graham Townsend and friends. The FSGW is delighted to present them in concert and in dance. Graham Townsend is, according to fiddle contest regulars, "the best damn fiddler in Canada". He is a winner of so many championships that he no longer competes. Graham was only 9 years old when he won his first Canadian National exhibition championship at Toronto in 1951, and at 35 he is a 4 time winner of the North American championship. He has recorded 28 albums, toured Canada and Europe and performed for Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip on Parliament Hill in 1967.... continued on P. 3



MESSAGE FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Hi-- You should have received your FSGW ballot by now. If you have not and have either a family or individual membership, please call Dolores Nichols at 938-4564. If you have received the ballot, please return it, and the FSGW questionnaire that accompanied it, as soon as possible. Use the return envelope or bring it with you to the May program. Don't sign the ballot. At the program the votes will be counted and the winners announced. Here is a list of the candidates:

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P.S. Thanks to all the people who helped mail out the ballots: Julie Ball, Joe Hickerson, Linda Lieberman, Don Nichols, Kenny Schatz, Danny Schatz, Nancy Schatz, and Kathy Westra.

Dolores Nichols

DANCE NEWS

FSGW dance are held on Sunday nights in the New Rehearsal Hall on the 2nd. floor of the Catholic U.'s music building. Dances are from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. and admission is \$1.50 for members and \$2.00 for non- members. Call Martin Holmer for further information, (o) 245-6141, (h) 526-2356.

May 7th- Graham Townsend, concert from 7- 8:30, followed by dance. Graham is a Canadian fiddler. See article on P.1
May 14th-David Shorey with the Boss-Town Buzz-Steps.

May 21st- Mary Rhoades from Baltimore with the Boss-Town Buzz- Steps.

June 4th There will be no dance as that is the weekend of the Washington Folk Festival at Glen Echo. Come to the June 3rd. dance in the grand ballroom at 7:30 p.m., Bob Dalsemer and Jim Morrison will be calling.

May 20th Jim Morrison will be calling a dance in the grand ballroom, Glen Echo Park, 8 p.m., \$2 admission.

Blobs Park Polkas, see article on P.5

AN N STREET CELEBRATION

An N Street celebration highlighting the unique character and preservation goals of a charming historic neighborhood will completely take over the 1700 block of N St. N.W. Saturday, May 6th from 1-8 P.M. The block will be closed to automobiles & open to people free of charge. Magicians, clowns, jugglers, strolling musicians, jazz-folk-ethnic & classical music, dance troupes, open houses, gardens, arts and craft demonstrations, street vendors, theatre, auction and dance are among the activites to delight all. The celebration serves as the opening event of National Historic Preservation week(May 7-14) and also celebrates this block's inclusion in the recently expanded Historic District of Dupont Circle, and the area's pending nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. In case of rain May 13th is the rain date. This will be announced on WMAL AM radio. Any FSGW musicians who would like to join in please call. For further information:Judith Robinson(654- 3868) and Emily Eig(362-3344).

DANCING IN THE SPANISH BALLROOM

The ballromm at Glen Echo Park is filled with music and dancers every Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. For a complete schedule call 492-6282. On May 27th the FSGW will be the sponsor. Our caller will be Blake Hanson who recently moved to Washington from New York. He will be calling Southern Mt. squares and New England Contras. Live music. Admission is \$2. Beginners are welcome. For further info. call 492-6282.



Graham Townsend

Graham astonishes his audiences with fiddle tunes of Cape Breton, Acadia, Quebec, Ontario and the Canadian West. Ottawa Valley stepdancers, Donny and Gina Gilchrest, fantastic dancers, are here with Graham. Also pianist Glenn Paul, Folksingers Dorothy Hogan and James Gordon, and, joining them in Nashville so we unfortunately will miss the pleasure of her music, Graham's wife Eleanor Townsend, who is also a championship fiddler.

