

FOLK CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

FOLK NOTES

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for information and events August, 2003

ACOUSTIC UNDERGROUND CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS:

Gary Doles Saturday August 2nd, 8:00pm

Once again we have mined the treasure of talent in upstate Florida and have come up with a gem. Although he started right here, Gary Doles played the Flick in his high school years and later at the Lion's Share – that should bring back some memories – Gainesville and St. Augustine (sound familiar) were home for about fifteen years. There he was a musician full time playing every venue imaginable, until he shifted gears and created The Downtown Theater in Orlando that he ran for about ten years and then sold. A very versatile guy, he even starred in "B" movie.

Gary is a true crowd pleaser, especially with his own material. The Florida Folk Festival, The Will McLean and The Gamble Rogers all welcome him regularly and he has recently recommitted himself to touring. Val considers him one of the best and was very excited that he's hit the road again and will be here frequently. It's always nice to have someone with deep local roots and years of experience perform for us; having played the coffee houses in Coconut Grove in the late 60's is a rare credit. Sounds like great credentials for his playing the best coffee house in South Florida for us tonight. We're looking forward to a warm, cozy and nostalgic evening.

Luna Star Café, 775 NE 125th Street, N. Miami, FL
tel: 305-892-8522. Requested Contribution: \$7.00
(\$6.00 Members)

The

Luna Star Cafe



Bored with the average? Come feed your mind as well as your face. We offer fine food, exotic coffees, beers, ales, ciders, and fruit & spice beverages, along with the best in art, poetry, story-telling, folk and traditional music, blues and jazz. It's a living room atmosphere, and a place for stimulating conversation. 775 NE 125th St. - North Miami, FL - (305) 892-8522. 10am to Midnight Tue. through Thu. - Fri. and Sat. - 10am to 1am

FOLK FRIDAY PRESENTS

Friday August 15th, 8:00pm, entrance free

Wishing Chair

There's a rock formation, The Wishing Chair, in Northern Ireland where, it is said, you can sit, and make a wish, and it will come true. And, as



we all know, Irish legends are all true. So here we have Wishing Chair and, if Miriam Davidson and Kiya Heartwood wished for what has become their trademark harmonic blend of voice, guitar, accordion and great wordsmithing, they've got their wish.

Whether it's one of their driving, contemporary folk originals or a lilting five hundred year old ballad, you hear intense passion, energy and power. Miriam brings a soulful sound; Kiya's lyrics are poetic and gripping and any subject is fair game: romance, shipwrecks, urban sprawl, punk bars and nineteenth century poets.

Chosen Best All-Round winners of the 2003 Florida Folk Festival song competition, these two national touring professionals are a tour-de-force of songwriting, string dancing, accordion playing, harmonic singing, storytelling, hand drumming, banjo strumming and soul stirring. Their haunting, plaintive sound reminds us of an open Irish countryside with itinerant musicians playing to rural audiences in raw, sparsely populated, open space. Maybe it will remind of something else; you will certainly not forget their sound or their stories. <http://www.terrakin.com>

Folk Friday is the third Friday of the month. Sponsored by the City of North Miami, Florida. Free Admission at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 770 NE 125th Street, North Miami, FL 305-893-6211. Produced by the Folk Club of South Florida.

Please stop by the **Luna Star Café**, 775 NE 125th St. after the concert for a snack and more fine music.

THE PREZ SEZ: Lessons from my Other Life

By **Barry J. White**

In my day job, I gave a talk last week "Parenting Skills For Today". Alvin Toffler, in his 1970 book *Future Shock*, explained how the family went from extended in the middle-ages to nuclear in the industrial age and fractured in the sixties. Add in two breadwinner households, single parent families, TV, PC's, video games, school work, extracurricular activities of every kind, sports, and we soon see the time that parents actually spend with their kids is minimal. Our kids' peers have more time with them and more influence on them than we do. Then we wonder why the kids' values and interests do not reflect our own. The use of time becomes the pivotal and critical element in raising our kids. The adage, "a friend asks nothing of a friend but time" holds true here too.



