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DAN SMITH, HARMONICA PLAYER AND SINGER IN NOVEMBER CONCERT

Dan Smith, harmonica player and singer originally from Alabama's "Black Belt," will perform at 8:30 p.m., Friday, November 8, in the Washington Ethical Society auditorium, 7750 - 16th Street NW., Washington, D.C., for the Society's second program of the year.

A native of Alabama, Smith began playing the harmonica when he was eighteen, "played at parties and on the streets of some towns in Alabama and Georgia, but was chased away by the police at times," to quote a letter of his to B.A. Botkin. He later gave up playing, and did not take it up again until he lost his sight when he was forty-nine years old. He accompanied Pete and Toshi Seeger to the 1967 National Folk Festival in Syracuse, New York, where he proved to be one of the highlights of the program. He now lives in White Plains, New York, has played at Pete Seeger's Hudson River Folk Picnic, and this year played at the sold out Saturday night ballad concert at the Newport Folk Festival.

In a style reminiscent of Sonny Terry, Smith commands his material, his instrument, and his audience. He sings many spiritual and sacred numbers, and writes much of his own material. Among his most notable renditions are "Cotton Needs Pickin' So Bad" and "Stop Feeding the Devil with that Long-Handled Spoon," one he wrote himself. He also does an impressive version of the Prodigal Son story.

Admission is free to Society members, one dollar for non-members, and fifty cents for children. Memberships will be available at the door.

CLANCY BROTHERS AND TOMMY MAKEM AT LISNER SUNDAY NOVEMBER 17

The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem, Ireland's goodwill ambassadors of Celtic song and poesy, return for a concert at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, November 17, in Lisner auditorium, George Washington University, 21st and H Streets NW., Washington, D.C., under the auspices of Stanley-William Presentations and the Society.

Tickets at \$5.00, \$4.50, \$4.00, \$3.50 and \$3.00 may be obtained at Talbert Ticket Agency, Washington Hotel; Learmont's in Georgetown; the Alexandria Folk-Lore Centre, 323 Cameron Street, Alexandria; or by sending check and self-addressed, stamped envelope to Stanley-Williams Presentations, 1715 - 37th Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20007. Society members receive approximately twenty-five percent discount when ordering by mail. (State that you are a member to receive discount.) Members prices are \$3.75, \$3.40, \$3.00, \$2.65 and \$2.25.

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ENGLAND'S YOUNG TRADITION
IN CONCERT SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24

England's Young Tradition, a young woman and two young men who perform in harmony English traditional ballads, songs and broadsides, will give a concert at 8:00 p.m., Sunday, November 24, in the Washington Ethical Society auditorium, 7750 - 16th Street NW., Washington, D.C. This is the group's first Washington area appearance, and is under auspices of the Society.

Composed of Peter Bellamy, Royston Wood, and Heather Wood (no relation to Royston), the group was enthusiastically received at the Philadelphia Folk Festival this year. Peter is from Norfolk and Kent, was an art student before taking up singing and running small folk clubs. He sings lead. Royston sings bass. He comes from Surrey, studied economics, has had jobs varying from barman to teacher, advertising account executive, and long distance truck driver. Heather, who puts harmonies between melody and bass, is from Yorkshire. She has served in the army, and studied philosophy and economics at University College, London.

Tickets available at the door will be \$3.00 for general admission, \$2.00 for Society members.

Collectanea...Sacred Harp Sing and Pot-luck Supper, 4 p.m., Sunday, November 10, in Accokeek, Maryland, just south of the District line. Those interested call 283-2735. In general, the monthly program of the Society is presented on the second Friday of the month at 8:30 p.m. in the Washington Ethical Society auditorium. The Open Folk Sings this year will be held on the fourth Saturday of the month at 8:00 p.m. in Union Methodist Church, 814 - 20th Street NW., Washington, D.C. November's Sing will be on Saturday, November 23. Admission is free. All are invited to come, to sing, to perform.

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