

FOLK CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

FOLK NOTES

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Happy Holidays



ACOUSTIC UNDERGROUND CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS:

Kath Bloom

Saturday December 6th, 8:00pm

What a treat it will be to spend an evening with a well established, accomplished and talented professional doing what she loves most: singing the blues and telling us about her important work in bringing music to children. *Kath Bloom* will be coming here for a rare appearance away from her home in Torrington, CT.

With legends in mind such as Steve Earle, Billie Holiday, Loretta Lynn and Janice Joplin, and drawing on early training by her parents who were classical musicians, *Kath* has continued to write and to perform while making a home for her husband and three sons. This visit will be a reunion for her with our own Val C. Wisecracker who shared a stage at the Cactus Cantina.

Many of you will remember *Kath's* album with Loren Mazzacane Connors, 1981-1984. Comments on this collection were: "Bloom's voice drifts passionately over her acoustic guitar while Connors improvises distant deconstructed blues, country, and folk in the background. Together they create gorgeous, wavering, and luminous songs of love and loss." *Kath* also wrote the song "Come Here" used in the movie, *Before Sunrise*.

Hugh Blumenfeld writes, "(she) writes exquisite love songs of intimacy and entanglement. The language is natural and direct, and Bloom sings and performs with a passionate abandon."

Kath will be appearing with long time friends and South Florida residents Ginny Williams, violin, and Ann Devine, vocals and flute. If we can find a stand up bass for him, husband Stan Bronski will join in. He toured for many years with Woody Guthrie.

OPENING ACT: Ana Kanpa and The Band

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

FOLK MUSIC IN THE GARDENS

PRESENTS:

Laura Sue, the Silver Nightingale

Laurie Oudin Stephan Mikes
Annie Wenz Steve Wildey

Sunday, December 21st - Noon to 5:00 P.M.

Folk Music in the Gardens is held 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).

You can enjoy 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. 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. Pinecrest Gardens telephone: 305-669-6942.

Laurie Oudin

In addition to being the proprietor of South Florida's hottest folk venue, the Main Street Café, as well as promoting some of the finest acts the US has to offer, Laurie is a very accomplished musician. Although she appears weekly at Main Street with



her band, the Pathfinders, it is a rare treat to see her playing solo acoustically, and presenting her own compositions. This is a performance not to be missed.

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THE PREZ SEZ... *Special Guest Column*

By **Elle Hogan** of The Flying Turtles

Every once in awhile comes The Good Idea. Last Sunday's Folk Festival at Amelia Earhart Park in Hialeah was one of those ideas come to life. This was a "true" folk festival. A bonafide multicultural event. Folk musicians who have moved to South Florida from "somewhere else" brought their authentic arts to a park in their own backyard. Here, in a nutshell, is what you saw (or missed if you had the ever important "other" things to do):

The Kuyayky Peruvian Folk Ensemble (an unearthly flute played by a beauty with long black hair, string players, a drum...haunting and gorgeous), the Chile Traditional Dance Ensemble (what beautiful dancing! what beautiful traditional costumes!), the Jamaican Folk Review led by Norma Darby (market songs, children's games, traditional songs, what harmonies and rhythms!), Trinidad Steel Pan Band (energy bar none!), John Blosser (and his stunning dulcimer...whoooooee! that man was made for the instrument!), Cuban Punto Guajiro (who played when we did...maybe someone else will comment), The New River Boys (solid bluegrass), and of course, Contradance with Rae Newoman and The Flying Turtles String Band joined by Marty Spencer (so, I saved the best for last).

We played first at 11am. And the pavilion filled up with wonderful exuberant dancers. For about 15 minutes. Then, Barry came by and reminded our dancers that they were "ON" at another stage!!! What a hoot! The Peruvian Folk Ensemble really wanted to learn contradance! Ooops. Nothing like conflicting schedules! Thereafter, the day smoothed out. Dancers came and went, listeners shifted from stage to stage, performers performed and then transformed to audience, hayrides continued all day long, gigantic cookies were baked in the farm village, sugar cane was pressed, sheep were sheared...so many musicians, such a beautiful park, so many critters...so many things to see and experience.