Planning to spend time together and how it will be shared and enjoyed can produce "quality time." And this shouldn't just mean going out to a restaurant. It can be time doing house repairs, gardening, on hobbies. In fact any activity in which the parent and the child can see each other solving problems which arise: planning how that trellis should look, where it should be located, how it is built, building it, and most importantly, how each of you reacts when a problem occurs: how it is solved and how you deal with the people you meet who help you plan and construct it. When you share time like this, you share yourself and your child shares his reactions and understanding. And it starts at five, not fifteen. When we see parents bringing their kids to our house concerts (maybe not Eric Schwartz or similar) and to our other venues we know those parents are investing their time in them. They will all enjoy the dividends.

OPEN HOUSE & SONG SWAP

The open house is on the second Sunday of the month, August 10, from 5 pm to 9 pm. Bring food, music, and a happy heart. Please contact this month's host, Ellen Siegel, 5140 SW 82 Ave., Miami: call her at 305-274-0433 for further information.

FOLK MUSIC IN THE GARDENS

Sunday, August 17th - Noon to 5:00 P.M.

Recently renamed *Folk Music in the Gardens* will continue on the third Sunday of each month. This event is sponsored by the Village of Pinecrest and is located in the beautiful and historic Pinecrest Gardens on the site of the former Parrot Jungle: Southwest 112th Street and Southwest 57th Avenue (Red Road).

Five hours of some of South Florida's and the nation's finest folk and acoustic performers, on the Main Stage and the Imagination Stage. In addition there will be workshops on songwriting, guitar and other instruments. All in a spectacular, natural Florida hammock with tours by the park guides. And all for just the park admission fee of \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children three to twelve.

Grounds will be open from 8:00 A.M. to Sundown with food and soft drinks available from 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. Contact Barry White at 305-251-1960 for further information about this event. Pinecrest Gardens telephone: 305-669-6942.

Confirmed performers are:

Blue grass Band – Some of South Florida's finest pickers and hummers. You've heard'em at festivals and at the monthly concerts. Now you'll hear'em, tap your toes and clap your hands to them in the jungle. They bring many songs, many different bluegrass styles and a lot of talent. Bluegrass fans, come on down.

Friction Farm

Aidan Quinn, guitarist/vocalist and Christine Stay, bassist/vocalist have become one the hottest local (Palm Beach Gardens is home) acts. With roots in



rock, they have evolved in the acoustic world. Audiences have been attracted by "a knack for writing catchy hook-filled songs and delivering them with unbridled energy..." The Palm Beach Post. Christine's rare voice and Aidan's harmonies and special stage presence and their backgrounds at Berkley and Woodstock plus unlimited energy are all ingredients for very creative interaction that works.

James Kelly - James Kelly is one of the most respected fiddlers playing traditional Irish music today. Through his many recordings, his involvement in such well known performing groups as Planxty and Patrick Street, and his teaching work in Irish music schools and festivals around the world, he has touched and inspired legions of musicians and music lovers. James' roots in the music run deep. He grew up in a musical household during a time of heightened interest in traditional music in Ireland. Like his father, John, before him, James is a font of information about tunes and anecdotes of characters who formed the tradition, and a fierce advocate of the music.

Davis LaFleur - One of our most versatile and accomplished local musicians, we see David as our own troubadour. With his many instruments and endless genres, he is always fresh and resourceful. Whether doing one of his own songs or someone else's he always does it with a twinkle and rye wit, he might take his guitar, mandolin, dobro or dulcimer off of his rack to accompany himself. It's always a pleasure to enjoy David's enthusiasm and to share his wealth of musical knowledge.

Nick Annis & Elizabeth Crisfield

Nick Annis has been intriguing South Florida folkies for a few years now with his pensive and deeply felt compositions which reflect his somewhat taciturn and self contained persona. Nick is



Self-taught. His early influences were Paul Simon, Cat Stevens and Jim Croce. Today the late Dave Carter, Richard Schindell, Michael Smith and Jeffery Foucault are leading the way for him. With roots in Hollywood, Nick is homegrown and close to our pulse.