The event will take place in the New Rehearsal Hall on the 2nd. floor of the Catholic University's Music building (located just North of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 4th and Michigan Ave. N.E.). Admission for members is \$1.50 for the concert, \$1.50 for the dance or \$2.00 for both. Admission for non-members is \$2.00 for the concert, \$2.00 for the dance or \$3.00 for both. The co-sponsor with Maple Sugar is the Canadian Department of External Affairs.

Join us for a wonderful evening of fiddle music, song and dance. The concert will start at 7 p.m. and the dance at 8:30 p.m. For further information call the FSGW hot-line number, 281-2228.

TAMMY WYNETTE IN CONCERT

Stanley-Williams Presentations, along with the FSGW, are pleased to present one of the most traditional country and western performers active today. She will be appearing at Constitution Hall, Friday, May 19th at 8:00 p.m.. The opening act will be Sue Richards. Tickets are \$6 & \$7. Because of our co-sponsorship, Stanley-Williams is offering a special price to FSGW members of \$4.50 & \$5.25. These prices are only available by mail from Stanley-Williams Pres., 1715 37th St. N.W., Washington D.C. 20007. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your order and allow enough time to receive the tickets 4-5 days) Be sure to mention that you are an FSGW member in order to get the discount. For further information, call: 270-2217.

BALTIMORE FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY

The May concert will be on May 19th, 8:30 p.m., at the Lovely Lane Church, 2200 St. Paul St. Admission is \$2.50 non-members and \$1.00 members. Featured will be Olla Belle Reed.

Dances are held every Wednesday night at Lovely Lane Church with Mary Rhoades calling and live music.

A MISSING TAPE.....

As you all know (or if you didn't you now will) a tape is made of all FSGW concerts, performer willing. These tapes are then available to the membership to listen to and may be borrowed from the tape archives. The tape from the John McCutcheon, Luke Smathers, Roscoe Holcomb concert is MISSING. Please if you have it return it to Mike Rivers.

P.S. A complete listing of all current tapes available will be printed in the newsletter soon.

AUGUSTA HERITAGE ARTS WORKSHOP

The Augusta Heritage Arts Workshop is a summer program of instruction in crafts, traditional music and dance, held in Elkins, West Virginia, about 235 miles from Washington and Baltimore. This summer's program will feature a five week course in musical instrument construction (July 3-August 4) taught by Paul Reisler; a one week course in traditional dance (July 10-14) with Bob Dalsemer, Jim Morrison, John McCutcheon, Bessie Jones, and Gussie Lane; a three week course in Appalachian Music with John McCutcheon, Gerry Milnes, Wilson Douglas, The Lilly Brothers and more, (July 17 - August 4). During the workshop there will also be concerts featuring performers such as Green Grass Cloggers, Trapezoid, Malcolm Darglish and others. Crafts classes include basketry, quilting, weaving, spinning, stained glass, weaving, woodcarving, applique, herbs, and tole painting. Room and Board is available at Davis & Elkins College or camping at nearby Monongahela National Forest. For further information write to Eleanor Lesser, Director P.O. Box 1725, Elkins, W. Va. 26241, or call (304) 636-0006.

Bob Dalsemer

CHILDREN'S CONCERT ON MAY 20th

Debby McClatchy presents a program of traditional American songs and instruments. She plays guitar, banjo, two shapes of dulcimers, concertina, ukelele, tin whistle, spoons and others. The children will be encouraged to sing along and play rhythm games and spoons. Recommended for ages 4-8. Admission will be 75¢ for children and \$1.50 for adults. Call Debbie, 270-2217, for more information. The concert will take place at the Washington Ethical Society, 16th + Kalmia N.W., at 10³⁰ A.M.

???? QUESTIONNAIRE ????

To all of you who have filled out your Folklore Society membership questionnaires and sent them in, thank you! As for the rest of you, please, please take a few minutes to let us know how you feel about FSGW and what, if anything, you can do to help. We really need input from all of our 1,000 + members if the organization is going to be what you want it to be. Questionnaires may be mailed in with your ballots (now! ballots will be counted at the May program), or you may mail the questionnaire separately, or give it to any Board member at any FSGW event. Thanks for your help!

