

various styles including celtic, old-time, and bluegrass, up from Tucson to share with chop-seeking workshopers. New this year is a banjo workshop corraled by Jesse Anderson and starring just about anyone he can dig up, hopefully including local favorites Bill Burke, Bill Hudson, Eric Souders, Paul Snider, and Dom Flemons, valley-dwellers Fred Coon and Lon Austin and whoever else dares to strap on a five-string. Also, Rick Sonder will be putting on his signature autoharp workshop covering the various styles he's learned over the years and showing neophytes and experts alike the capabilities of this folk instrument.

Scheduled performers include (in kinda alphabetical order and subject to change) Aaron Norris, Alesa, Andy Hurlbut, Annrenee & Charlie, Apostles By Default, Arizona Raccoon Tours, Arroyo Seco Ramblers, Bill and Julie, Bill Burke, Bill Vernieu, Brian Demarco, Chuck Cheesman, Dave Firestine, David Gomes and Bill Burke, Desert Drifters, Desperate Duo, Desperate Measures, Dick and Liz, Dom Flemons, Don Charles and Deb Gessner, Eb Eberlin, Ed Sloat, Elaine Harper and Richard Wilkie, Faint Praise, Fred Coon, Gary Simpkins, Gary Zabar, Gavan Wieser, Grounded Acoustic, Half-Way-Home, Hank Levine, Harry Ingerick, Jesse Anderson, Joan Wyatt, Joe and Dell, Johanna Joseph, John Phillips, Kathi Huhtaluhta, Kaweah, Larry Hill, Larry

Jolly, Larry Peterson, Laurie Riley, Linda Lou Reed, Lon Austin, Loose Gravel, Marie Reilly's Irish Music, Matthew Henry Hall, Mexican Beaded Lizard Band, Mike Jones, Mike Reddig, Moonstrung, Mountain Rain, Nancy Freeman, Pat McInnis, Patricia Silverberg, Pavement Ends, Pony Express, Rhiannon Giddens, Richard Wilkie, Rick and Steve, Rick Sonder, Rogue Flower, Room For Improvement, Rusty & Zack, Sagebrush Wind, Sandy Hathaway, Sankofa String Band, Scooter and Doc, Scott Hallock, Second Harvest, Songwriter's Circle, String Gravy, Sue Harris, The Artichoke Sisters, The Back Porch Band, The Close Enough String Band, The Earthtones, The Honey Dews, The Mars Hillbillies, The Porchlights, The Reluctants, The Salt Miners, The Wayback Machine, Tom Tuerff, Tom Warcloud, Tony Norris, Traditional Blend, Up the Creek, Voluntary String Band, Wade Lashley, Willis Lee Graves, Worm Drive, and Wyllow Ravenscroft.

**Volunteers**

There's always room for more help. If you are able to give us a hand, we'd appreciate it immensely. Contact us at folk-festival@ffotm.net.

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# 4th Annual Folk Festival Update!

by Jesse Anderson

The 4th annual Flagstaff Folk Festival is sure to be the best yet with over 100 local, regional, and national acts performing on four stages Saturday and Sunday June 11th and 12th, 2005 at the Coconino Center for the Arts. The music starts at 9:30am Saturday morning and won't stop all weekend. Sure to be a hit with every music lover, we have done our best to ensure there is something for everyone at this year's festival. Once again, we have locked the admission charge at \$2...that's right, just two clams for enough great music to keep you a rockin' and a swingin' all summer long! Produced by FFOTM in conjunction with the 14th Annual Trappings of the American West and sponsored in part by Acoustic Music Arizona, get ready for a great weekend of music. And for the latest info, check out [www.ffotm.net/folkfest](http://www.ffotm.net/folkfest).

**Some highlights of this year's festival:**

**Bill Burke and David Gomes**

These two musical craftsman, Bill Burke from Flagstaff and David Gomes from Hawaii, have collaborated on a beautiful guitar which will be displayed in the gallery throughout the weekend. They will be discussing the construction of the instrument and performing songs in styles including Hawaiian slack key guitar Saturday afternoon from 3-4:00pm.