Pixyish Elizabeth Crisfield has such boundless energy you just don't want her to stop playing her fiddle and step dancing. A classically trained violinist, she took a liking to contra dancing and clogging and the music that drives them. The violin became the fiddle and we now find her regularly at contra dances. She can immediately pick up any tune so she jams with some of our finest performers. Her eyes smile, her feet step and her love of the music infects everyone lucky enough to hear her.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAIN STREET CAFÉ CONCERT SERIES

128 N. Krome Avenue, Homestead. Directions: From the Florida Turnpike, exit Campbell Drive, (exit #2) also known as SW 312 Street. Turn Left onto N. Krome Avenue. FLSR 997. Please call Laurie Oudin at 305-245-7575 to make your reservations. Web site: <http://www.mainstreetcafe.net> provides additional information. Shows start at 8:00 pm, cover charge is \$10.00. Main Street Café's **'Up-Close and Personal'** Concerts are listed on the following page:

Darryl Purpose - Saturday, August 2: Cover Charge \$12.00

Songwriters in the Round - Thursday, August 7: Cover Charge \$10.00

Amy Carol Webb and Wishing Chair
Thursday, August 14: Cover Charge \$10.00

Diane Ward Band -
Thursday, August 21: Cover Charge \$10.00



Bob Malone -
Saturday, August 23: Cover Charge \$12.00

Michael Farr - August 28, Cover Charge \$12.00

CONCERTS AT THE LUNA STAR CAFÉ

Luna Star Café is now presenting regular acoustic concerts in North Miami. 777 N.W, 125 Court, North Miami, FL. Call Alexis at 305-892-8522 for details regarding the program of concerts, or see the concert schedule at:

<http://www.geocities.com/purdyville/lunastar.htm>

Sara Walker - August 1

Gary Doles - Acoustic Underground - August 2

Poetry Night - August 8

Open Mike - August 9

Jim Fleming - August 16

Open Mike - August 23

Stevie Franz - August 24

Matthew Sabatella - August 27

BARKER HOUSE CONCERTS, N. Miami
305-644-9111 / 305-972-5685

**Nick Annis and Elizabeth Crisfield with
Guest Musicians ~ Live CD Recording ~**

Saturday, August 16th, 7:00 pm

Those events where we can tell our grandchildren "I was there" are few and far between. So it will be with this special event to record the songs of Nick Annis. Nick and Elizabeth will be accompanied by guest musicians, including Ellen Bukstel (vocal harmonies, piano) and Jordan Cherkinsky (guitar and mandolin). This concert will also be a farewell for Nick and Elizabeth as they plan a move shortly



to Washington, DC. Those readers familiar with Nick's songs and stories will appreciate an opportunity to hear new arrangements of his popular compositions. Nick will also present new material that will delight his avid fans.

Nick and Elizabeth have become popular performers in the South Florida folk circuit. During August they will play at several venues, and later in the month Nick will be appearing on Michael Stock's WLRN radio program. Nick has also been arranging a busy tour schedule in other parts of the US during the second half of this year. Check out Nick's website, www.nickannis.com

There will be no charge at the door. Instead Nick wants to practice his busking skills in preparation for life on the beltway - he will pass around a hat during the intermission. Entrance to this special CD recording concert is **by reservation only**, please email or telephone Maria. It is requested that audience members arrive promptly before 7:00 PM to avoid interruptions during the recording. There will also be an intermission with pot-luck dinner.

For **Barker House Concert** reservations call Maria Barker at **305-644-9111, 305-972-5685** or email maria@floridamusic.org. Please see our web site at: www.floridamusic.org for additional concerts.

