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On Friday, March 30th at 8:30 p.m.
the PSGW is delighted to present Trapezoid-
A Hammered Dulcimer Consortium. This
versatile group, now based in Elkins, W. Va.,
performs a wide spectrum of British Isles
and American music. Included will be rag-
time, Irish tunes, old-time songs and Amer-
ican fiddle tunes played on a combination
of hammered dulcimer, fiddle, banjo, mandolin,
mandola, bowed psaltery, flute and dobro.
The concert will be held at the Ethical
Society, 16th and Kalmia N.W. Washington.
Admission is \$2 for members and \$4 for
non-members. See you there.

JOE AND ANTOINETTE CON'T

Joe plays the uilleann or elbow pipes and has won two consecutive all-Ireland championships (1974 and '75). He is a virtuoso of the instrument, combining high-speed melody playing on the chanter with beautiful, tasteful harmonies on the regulators. With the pipes and tin whistle he also accompanies Antoinette, who sings traditional Irish songs in both Gaelic and English, accompanying herself on the harp. A record of the McKenna's music was released recently on the Shanachie label.

DANCEFSGW MONTHLY SQUARE DANCE, MARCH 17

Bob Dalsemer will call the dance on Saturday, March 17th at 8 p.m. with the Hambone Sweet Stringband. We are co-sponsoring this dance with the McLean Community Center, so the price for everyone will be \$1. From Beltway take Rte. 123 N. (if from Md. use ramp marked McLean which exits from left side of beltway). Pass Great Falls Rd, Evans Farm Inn and Old Dominion Dr. Turn left on Ingleside Ave. at the Joshua Tree Restaurant. The Community Center is on the left just past the Dolly Madison library. From the George Washington Pkwy. take McLean exit and follow 123 S. Address is 1236 Ingleside Ave., McLean, Va. For more info. call Marian Fertik, 790-9248 (daytime).

FSGW SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES

The regular Sunday night dances are now being held at the Masonic Temple Hall, 3501 12th St. NE, corner of 12th and Monroe St., about 6 blocks East of the Catholic U. campus and 1 block E. of the Brookland-Catholic U. metro station. The dances are from 8-10:30 p.m. Admission is \$2 for members and \$2.50 for non-members.

March 4th - Mary Rhoades calling.

March 11th - Steve Hickman and others calling.

March 18th - Lou Shapiro calling.

March 25th - Bob Dalsemer calling.

Music for all of the March dances will be by the Boss-Town Buzz-Steps.

TOMMY MAKEM AND LIAM CLANCY -- March 14

Probably the best-known Irish singers extant, Makem and Clancy will bring their music and wit to Lisner auditorium at George Washington University on Wednesday, March 14 at 8:00 p.m.

First attracting international notice with the Clancy Brothers in the 1960's, they still sing of love, drink, ribaldry and rebellion. Tickets are \$7 and \$6 at the door, BUT, ~~because~~ because the event is sponsored by the FSGW, there's a 25% discount for FSGW members--but it applies to mail orders only. Thus, FSGW ticket prices are \$5.25 and \$4.50, and you must include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your check or money order. Make it payable to Stanley-Williams Presentations, 1715 37th St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20007. (Remember, that's not where the concert is--Lisner is at 21st and H Sts. NW.)

IN MEMORIUM

It is with deep sadness that we inform you of the deaths of May Gadd, longtime National Director of the Country Dance and Song Society of America, and Sarah Carter, a member of the original Carter family which began recording in 1927.

May Gadd (Gay) will long be remembered for her inspired leadership and dedication to the Country dance and Song Society.

Sarah's voice was the most prominent in the sound of the original Carter Family. She inspired several generations of women singers of folk and country music.

Shortly before the newsletter went to press, we learnt with great sorrow of the tragic deaths of Will and Rodney Balfour, two of the famed Balfour Brothers who have brought Cajun music into National prominence. We will miss them.