**The Mars Hillbillies**

Combining their manifold talents and melding them together every week over the past few years at a certain local wine bar, the Mars Hillbillies have enough talent under their belts (and, uh, skirts?) to tackle about any flavor of American musical goodness you can imagine as they weave their way from Bluegrass to Old-timey to Classic Country to Western to Folk. The Mars Hillbillies include Red Hot Rusty Tweed on mandolin, Zack "gotta be going" Mondry on bass, Papa Bill Husdon on banjo, the Legendary Local Bill Vernieu on guitar, and River-Rattin' Kristin Straka on fiddle. And they all sing too.

**Second Harvest**

Hot off a tour of the western United States, Brian Demarco will lead his band of well-seasoned pickers, including local institution Billy Kneebone, state mandolin champ Aaron Tyler, and banjo god Frank Dederer across a soundscape of his own imagination, taking in the best of blues, folk, and bluegrass along the way.

**Sankofa String Band**

Comprised of local hoot favorite Dom Flemons, North Carolinian Rhiannon Giddens and Sule Greg Wilson from Tempe, this group was formed at a recent gathering of black banjo players in Boone, North Carolina and is planning a fall tour across the eastern Appalachians. Come by and say you saw 'em "way back when".

**Something for the whole family**

New to the festival this year is a set of performances for the young in body as well as spirit. On Saturday from 1-3:00pm we will be having some of the best childrens performers around, including Chuck Cheesman, Tony Norris and the eclectic Worm Drive playing and singing in the gallery to entertain those younger festival goers. The Young Jammers will also be holding their monthly get together Saturday from 11:00am to 1:00pm. We invite the public to come watch the magic of music flow on to a younger generation. As always, new young and old Jammers alike are welcome to introduce themselves and get involved.

**Barn Dance Saturday Night!**

The monthly Flagstaff Contra Dance has been rescheduled for June 11th, and will be held within horseshoe-chuckin' distance of the Coconino Center for the Arts at Secrist Elementary school. Featuring (we hope) the largest contra dance band to ever grace a Flagstaff gymnasium, we invite all musicians to come join this monster undertaking, as callers trade mics and dancers raise the roof in a melodic melee of long line madness. The dance will run from 7:30-10:30pm and is \$3 per person.

**Workshops**

Demand has been so great for more mandolin tutelage we are scheduling a mandolin workshop each day. On Saturday, Mars Hillbilly and hot picker Rusty Tweed and special guests will be ready to showcase their knowledge of the instrument and answer any questions budding Big Mons may have. On Sunday fiddle tune encyclopedia Dave Firestine of Round the House and Privy Tipper fame will bring his vast knowledge of

# Mars Hillbillies To Say Farewell



The Mars Hillbillies will present their final performance as a group at the Wine Loft, Tuesday, June 21st at 8:00pm.

...but there are still a few more opportunities to catch them.

Bands come and bands go, but the good music keeps rolling along. After only a couple of years in the making, "the Hillbillies" have decided on an early retirement.

I remember when Zack first suggested the name and I immediately seized upon it. He claimed it was in jest and then tried to recant - but it was too late; it just stuck. And so did we. Zack's rhythmic and colorful bass playing, and his enthusiasm for the music were contagious. One by one the members of the band came and sat in for a couple sets at the Wine Loft, and just stuck.

Our humble beginning was the band Virgil Caine, of which Zack and I were remnants. After the band's founder, Bernie King, moved to Minnesota we decided to continue playing. It was hard to give up a steady gig, and a steady supply of pocket change for strings, CDs or beer. So there we were, a bass and guitar duo playing over the hum of the loud refrigerator. Sometimes we'd unplug it, and most of the time we'd remember to plug it back in at the end of the night. Since it contained part of the evening's haul, we were motivated to ensure it was well cared for.

The first to sign up was Bill Hudson. After several weeks of Zack's prodding, he finally saddled up his horse, strapped on his banjo, ventured onto Highway 89 and headed into town. I guess he liked what he heard because he's been there ever since - stuck. Bill has the talent of at least four men, and maybe more - he can play any song in our repertoire on banjo, mandolin or guitar, and sometimes he does!

Next was Bill Vernieu. One evening Bill came to the Wine Loft and was encouraged to play some songs with us. Over the course of the next few days Zack and I discussed how cool it would be if Bill joined the band. We recognized that he would give us very strong rhythm guitar, solid Sawtelle-style leads, double our repertoire, and

provide some instant credibility to our growing outfit. We never actually asked Bill to join us - he just stuck.