What a concept. Folk music on the farm. And the farm could have been anywhere. Certainly, those of us sharing that Sunday festival were transported. For 8 hours of a Sunday, we were not in Hialeah anymore. Each act was appropriate for what you might have heard, what you might hear on a farm in...Florida...Vermont...South America...in the Caribbean. Nothing about that environment, the working farm village, the music in the air, the dancing and singing...nothing was out of place or phony or out of time. What a concept. What A Good Idea.

Thank you Barry White for your vision and hard work. You pulled it off! We loved our day on the farm. Thank you Folk Club of South Florida and Miami-Dade County Department of Parks and Recreation. Thank you to all of the fabulous performers! (Cheers! Cheers! Clap Clap Clap!!!!) Thanks to our sound men! And finally, thank you to the audience for coming our and supporting real live honest to goodness folk music.

OPEN HOUSE & SONG SWAP

The open house is on the second Sunday of the month, December 14th, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Bring food, music, and a happy heart. Please contact this month's host, Dec 14, 2003 Nellie Lee, 6666 SW 115 Ct, Apt. 203, 305-279-8100 for further information.

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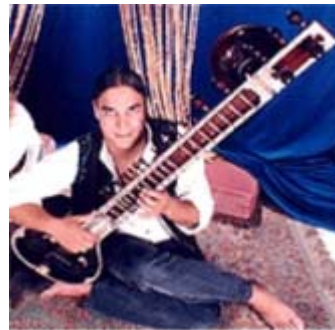
Laura Sue, the Silver Nightingale

Flautist, singer and composer Laura Sue, the Silver Nightingale has captivated South Florida audiences with her sensational solo silver flute. Silver Nightingale performances combine fine classical flute technique with Renaissance, rock, folk, blues, jazz, pop Celtic and new acoustic influences. Laura Sue's music has a magical quality.



Stephan Mikés

Stephan Mikés combines his knowledge of Eastern music with the influence of Latin, Middle Eastern, Afro-Cuban, and Caribbean rhythms. Mikés is proficient on sitar, guitar, zither, mandolin, lap steel guitar.



Annie Wenz

Annie Wenz's music is described as powerful, spiritual, ethereal & bold... a patchwork of amazing stories & textures... like Annie's life. She is known for her unique way of blending contemporary sounds with roots/traditional and multicultural influences and funky rhythms.



Steve Wildey

Steve likes some Latin music and some of the rhythms do find their way into his playing. His style is less strictly defined and more towards what is called "Acoustic Fingerstyle".



CONCERTS

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'** <http://www.mainstreetcafe.net/>. Concerts are:

L.J Booth - Thursday, December 4th

Diane Ward Band - Saturday, December 6th

Karen Mal & Laurie McClain - Thursday, 11th

John Hammond - Saturday, December 13th

Jenn Hull, Shawn Snyder & Jesse

Jackson - Songwriters in the Round - Thursday, December 18th

Eric Schwartz - Wednesday, December 31st

SPECIAL NEW YEARS EVE PARTY

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, shows start at 8:00 PM, or see the concert schedule at:

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

Starry Day - acoustic duo from Toronto, -
Wednesday, Dec 03

Space Hippy -
Thursday, Dec 04

Sarah Walker -
Friday, Dec 05 - Those lyrics! That brain! The loveliest local lyrical lady we know. Check out her new website and her debut album!

<http://www.sarahjwalker.com/index.htm>



Kath Bloom - Acoustic Underground - (see page 1) Saturday, Dec 06

Steve Franz - Thursday, Dec 11

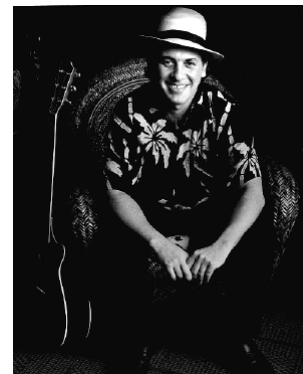
Flying Turtles String Band! - Friday, Dec 12