Nancy, for the FSGW Board

FSGW BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is on May 2nd, and will be held at Mia Gardiner's home in Falls Church, Va. For directions call 573-8111. Members are welcome to attend. Meetings start at 8 p.m. The June meeting will be held at Nancy Schatz's home in Kensington, Md. on June 6th.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the June newsletter will be May 18th. Please mail articles to 3313 Hemlock Dr. Falls Church, Va. 22042.

POTOMAC RIVER JAZZ CLUB HOT LINE

The PRJC is dedicated to the preservation and presentation of the many forms of traditional jazz. For a quick run-down of traditional Jazz events going on in the Washington area call:

573-TRAD

MAY OPEN SING

The Open Sing topics this year have covered some pretty important aspects of life--- home, marriage, inebriating substances, love and death, sex. This month we're going to get down to cases and sing about what's nearest and dearest to all of our hearts, MONEY. Getting it, losing it, having it, forsaking it, coveting it, realizing it's not everything in life. There are folk songs about all aspects of solvency and insolvency, and we'll sing them on Friday, May 5th, at the Washington Ethical Society auditorium, 16th St. and Kalmia Rd., N.W., at about 9 p.m. Admission is \$1 and includes wine and punch. Come and join leader Mary Cliff for "Songs About Money".

The June Open Sing will be led by Al Kehs, who has chosen a perennial favorite, "Songs of the Sea," as his topic.

Nancy

SACRED HARP SING

Hymn-singing and pot-luck eating will be held on May 21st at 4 p.m. at the home of Gloria and Larry Fein in southwest D.C. Call them at 554-1716 so they know who's coming.

The June sing will be held in Woodbridge, Va. at Mary and David Martin's house on June 18th at 4 p.m. We hope to be singing in the garden. Call them at home, (703) 494-6821, (yes, it is a toll call, but not so far away) or David at work, 523-7050. We still need hosts for July 16th and August 20th, so give me a call !

Karen Faul, 585-7065

GOSPEL SING

The May Gospel Sing will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 7th at Kathy Condon's house in Northwest D.C. Take this chance to get involved in something special right from the start. Potluck supper will be served. Call Kathy, 234-5115, to let her know you're coming.

FOR A GOOD TIME.....

Get on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway headed North, Exit at the first Maryland 175 ramp, turn right at the Fire house's blinking light and follow the winding road until you reach Blob's Park!! Pay your \$1 at the door and POLKA 'til you drop. Live and authentic oompah band provided by the "Rheinlanders", good beer cheap and the largest dance floor I've ever seen. Dances every Friday and Saturday night, 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Sunday, 5 p.m.- 10 p.m. For more information, call Jeff Deitchman, 587-5865.

CAVALIER DAYS HISTORICAL FOLK FESTIVAL

Where can you find English ballads, Irish jigs, Colonial fife and drum music, Scottish reels or Medieval chants? Where can you compete in dulcimer, old time banjo, fiddle, bluegrass banjo, and piping contests? Where can you participate in a Highland gathering? The answer is Cavalier Days Historical Folk Festival, to be held Saturday thru Tuesday, May 27th- 30th, in Prince Frederick, Md. The festival brings together all the above types of music as they relate to America's musical experience. Musical groups and individuals are invited to participate with 500 other costumed crafters, artists and musicians. Call soon to be on the schedule (301- 535-0292) or just come on down to Prince Frederick for a walk through history and music. Admission is \$2, children 12 and under are Free.

Ben Willams, Music coordinator

MARIPOSA FOLK FESTIVAL ANYONE ?