When Kristin Straka joined us, it was Bill Hudson who finalized the terms of the contract: "We had a vote, and you're in." With great fiddling, a distinctive voice and a knack for introducing fun and unconventional new tunes, Kristin solidified a bunch of guys into a band.

A farewell would not be complete without some thanks. Without a doubt, this is the best group of musicians with whom I've played. I am humbled to stand with them, and grateful for their commitment to making great music for the last two years. I am also grateful to the management at the Wine Loft for its support of "Tuesday Night Bluegrass" for almost three years. I hope it will continue. And finally thanks to the FFOTM community that has come to see us play so often and for its support of traditional music. On that note, mark your calendars for 8:00 pm, Tuesday, June 21st at the Wine Loft; I hope to see you there!

Rusty Tweed

# Take A Hike - Kris Satterwhite

There's nothing like a hike with a rhythmic old-time tune rolling around in your head. It's a great way to work out that harmony that isn't quite there. Or just think about chord progressions or whistle a merry tune. Perhaps you could use a wonderfully hand-trimmed Aspen hiking stick, aiding your adventurous trips this summer.

FFOTM's monthly Contra Dances, held each first Saturday evening at Ashurst Hall on the NAU campus, now host a raffle for such an item, generously donated by Flagstaff's own Out on a Limb. With 15 years of experience applied to its creation, each hiking stick "speaks for itself" all the way down to the fire-branded signature at the base. Each Aspen sapling is obtained by permit in the fall from designated areas on the Northwest side of Mr. Humphries, elevation 8,000 feet. After being field-stripped so as not to score the wood, they are hiked out and the woodworking process begins. With an additional trim and multiple sandings with course, medium and fine sandpaper the staff is ready for a 000 steel wool polish to remove any splinters/hairs.

Some sticks have their own natural characteristics such as patterns from wood worms or bark beetles. Others are branded with a signature snake pattern, once experimentally created with a heated dog-choker. Each hiking stick comes to life with multiple coats (up to 15!) of ragged-on tung oil, drying 24 hours between each layer. Every 3-5 coats it is once again finished with 000 steel wool. As the stick takes on luster and character it finally nears completion after many hours of care. A hole is then scored and burned. Complementing the hilt of the stick there are carefully selected beads. These range from bone or horn of elk and caribou to amber, ceramic or glass treasures from all over the world, which is where your hiking stick might take you!

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Kari Usher

and Warren Walters from Out on a Limb for this generous donation. Funds raised by the raffle benefit FFOTM's monthly Contra Dances that are growing in popularity. Please consider joining us if you've been thinking about it. All levels of dancers are welcome. And I do mean all. We know the hardest part is simply getting to the first dance. But we're so sure you'll want to come back your second dance is free!

The suggested donation to enter the dance is \$5 for FFOTM members and \$6 for non-members. Hiking stick raffle tickets are sold for \$1 each or 5 for \$3. If you would like to buy raffle tickets without attending the dance contact me at (928) 526-3020. If you don't want to take a gamble on winning the hiking stick and want one for yourself, call Out on a Limb and talk to Warren at (928) 213-5498 or Kari Usher at (928) 525-2513. Prices range from \$45-85. Special requests are also taken.

Besides the fun of the dance itself other fun things are happening including door prizes, recently there have been passes to the Northern Arizona Celtic Heritage Society Festival coming July 16 at Foxglenn Park here in Flagstaff. This month's could be your lucky dance. Last month's winner won both the festival ticket and the hiking stick. Congratulations Wendy! Thanks for coming to the FFOTM Contra Dance.

And remember there will be two Contra Dances in Flagstaff in June! The regularly scheduled dance happens on Saturday, June 4 and a special bonus dance will be held on Saturday, June 11 at Secrist School, in conjunction with the 3rd Annual Flagstaff Folk Festival. So you'll have two chances to Contra Dance in June and two chances to buy raffle tickets for a wonderful walking stick. Life can't get much better than that. You could be dancing down that trail with your new Aspen walking stick should you be the lucky winner. Come join us!