**ROBBY PRODUCTIONS & THE
LABYRINTH CAFÉ** present:

A Woody Guthrie Tribute

Saturday August 9th - 8 PM

Program featuring:

**Nick Annis - Boomslang - Ellen Bukstel
- Crush Velvet - Steve Greenberg -
Grant Livingston & Amy Carol Webb** with
a special video greeting from **Arlo Guthrie**

Best known for writing "This Land is Your Land," Woody Guthrie wrote over 2000 songs in his lifetime. He addressed the social ills of his time ranging from songs of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl, hobos and migrant workers to anti-Hitler songs and pro-union songs. Towards the end of the 1940's, his body began to exhibit signs of Huntington's Chorea, inherited from his mother. This disease cut his life short in 1967 but the songs that Woody Guthrie wrote have influenced the direction of American music. Items will also be auctioned: DVD's and CD's signed by Arlo Guthrie.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft. Lauderdale, 3970 NW 21ST AVE. FT Lauderdale. Take I 95 to Oakland Park Blvd west exit. Go to light at NW 21 Ave & turn right. Just past the first light, church will be on the right. Suggested donation \$15. \$50 VIP Package includes priority seating and a pre-concert 7PM Wine and Cheese Reception with performers. Checks to be made out to Cooperative Feeding Program and mailed to: 1 NW 33rd Terrace, Ft Lauderdale 33311. Fundraiser for the Broward Cooperative Feeding Info: Coop Feeding Program (954) 792-2328. Day of concert call: (954) 240-6313.

GLADE'S EDGE HOUSE CONCERTS

Bob Malone Friday, August 22, 7:30 PM

Glade's Edge House Concerts is proud to present yet another incredible singer songwriter, this time on the fringes of Folk. Past South Florida Folk Festival Singer Songwriter Competition Finalist Bob Malone is again gracing South Florida with his music and muse. Bob is one of the most incredible blues players you are likely to hear.

Pot luck dinner at 6:30. Reservations suggested. Artist Donation: \$10. Please email gladesedge@yahoo.com or call Dave Cambest, at 954-742-9236 for reservations. www.geocities.com/unpluggedconcerts

Valerie C. Wisecracker

Thursday, August 28, 10:00 PM.

The Beast and the Baker Show, Tobacco Road, 626 S. Miami AVE. 305 374-1198 <http://www.tobacco-road.com/>

August 30 to September 1

Valerie C. Wisecracker & "Sawgrass" Cindy Hackney Featured performers at Clyde and Niki Butcher's Big Cypress Gallery ANNUAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND GALA. Florida photography, music, food, swamp walks (RSVP ON WALK). (239) 695-2428 www.clydebutcher.com

Grant Livingston

Wednesday August 6, 7:30-10:30pm

Nashville Songwriters Association meeting, Unity Church of Hollywood, 2740 Van Buren Street. info: call Grant 305-444-1230 or Janet 305-899-0730

Friday, August 8, 7:00 pm

"Moonlight over MacArthur", Moonlight concert at MacArthur Beach State Park, North Palm Beach, 10900 Hwy A1A - (just south of PGA blvd). info: Junko Nomura (561) 624-6970

Saturday, August 9, 8:00 pm

"A Tribute to Woody Guthrie", with several artists performing at the UU Church of Ft. Lauderdale, 3970 Northwest 21st Ave; Oakland Park. info: UU Church (954) 484-6734. Robby Greenberg (954) 430-7004

Saturday, August 16, 8:00pm - 11:00pm. CG Café, 517 Lake Avenue, Lake Worth. info: (561) 585-5911

Rod McDonald

Wednesdays 7:30 pm at Paddy Mac's, 10971 N Military Tr, PB Gardens, tel: 561-691-4366

NEWS**Internet Event Listing**

For a very comprehensive listing of upcoming South Florida events see the **GotFolk Calendar of Events**, set your Internet browser to:

<http://gotfolk.cus.com/calendar/calendar.pl>

email: houseconcerts@dylan.cus.com

Open Mikes

Sunday nights at John Martin's Pub and Tuesday Nights at Sax Music Bar. Both events will start at 8pm. Contact: John Brown, gringo64@bellsouth.net

CD REVIEW**Anne Feeney and Chris Chandler - Live From The Wholly Stolen Empire, 2003**

11 Tracks / 75:16 www.annefeeney.com 7206 Michigan Ave. - Pittsburgh, Pa., Phone 412-241-7664

This is a work which combines bright, intelligent musical and vocal performance with deft, "in their face" political satire, comedic commentary, as well as sensitive, insightful philosophical and social observations. There are a couple of risqué references in the CD, used very intelligently, and they did not offend this reviewer, but caused me to laugh out loud in one case, and to admire the author's integrity in another.