There is a discount travel group being formed to go to Toronto for this year's Mariposa Festival. Alleghany Airlines offers a 20% discount for groups of 10 or more originating on the same flight. Return flight is flexible. Anyone interested in an early evening flight from National Airport on Thursday, June 22nd., please call Abby Miller or Bob Ryder, evenings, 683-2942, by May 31st. Mariposa Festival is June 23-25 and tickets are \$24 for the weekend. Write to Mariposa Folk Foundation-tickets, 525 Adelaide St. E., Toronto, Ont. M5A3W4 Canada. Send certified check or money order.

RED FOX ON MONDAY NIGHTS

Traditional music open stage takes place every Monday night, 8:30 p.m., at the Red Fox Inn, Fairmount Ave. Bethesda, Md. Guest sets, which are one hour long, take place on some Mondays between two open stage sets. May brings the following outstanding performers:

May 1st. Joe and Antoinette McKenna from Dublin, Ireland. Joe plays Uilleann pipes and Antoinette the celtic harp.

May 22nd, Debby McClatchy from New York with traditional American and Irish songs and tunes, playing banjo, concertina, and spoons.

June 5th. Peter Kairo from Boston, blues and ragtime guitarist.

STRING BAND STUFF

Double Decker String band will be playing their music at several spots this month. May 19th will find them at the Concordia Church dance, May 23rd at a noon-time outdoor dance in Baltimore with the Cub Hill Cloggers, and May 26th and 27th at the Red Fox Inn. Double Decker will also be at the Red Fox Inn, Fairmount Ave., Bethesda every Tuesday night in May. If there is sufficient support for this series, there is a good chance that Tuesday will continue to be string band night at the Red Fox, with a variety of bands playing. If you enjoy string band music, we'll see you there! For Further Info. call Bruce 270-2217

IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL, MAY 21st.

There will be continuous concerts, on two outdoor stages, in traditional Irish music (fiddling, accordion, ballads etc.). In the ballroom will be continuous demonstrations and participatory workshops in Irish step-dancing and Ceilí dancing. Bring your dancing shoes. Glen Echo Park is located at MacCarthur Blvd. & Goldsboro Rd. Free admission, ample free parking. Call 492-6282 for further information.

COMMUNITY CAFE

Thursday nights at the Community Cafe have been great so far, but, as usual, if they are to continue we need your support. Please come out on Thursday nights and enjoy good food, great atmosphere, and the best in traditional music. The May schedule includes Joe and Antoinette McKenna from Ireland. Joe was twice all-Ireland champion of the Uilleann pipes. Antoinette plays celtic harp and sings lovely ballads. They will be at the cafe on May 4th, at 8 p.m. Other May features are:


May 11th- Vgo, a fine blues player who also performs gospel, ballads and traditional tunes on guitar, banjo & 12 string.

May 18th, Don Stover, one of the finest bluegrass and old timey banjo players alive, Don has performed with Bill Monroe, Flatty Scruggs and The Lilly Brothers, and Tex Logan. Don't miss him.

May 25th, Mike Holmes, fine eclectic musician plays a variety of stringed instruments including banjo, guitar and mandolin. Mike is the editor and publisher of Mugwumps and Mandolin Notebook, and he's a fine singer also, covering the wide spectrum of traditional music.

The Community Cafe, 4949 Bethesda Ave., has natural vegetarian food available. A \$2.00 donation for the performers is requested. For further information call: David Olive, 265-7011.

P.S. Community Cafe is having a benefit performance for workers' salaries. This will take place at the cafe on Saturday, May 6th, 8-11 p.m. Performers will include Jonathan Eberhart, Linda Hickman & friends (Irish music), Magpie, J.W. McClure, Dave Olive and other surprise guests. Suggested donation, \$2.00.

THANK YOU NOTES 

I wish to thank Jane Cockey for volunteering to make the membership sign and the program and special events signs that we now have for the main desks at our programs.

Linda Lieberman

Kudos to those who helped refold a total of 2,000 inside-out newsletters; Julie Ball, Bob Clayton, Amy Crow, Jonathan Eberhart, Terri Erwin, Laurie Gardiner, Keith Gardiner, Gail McHenry, Dolores Nichols and Don Nichols. Many thanks.

Mia

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