ARTS AT ST JOHNS & BARKER HOUSE CONCERTS *presents*

Carla Ulbrich and Grant Livingston

Friday, December 5th, 8:00 pm

Carla Ulbrich is currently based in South Florida, Carla brings a mix of humor, poignancy and nifty guitar playing to the stage. She began playing guitar at the age of nine, and writing songs in high school. Carla made her singing debut at a pig pickin' on Spring Break in college and released 2 EPs before completing Her Fabulous Debut (CD) on her own label: A Major Record Label. Carla's live shows and CD, Her Fabulous Debut, have earned her rave reviews and cool songwriting awards: Best Upbeat and Best Overall, 1999 South Florida Folk Fest's Song Competition; first place, 2000 and 1998 Mid-Atlantic Song Contest; second place, 1998 Chris Austin Songwriting Contest; second place: Gamble Rogers Folk Fest's Fingerpicking contest; #4 most requested on Dr Demento; grants from the SC Arts Commission and Jim Beam to help fund recordings.



Grant Livingston, Miami's Historian-in-song, writes about Florida's history and the environment. His songs appeal to the adult in children and to the kid in grownups. Livingston combines his country-blues, ragtime guitar style with his storytelling skills to communicate topical material through

song, in a lighthearted and entertaining show. Grant appears at folk festivals, coffeehouses, and special events throughout the state of Florida. He has three full-length recordings of original songs and his songs have been included in several compilation recordings.

Come and enjoy two wonderful musicians and start the holiday season, great entertainment. Potluck dessert to share with everyone else. Suggested artist donation: \$10.00. For reservations please contact: Maria at 305-644-911 or Carol Hoffman at 305-613-2325. The church is located at 4760 Pine Tree Drive, Miami Beach, Florida. Please see our web site at: www.floridamusic.org for additional concerts.



HEART'S DESIRE HOUSE CONCERTS

Karen Mal & Laurie McClain

Tuesday, December 9th, 7:30pm

"Karen Mal 's songs are like the old time remedy that mixed honey and lemon... They are sweet without being precious and have a lasting bite to them that makes them both memorable and good for you. Add a voice to match, and you have a musical panacea, curing our ills and adding to the grace of living." – Michael Jaworek, The Birchmere



"Whether performing solo or with the excellent band she has put together, Laurie McClain turns each venue into her own living room, and each listener into a new friend with her disarming humor and passionate performance. Laurie's songs explore the themes of identity, growth, friendship and love in a way that always honors

the fundamental mysteries of the human journey. In this Mecca of songwriters, she is a gem of uniqueness and authenticity." – Mike Kearns, Nashville, TN

As space is limited, advance reservations are required (directions given upon confirmation). \$15 donation, covered dish dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., music starts at 7:30 p.m. Pembroke Pines. RSVP to Susan at (954) 433-2372 or OzWoman321@aol.com.

<http://www.heartsdesireconcerts.com>

BETTY'S BACK YARD HOUSE CONCERT

Eric Schwartz - December 27th, 7:30 PM

Sometimes Red, Sometimes Blue but always Incredible! He spins tales from a tangled inner web, approaching each song as if it was its own one-man show. Refusing to be pigeonholed by form, genre, or instrument, including that of his own voice, Eric Schwartz has been entertaining audiences for more than ten years in the US and abroad. His versatility is evident in his accomplishments of 2001 alone: composing a score for a musical adaptation of Beowulf presented in NYC and

working with Broadway stars Andre DeShields and Billy Porter; performing in showcases at the Falcon Ridge and Kerrville festivals; being selected for a formal showcase at Northeast Folk Alliance and Kerrville mainstage; releasing a cd under an alter-ego 'Red' which enjoys continual airplay on radio including the syndicated 'Dr. Demento' show; and



releasing 'Napster Rap' via MP3 gathering Eric hundreds of new fans along with NPR radio attention. PA disc jockey Otto Bost wrote, "Eric is a writer who has mastered many styles, and his songs are as varied as the people of New York...The thread that holds them together is the solid craftsmanship of a young man with a pen in his hand, and an intriguingly offbeat view of the world." Some talk about Eric's gorgeous voice with its baritone to Bee-Gee's vocal range, and the intelligent way in which he uses satire and irony to convey a message. But most will add, "You'll just have to experience it for yourself."

Bring a desert to share at intermission. \$15.00 payable in advance. Contact: Betty Friedrichsen, tel: 305-595-1901 or betty_f@bellsouth.net.