After the introduction on Track 1, Track 2 "Carnivals #3" employs the concept of "Six Flags Over Mecca," a theme park and sideshow using characterizations of current American and World figures. Track 3, "I Dreamed I Saw St. Augustine, Florida" is another tour de force, this time about the cheap exploitation of history, cultural struggles, and spirituality for the shallow kitsch of tacky tourism.

The song "Swimming to the Other Side" written by Pat Humphries and gently performed by Ms. Feeney, is a beautiful counterpart to Chris Chandler's brilliant satire.

Of the remaining 8 tracks, I want to highlight the final track "Martin Luther, Classic". This compares our current corporate capitalism to the Roman Catholic Church at the beginning of Martin Luther's Reformation. Chandler notes with some concern that cable television and MTV have "turned pop stars into sodapop stars," (c.f. Michael Jackson and his Pepsi sponsors).

Michael Stock played "I Dreamed I Saw St. Augustine, Florida" a month or two ago on his "Folk and Acoustic Music" program. It was the first I'd ever heard of this group. I'm privileged to review their fine efforts. All of these songs have great social and individual importance, and this CD would grace anyone's music library and help free us all to laugh, cry, and to contemplate, while hearing this cherished recording, and sometimes all at once during some of Mr. Chandler's and Ms. Feeney's performances.

Finally, I note with glee that the song/timing list on the CD disc is printed like a butterfly ballot. Nice touch (It took me a little while to figure it out.)

CD Review by David M. Thornburgh / 21 July 2003

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Additional events not included in the main concert list. Please send information and corrections for the Calendar of Events to John Barker via email at john@floridamusic.org

Friday, August 1st

Open Mike at Main Street Café, 128 N. Krome Avneue, Homestead.
The Luna Star Café. Nicholas the Storyteller. Open mike 10:00pm.

Saturday, August 2nd

Luna Star - Acoustic Underground - Gary Doles (see first page)
Chocolate Moose, 9118 S.R. 84 (I-595 & Pine Island Road) Davie.
(954-474-5040) Open Mike, 8-12.00 pm

Main Street Café - sing a long with the Pathfinders, Tel: 305-245-7575

Sunday, August 3rd

Bluegrass Under the Trees, Ives Optmist Club- \$3;00 1511 NE 207 St. N. Miami Beach Tel. 954-741 5997. 1:00 to 6:00pm
Open Mike at John Martins 253 Miracle Mile 305-445-3777

Tuesday, August 5th

Music Industry Networking Night 7:00pm to 9:00pm, One Night Stan's, 2333 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood, Fl. Tel.: 954-929-1566.

Chocolate Moose, 9118 S.R. 84 (I-595 & Pine Island Road) Davie.
Tel. 954-474-5040 Open Mike, 8-11 pm

The Chat Room Café, 1862 N. Young Circle, Hollywood, Fl. 954-920-9299. Open Mike 7:00-10:00pm

Wednesday, August 6th

Chocolate Moose, 9118 S.R. 84 (I-595 & Pine Island Road) Davie.
(954-474-5040) Open Mike, 8-11 pm

Thursday, August 7th

Live Music at Main Street Café (See Concerts List for details)
Backstage, 12201 NW 7th Avenue, North Miami, Tel. 305-688-5106.
Acoustic Jam Session, Jomo, master Mbira-player.

Friday, August 8th

Luna Star Café, 775 NE 125 Street, North Miami, Open Mike with Tony Thomas, 305-892-8522.