ALL THAT JAZZ; POTOMAC RIVER JAZZ CLUB

The Washington area has the Potomac River Jazz Club for lovers of Jazz. An excellent monthly newsletter, monthly events and listing of jazz news in the area, as well as their hot-line (573- TRAD), are available for those interested.

OPEN SING

For some of us, traveling is a rare treat (or maybe a necessary annoyance). For other folks, it's a basic part of their way of life. There are those (trainmen, itinerant musicians and craftsmen, etc.) who travel in order to make a livelihood, and those, such as hoboes, for whom keeping on the move is simply the only way to exist. A lot of these folks show up in folk songs, and we'll see how many we can think of at this month's Open Sing on Friday, March 2 at about 9 p.m. at the Washington Ethical Society auditorium, 16th and Kalmia Rd. N.W. Admission is \$1 and includes potables. Come and join leader Dave Olive for "Itinerants, Hoboes and Other Travelers."

In April, Nan Goland will lead the Sing with the topic, "Frolicking on the Green and Other Rites of Spring."

COMMUNITY CAFE ON THURSDAY NIGHTS

Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. at the Community Cafe, 4949 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda, Md. brings you traditional music. Natural vegetarian food and snacks are available.

March 1, Peter and Steve, two cafe workers sing traditional folk songs. They also appear on Monday nights at the Cafe.

March 8 - Vgo, performs Mississippi blues, Calypso, Lead Belly, and Reverend Gary Davis songs. He plays guitar, banjo, dulcimer and fiddle.

March 15, Hambone Sweets, Old-Timey string band music with some Irish songs. Instruments include hammered dulcimer, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar.

March 22- Helen Schneyer. Helen is a dynamic Blues and Gospel singer. She also sings ballads and shanties. Riki Schneyer will join her.

March 29- Lars Hanslin. Lars plays the banjo and has a fine repertoire of old-time tunes and songs in the Galax singing style.

Admission is \$1 for single performers and \$2 for more than one or a group.

MUSIC AT THE KOSHER KITCHEN

In case you've missed it, the Kosher Kitchen offers a variety of music and food from its location in the Hebrew Academy Building, 2010 Linden Lane in Silver Spring, Md. Monday through Thursday there's an open microphone from 5:30-8:30 (sing for your supper). Saturdays from 8:30-12:30 a different group performs each week (blues, jazz, stringbands, folk). Sunday night from 5:30-8:30 it's Israeli Cafe night. Inf. 585-5252.

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GOSPEL SING

This month's gospel sing will be on March 11 at 4 p.m. Singing will be at David Spence's home on Capitol Hill. Call 546-0618 for directions and to let David know what you will bring for the pot-luck dinner.

Kathy Condon (234-5115)

SACRED HARP SING

Hymn singing from "The Sacred Harp" will be held at 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 18th. Due to problems in finding a host, the location will be announced on the FSGW Hotline tape (703-281-2228). However, we will have our usual delicious pot-luck supper, so bring your casseroles, as well as a friend.

Karen Faul (585-7065)

MONDAYS AT THE RED FOX HOOT

The Red Fox Inn, at Fairmount Ave., Bethesda, Md. has an open stage for traditional folk music on Mondays at 8:30 p.m. Occasional feature sets are from 9:30-10:30 p.m. (cover charge of \$1 on those nights). For further info. call Bruce Hutton, 270-2217. Come and share your songs and tunes during the open stage.

March 5 - Phil and Gaye Johnson, a singing and instrumental duo from North Carolina. Bluegrass, Western swing, Ragtime and Blues played on double guitar, guitar with mandolin, or dobro.

March 12- Dick Staber playing old-time and bluegrass mandolin, among other instruments. Dick has been heard with various stringbands with Tracey Schwartz and Bob Dalsemer.

TUESDAYS ARE STRINGBAND NIGHTS AT THE FOX

March 6- Double Decker String Band
March 13- Sweetwater String Band
March 20- Hambone Sweet String Band
March 27- Pot Boiler String Band

On Tuesdays the tables are moved to uncover the dance floor. Come and join the Cloggers, who have become regulars, and dance to old-time string band music.