ROBBY PRODUCTIONS & THE LABYRINTH CAFÉ present:

Boomslang Swampsinger & Peters Road Swamp Blues Band - Saturday December 6th, 7:30 PM

To say that Boomslang Swampsinger is quirky is an understatement. He has had his share of controversy and glory in the state of Florida. He started



Peters Road Swamp-Blues Band with Warren "Wardog" Vanderplate, way back in the last century at a little pond on Peters Road. At the time they were the Peters Road Seven and at no time had seven people in their band. Singing original songs like "Flamingo Road-Kill Cafe," "Everglades Drainage Blues," and "Take a Right Turn at the Dead Dog,"



Peters Road Swamp Blues Band addresses environmental concerns as well as hard-hitting roadhouse blues with a serious sense of humor. Boomslang is also a story-teller like many of his Florida songwriter heroes. Unfortunately when he tells his stories of Freedom Jones of Sawgrass County, Blackberry Merlot and Dirty Ed Watson, you are never quite sure which characters are fabrications. "What's surprising about the tale is not only that Boomslang has the gift for finding something colorful, rich and unusual about Florida wherever he looks, but that part of the story is really true, as it turns out, or at least a plausible myth." Art Levine, City Link.

Boomslang is a revered musical hero in Florida, performing regularly at festivals and folk venues from the oldest running state organized folk festival in the US, the Florida Folk Festival in White Springs to funky roadhouse bars on the way to Key West.

You can see Boomslang and the Peters Road Swamp-Blues Band at the Labyrinth Cafe, December 6 at 7:30 PM. Their recently released CD, "The Last Train out of Key West" will be available.

Suggested donation is \$15. Reservations suggested (954) 779-2240 or myrafly@peoplepc.com Info at www.uucfl.org/cafe. Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft Lauderdale, 3970 NW 21st Ave * Ft Laud * uucfl.org/finduu.htm

GLADE'S EDGE HOUSE CONCERTS

**Mindy Simmons and Ellen Bukstel
Sunday, December 7th, 7:30 PM**

Glades edge will present two incredible local Florida talents, Mindy Simmons and Ellen Bukstel in a split bill. The first half of the concert will be split between Mindy & Ellen and after intermission Mindy & Ellen will be doing a set "in the round" style. I have it on good authority that there is a very good possibility of a surprise guest performer or two.

A seasoned professional, Mindy energizes her audiences with her delightful interaction and broad emotional performances. She is especially adept at engaging an audience with her witty banter between songs as well as her songs themselves which show a finely crafted detail mixed with some pathos and healthy doses of humor. She has shared the stage with artists such as Asleep At The



Wheel, Albert King, Poppa John Creech, The Burn Sisters, Vance Gilbert, Cliff Eberhardt, Mary Gathiers, John Hammond Jr. and Cosy Sheridan among others.



Ellen Bukstel is most often noted for taking the stage with her brother Gary to create one of the warmest teams ever to grace an ear. In the past few years Ellen has explored her solo side which has resulted in a diverse and flowering growth. I have seen Ellen craft music which I would never have thought would come from her. She has surprised listeners over and over with her diverse, witty and intelligent muses. Not that there was any doubt of her talent but it is wonderful to see her arrive so totally in her own.

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.

NEWS

Open Mike

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

Ormond Beach Performing Art Center

presents: **Dougie Maclean** in concert

April 24, 2004, 8:00 pm

The famous Scottish folk singer and composer of many fine ballads, Dougie Maclean is coming to Florida. The concert will be at the Ormond Beach Performing Art Center. It's being sponsored by Chuck and Pat Spano who also hold the Ormond Area House Concerts.

You can reach them at 386-672-4533 between 9am and 5pm or 386-852-5436 (cell) or on-line at www.floridafolkmusic.org.