Broward Folk Club open mike, Slattery's Irish Pub, 1015 NE 26th St., Winton Manors. 7:30 pm, concert starts at 9:00pm. Tel. 954-563-7833.

Open Mike at Main Street Café, 128 N. Krome Avneue, Homestead.
The Luna Star Café. Nicholas the Storyteller. Open mike 10:00pm.

Saturday, August 9th

Chocolate Moose, 9118 S.R. 84 (I-595 & Pine Island Road) Davie.
(954-474-5040) Open Mike, 8-12.00 pm

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Tuesday, August 12th

Chocolate Moose, 9118 S.R. 84 (I-595 & Pine Island Road) Davie.
Tel. 954-474-5040 Open Mike, 8-11 pm

The Chat Room Café, 1862 N. Young Circle, Hollywood, Fl. 954-920-9299. Open Mike 7:00-10:00pm

Wednesday, August 13th

Chocolate Moose, 9118 S.R. 84 (I-595 & Pine Island Road) Davie.
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Thursday, August 14th

Live Music at Main Street Café (See Concerts List for details)
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Acoustic Jam Session, Jomo, master Mbira-player.

Friday, August 15th

Folk Friday - Wishing Chair (see first page)

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Open Mike at Main Street Café, 128 N. Krome Avneue, Homestead.

The Luna Star Café. Nicholas the Storyteller. Open mike 10:00pm.

Saturday, August 16th

Contra Dance at the American Czech-Slovak Cultural Club 13325 Arch Creek Road, North Miami. No partner is needed. Instruction at 7:30 p.m., dance starts at 8:00 pm. \$5.00 donation, bring a snack to share: <http://www.fiddlers-grove.com/everglad.html> or contact Guy 954-524-8990 or Warren 561-395-7338.

Unitarian Universalist Church of South Miami. Open mike and coffee house. Mike Malone 305-662-4003

Chocolate Moose, 9118 S.R. 84 (I-595 & Pine Island Road) Davie.
(954-474-5040) Open Mike, 8-12.00 pm

Main Street Café - sing a long with the Pathfinders, Tel: 305-245-7575

Sunday, August 17th

Folk Music in the Gardens (see page 2)

Broward Folk Club Sing-Out in the Park, Secret Woods nature Center, 2701 State Road 84, Fort Lauderdale Phone 954-252-9437.

Tuesday, August 19th

Chocolate Moose, 9118 S.R. 84 (I-595 & Pine Island Road) Davie.
Tel. 954-474-5040 Open Mike, 8-11 pm

The Chat Room Café, 1862 N. Young Circle, Hollywood, Fl. 954-920-9299. Open Mike 7:00-10:00pm

Wednesday, August 20th

Chocolate Moose, 9118 S.R. 84 (I-595 & Pine Island Road) Davie.
(954-474-5040) Open Mike, 8-11 pm

Thursday, August 21st

Cancun Mexican Grill, 1828 Harrison St., Hollywood. Songwriters Showcase 7:30 pm. Open Mike, 9:00p.m. Featured Songwriters, 954-922-8515.

Live Music at Main Street Café (See Concerts List for details)

Backstage, 12201 NW 7th Avenue, North Miami, Tel. 305-688-5106.
Acoustic Jam Session, Jomo, master Mbira-player.

Friday, August 22nd

Luna Star Café, 775 NE 125 Street, North Miami, Open Mike with Tony Thomas, 305-892-8522.

Open Mike at Main Street Café, 128 N. Krome Avneue, Homestead.
The Luna Star Café. Nicholas the Storyteller. Open mike 10:00pm.