The Red Fox is located at 4940 Fairmount Ave. in Bethesda. Call 270-2217 for more info.

IN AND AROUND TOWNSONS OF THE PIONEERS AT SMITHSONIAN

The Smithsonian continues its "Country Harmony" series with a concert featuring the Sons of the Pioneers on March 25th. This group was formed in 1934 by Leonard Slye (Roy Rogers), Bob Nolan and Tim Spencer. Since that time they have become the leading representatives of Western harmony singing. The concert will take place on Sunday, March 25, 8:00 p.m. in the Baird Auditorium, Natural History Building. Admission is \$5.40 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. For tickets call 381-5395.

FOLK LEGACY SPRING FESTIVAL

This annual festival will be held again in Hartford, Connecticut, home of Folk Legacy Records, on March 30th and 31st. FSGW members among the artists featured are Helen Schneyer, Riki Schneyer, Joe Hickerson, and Jonathan Eberhart. For further information call (203) 563-3263.

CHILEAN MUSIC

A concert in tribute to Victor Jara will be held at the Kennedy Center on Friday evening, March 9th featuring QUILAPAYUN, a Chilean musical group playing traditional and topical music of the new South American Song Movement. Victor Jara was a leader of this movement and was referred to as the Bob Dylan of Chile. His widow, a British poetess, will join Quilapayun for the concert which will be hosted by Peter, Paul and Mary, who will also perform. Tickets, available at Kennedy Center Box Office and Discount Records, range from \$6-\$10. For further info. call Nena Terrell, 332-7199. The concert is a benefit for the Chilean Committee for Human Rights.

APPALACHIAN DULCIMER & FOLK AUTOHARP CLASSES

Six weekly sessions on Monday evenings begin on March 12. Beginning, intermediate and advanced dulcimer and beginning and inter. autoharp will be taught by Keith Young, Madeline MacNeil, Kit Connaway, Woody Padgett and guest teachers including Howie Mitchell. For more info. call 941-1071.

RADIO NOTES

Myron Bretholtz and Summer Solstice are, along with everything else, off WGTB (the station closed January 31st). He is now doing the same type program (Folk music, mostly traditional British Isles music) in Arnold, Md. for Anne Arundel Community College, on WACC FM at 89.9 MHz 3-7 p.m. on Sundays. Southeast of Washington you might be able to hear the station.

Mary Cliff on WETA FM's Folk Weekend is playing more British Isles music these days, especially Irish. If you're a folk performer and would like your appearances to be included in the announcements of "Who's Where" drop a note to Mary at WETA FM, 5217 No. 19th Rd. Arlington, Va. 22207. And look for some time changes in her show next month.

THE SONGSMITH

Located on Capitol Hill, 319 7th St. S.E., The Songsmith is "A Musical Boutique and Folk Cabaret" Cabaret hours are 8:30 p.m. to midnight, Tuesday thru Sunday. Reservations only on Friday and Saturday nights (2 shows- 9 and 10:30 p.m.). Admission is \$2.50 per show and \$3.50 for both shows, \$2 on Wed. and Thurs. nites and \$1 on Sunday & Tues. Admission includes salad bar, fruits, coffee, cake and snacks. The Cabaret offers a blend of folk, blues, country, old-timey and traditional music.

The songsmith is planning a bus trip to the Old Time Fiddlers Convention in Union Grove, North Carolina on April 12, 13, 14, 15 (Easter weekend). The cost of the trip will be \$55 per person, including transportation, camping equipment and gate admission. For more info. call Gregg Smith, 543-3672.

SHAPE NOTE WORKSHOP IN BERKLEY SPRINGS

This workshop will be held on March 23, 24, 25 with Joe Holbert from Beckley, W.Va. and is sponsored by the Morgan Arts Council. For further info. contact Suzanne Offutt, Posey Hollow Rd., Berkeley Springs, W.Va. 25411, (304) 258-4730.