Please visit Dougie's website and read more about this wonderful musician: www.dougiemaclean.com



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

Tuesday, December 2nd

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, December 3rd

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

Thursday, December 4th

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, December 5th

Arts at St. Johns/Barker House Concert (page 4)

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

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

Saturday, December 6th

Robby Productions (page 5)

Luna Star – ACOUSTIC UNDERGROUND (see page 1)

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, 305-245-7575

Sunday, December 7th

Glades Edge House Concert (page 5)

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, December 9th

Hearts Desire House Concert (page 4)

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, December 10th

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

(954-474-5040) Open Mike, 8-11 pm

Thursday, December 11th

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, December 12th

Broward Folk Club open mike, Webby's Neighborhood Pub & Grub,

5219 West Broward Blvd in Plantation. Tel. 954-587-2147.

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

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

Saturday, December 13th

Luna Star Café, 775 NE 125 Street, North Miami, Open Mike with

Tony Thomas, 305-892-8522.

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, December 16th

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, December 17th

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

(954-474-5040) Open Mike, 8-11 pm

Thursday, December 18th

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, December 19th

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

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

Saturday, December 20th

Luna Star Cafe features a performance by a local or national artist,

Tel. 305-892-8522.

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, 305-245-7575

Sunday, December 21st

FOLK MUSIC IN THE GARDENS (see page 1)

Tuesday, December 23rd

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, December 24th

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

(954-474-5040) Open Mike, 8-11 pm

Thursday, December 25th

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, December 26th

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

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

Saturday, December 27th

Betty's Back Yard House Concert (page 3)

Luna Star Cafe open mike hosted by Carrie Lynn Kaplan, Tel. 305-

892-8522.

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, December 28th

Broward Folk Club Open House (Free). Song Swap, jam, covered

dish party. Contact Janis Rubel 561-487-0253 or

grubel@interpoint.net

Tuesday, December 30th

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, December 31st

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

(954-474-5040) Open Mike, 8-11 pm



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



First off, thanks goodness it is December. The older I get, the more I appreciate the good feelings that go along with this time of year. It's funny too that the older you get, the faster this month comes around (I believe that can be proved mathematically).

I will try not to get too political, but as I write this, I am still upset about the FTAA meeting here in south Florida, especially the police state we became. I admit that some of the protesters were not nice, but the police, in my opinion, went way overboard. I have 2 first hand accounts of people who saw undercover cops, posing as protesters, who provoked the armed police riot squad to attack. I also noticed that every other media outlet gave little credit to the protesters, and one can go as far and say that all the media outlets discouraged protesting and sold a story that the protesters were dangerous. Well, they weren't, and unlike the police, they were not paid to be out on the streets. I don't think I have to remind you that protest has fought exploitation throughout history and advances the human cause. Indeed, this great country was founded through protest. Well, I know this is a music newsletter, so along with all the other kinds of folk music I play on my radio show, I plan to play some protest music every week.

On December 7th I will also have a radio open mike hosted by Tony Thomas. Tony hosts many of the open mikes at the Luna Star Café in North Miami and has five or six artists lined up to play live on the radio.

I will be away on Dec 28th, but I found an interesting hour produced at WPSU in Pennsylvania. It is called Chimpin' The Blues, and it is an hour with Robert Crumb playing and talking about his favorite Music. Robert Crumb, known primarily for his underground comics from the 60, has an eccentric taste in music, and while all might not be folk, it is all vintage.

I do not have much specifically planned for the rest of the month, but I will continue to provide an outlet for

local artists and national touring artists who are playing in our area, and encourage you to go out to see and support them. Happy Holidays

THE FOLK CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA, INC.
ANNUAL ELECTIONS, 2004

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

In February 2004 the following officers & board members will be elected: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Directors (5), Members-at-Large (5). Members are invited to propose names for the board of directors, to be included on the ballot that will be published in the January Edition of Folk Notes. The nominating committee recommendations will be listed in the January Folk Notes. Individual members have one vote. Family memberships have one vote per adult. You must be a paid-up member of the club for your vote to be counted. For further information please contact the Club Secretary, Linda Singer at 305-667-4386; lcs_folk@bellsouth.net

ARTS AT St. JOHN'S CHURCH



4760 Pine Tree Drive, Miami Beach

Contact **Carol Hoffman-Guzman** for information about upcoming folk music concerts: **305-613-2325**

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 CLUB OF SOUTH FLORIDA

Is a non-profit organization (501-C) and member of The North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance. We proudly support Friends of Florida Folk and the radio station WLRN in Miami, Florida.

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Director	John Barker, 305-981-3760; john@floridamusic.org
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