Saturday, August 23rd

Chocolate Moose, 9118 S.R. 84 (I-595 & Pine Island Road) Davie.
(954-474-5040) Open Mike, 8-12.00 pm

Main Street Café - sing a long with the Pathfinders, Tel: 305-245-7575

Tuesday, August 26th

Chocolate Moose, 9118 S.R. 84 (I-595 & Pine Island Road) Davie.
Tel. 954-474-5040 Open Mike, 8-11 pm

The Chat Room Café, 1862 N. Young Circle, Hollywood, Fl. 954-920-9299. Open Mike 7:00-10:00pm

Wednesday, August 27th

Chocolate Moose, 9118 S.R. 84 (I-595 & Pine Island Road) Davie.
(954-474-5040) Open Mike, 8-11 pm

Thursday, August 28th

Live Music at Main Street Café (See Concerts List for details)

Backstage, 12201 NW 7th Avenue, North Miami, Tel. 305-688-5106.
Acoustic Jam Session, Jomo, master Mbira-player.

Friday, August 29th

Open Mike at Main Street Café, 128 N. Krome Avneue, Homestead.
The Luna Star Café. Nicholas the Storyteller. Open mike 10:00pm.

Saturday, August 30th

Chocolate Moose, 9118 S.R. 84 (I-595 & Pine Island Road) Davie.
(954-474-5040) Open Mike, 8-12.00 pm

Main Street Café - sing a long with the Pathfinders, Tel: 305-245-7575

Sunday, August 31st

Broward Folk Club Open House (Free). Song Swap, jam, covered dish party. Contact Janis Rubel 561-487-0253 or grubel@interpoint.net

MICHAEL STOCK
 on Folk and Acoustic Music

WLRN radio presenter, Michael Stock's monthly column about South Florida's folk and acoustic music scene. Listen to Michael's show every Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM on WLRN, 91.3 MHz. Contact Michael at : 305-995-2220, or email: mstock@wlrn.org



I am folk snob. I discovered this only last week at a performance when I was so bored that I had time to think about it. I am not a folk nazi mind you. I don't like nazi's or the term, used way too often, it should be reserved for nazis exclusively. A "folk nazi" is someone who objects to change and would got to extremes (figuratively) to express their one and only right view of folk music. I have been called a folk nazi before for my aversion to drum-kits or electric guitars in the folk music. If I had to choose, I would rather be a snob than a nazi.

I, being a snob, am one who favors folk music over all other types of music. Classical music is so old that you can argue that it has been grand fathered in as "folk music", but a lot of it was commissioned by spoiled rich upper-class people who did not care about the common folk. Opera is wonderful with great talent, but it is theater, contrived. Rock & Roll is best when you want to party and need some idol to worship. Hip Hop and rap, yes, folk from the streets, but I am not yet convinced that a turntable is an instrument.

Of course I jest, I appreciate all good music, but folk music talks to me. Only at folk concerts am I moved to laughter and tears so easily. There is beauty everywhere, and even I, twice, had been referred to as an artist for just picking out songs to play on my radio show. If that qualifies me, then, yes, by golly, I am an artist and I would like to say thanks those two people, and those thousands of musicians who send me their music for free so I can make my art on the radio.

Being a snob is not a good thing though. It even sounds bad. In reflection, it started when I was producing concerts and I trying too to hard to please everyone in the audience. I wound up pacing the whole show worrying, and not being able to enjoy the show. I still have a hard time enjoying most shows. What is really interesting, or scary, is that when I am bored at

a show I will look around the room, and at everyone else enjoying the show. Either everyone here is putting on a fake facade, or I am a snob.

Don't get me wrong, I do so admire anyone who can get on stage and perform. There is nothing more exhilarating than watching the most seasoned performers going out on a limb, improvising and risking failure. I even prefer the bad performer with good songs over a good performer with bad songs. Woody Guthrie, a below average guitar player & singer, wrote songs that captivated people. The most important thing though, is the song, and I know how difficult it is to write a good song. To write a good folk song, you have to ignore the rules, ignore popular tendencies, and be honest. My number one criteria for airplay on my radio show is to look for a song that does not fit into that "pop" category.

Lastly, admitting being a snob is a start on the road to repair, and if you are a performer, I was not talking about you.

Among the artists to be interviewed this month will be singer /songwriter Nick Annis, Sunday August 24th.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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FOLK CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

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