CLOGGING CLASS

Mountain dancing to old time string music taught by Denise Rowe. Classes begin on March 14th for three weeks, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$9; Location-Good Luck Community Center, 8601 Good Luck Rd., Lanham, Md. Call for info. and registration, 552-1093 (Sue Taylor)

FSGW HOT*LINE (703) 281-2228

SOUND-SYSTEM WORKSHOP

The FSGW has recently purchased a completely new sound system (except for our existing microphones). As any reader of this newsletter can tell, it is already finding use in an increasing variety and number of programs and other events, and we need additional people who can help to set it up, take it down, and run it. Therefore, we are offering a workshop on "how-to." It will be free of cost, but limited to 15 people. If you've ever felt any curiosity about such things, and/or would like to learn some stuff that might be useful to both the FSGW and you, come by and see. The workshop will be on Saturday, March 24, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Huttons' house in Takoma Park. Call Mia Gardiner (573-1315) for directions and info.

FSGW BOARD MEETING, MARCH 7th, 8 p.m.

Board meetings are open to the membership. If you would like to attend call the FSGW phone number above for location of the meeting.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MARCH 16th

Please mail articles for March newsletter to 3313 Hemlock Dr. Falls Church, Va. 22042 or call 573-1315.

Mia Gardiner, Editor

WORDS ON REV. GARY DAVIS

Robert Tilling, in England, is collecting material for a book on the late Rev. Gary Davis, to be in the form of an anthology including "photos, essays, news cuttings, reviews, quotations, stories, anecdotes, appreciations, poems, drawings, etc., etc." He is, in short, looking for more, particularly early photos and tapes of sermons and conversations. "Any material would be cared for and returned," Tilling says, and if required, he will pay "costs and mail." Sister Annie Davis, he adds, has given her approval to the project. Write to Tilling at: 2 Heathfield House, Bagatelle, St. Saviour, Jersey, Great Britain.

IT'S ELECTION TIME AGAIN

...for the next Executive Board of the FSGW, and a nominating committee has been appointed by the present board. Its members are Debbie Hutton, Wally Macnow, Stephanie Faul, Casey King and Rebecca Holmes, all of them eager to hear suggestions from the membership as possible candidates. If you'd like to run for office, or suggest a name, or get some information about the offices available, please call Debbie at 270-2217. Nominations from the floor will be taken at the March (9th) and April (13th) programs, and added to the list compiled by the nominating committee. Election information and ballots will be mailed with the May newsletter. Remember, this is a society run by volunteers, it is growing rapidly and can use lots of help, so give us a call. Also, feel free to call the present board members to ask about their specific jobs.

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FOLK GUITAR CLASSES

Classes are offered through the Montgomery Co. Dept. of Recreation and are taught by Jo Zukav. They will start on Monday evening, March 26th. Call Jo at 460-4383 for further information.

This Newsletter is published by the Folklore Society of Greater Washington, a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to preserving and promoting traditional folk arts in the greater Washington D.C. area. Membership in the Society is open to all who wish to help pursue these goals. Membership benefits include free admission to programs, reduced admission to special events, the Newsletter by first class mail, plus workshops, sings and more. To join, fill out the form below, enclose your check and send to the Folklore Society of Greater Washington, Don Nichols, 307 Broadleaf Dr. N.E., Vienna, Virginia 22180.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Is this a new address? Yes _____ No _____ (If more than one last name, please indicate preferred name for alphabetical filing.)

Is this a renewal or a new membership? Renewal _____ New _____

WE WANT TO JOIN! ENCLOSED IS:

Name _____

| Individual | | | | Family | | | |
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| 3 year | \$24 | (|) | 3 year | \$36 | (|) |
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| 1 yr. sust. | \$50 | (|)* | 1 yr. sust. | \$50 | (|)* |
| Life | \$150 | (|)* | Life | \$225 | (|)* |

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Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

Are you willing to help the Society in some way? _____

Interests (music, dance, crafts etc.) _____

Anyone living outside the Greater Washington area may subscribe to the FSGW newsletter only, in lieu of getting full membership, if they do not plan to vote or have free admission to programs. The cost for out-of-town membership is \$4.

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