# Membership Update - Laura Shearin

We had two new and twelve renewing memberships last month, bringing our total membership to 305. Welcome to our new members! Please take the time to check your mailing label to see if you need to renew your membership; you can use the form below or look for the letter inside. Thanks to those supporting Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music by keeping their membership up to date. If you want more information about Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music, you can always contact me at 526-6757 or send me an e-mail to laurashearin@hotmail.com.

## Renewing Members

Dwayne Conn and Gary Dunn  
Patrick Deegan and Mary McGroarty  
Janice and Chris Dunn  
Ed and Teri Dunn  
Richard Holthausen  
Randy Marlatt

Jay Mocilnikar  
Kris and Michael Satterwhite  
Betsy Lynn Snow  
Dennis and Vilma Swartzendruber  
Mike Whittaker  
Dick Wodrich and Marci Goulart

## New Members

Mary Jo Drake and Karl Brysch

# Tucson Bluegrass Festival is Moving

Hi Bluegrass Fans,

We have exciting news about our 6th Annual Bluegrass Festival. After five years at the Pima County Fairgrounds, we are moving the festival to The Desert Diamond Casino at Pima Mine Road Exit and Interstate 19. Desert Diamond offers a beautiful, outdoors, family friendly venue with significant advantages to both the DBA and to the people attending the festival.

The festival will be staged on a beautiful plaza, which is between the Casino and the Diamond Center (their theater). The plaza, which is slightly larger than the seating area at the Fairgrounds, contains two rows of young trees, a fountain with running water and is decorated with a Native American motif. For our festival, Desert Diamond will install a covered stage near the Diamond Center and will provide seating for the audience. Workshops will be held inside the Diamond Center. The plaza will be secured with portable fencing.

For camping and jamming, Desert Diamond will reserve an area of their parking lot close to the plaza and the camping will be provided FREE of charge to festival attendees. The camping area will be free of mud, dust, weeds and thistles - plus our friends with disabilities will enjoy smooth movement. Of course, this is "dry camping" - no hookups are available and tents must be secured with weights rather than stakes.

Food and beverages will be available from Desert Diamond who provides a variety of options from fine dining to buffets

and casual snacks at reasonable prices. As always we will have craft vendors who will set up at the edges of the plaza.

We have enjoyed our five years at the Fairgrounds and change can be difficult. However, change can also be good. Desert Diamond provides an opportunity for new "walk in" customers, allows free camping and the new venue permits us to reduce our expenses. We believe that Desert Diamond offers us the best opportunity to continue to grow our festival and the best opportunity to make the festival profitable.

With these changes we know that you will have questions. We have posted answers to "frequently asked questions" on our website - [www.desertbluegrass.org](http://www.desertbluegrass.org). If we have not answered your question, e-mail us (Mike at [MBHeadrick@aol.com](mailto:MBHeadrick@aol.com) or Bonnie at [basslady78@comcast.net](mailto:basslady78@comcast.net)) or call us. Mike at 520-760-0745 or Bonnie at 520-296-1231). Mark your calendar now for the weekend of October 29 & 30, then come and enjoy a great festival at our new venue.

Your festival coordinators,  
Bonnie Lohman  
Mike Headrick  
Sunny Susan Anderson in beautiful Tempe, AZ, USA.

# San Francisco's "Blame Sally" Brings Harmonies to Northern Arizona



*Pam Delgado, Renee Harcourt, Jeri Jones and Monica Pasqual will appear as the group, Blame Sally for a performance at Future Studios on July 1st.*

Blame Sally's music has been described as emotionally charged, passionate, high melodic and compelling. An all-female quartet with a "unique command over the song," Blame Sally is Pam Delgado, Renee Harcourt, Jeri Jones, and Monica Pasqual. The four accomplished instrumentalist / singers combine their strikingly different approaches to create a distinct and beautiful sound which they will bring to Future Studios in Sedona, AZ on Friday, July 1st at 8:00pm.

The band formed in 2000 and soon released a live album that was strong enough to grab attention of festival and venue bookers all over California.

KFOG's Rosalie Howarth not only plays Blame Sally regularly on her hugely popular program Acoustic Sunrise, but selected a track from *Blame Sally Live No. 1* to appear on the program's Ten Year Anniversary CD

along with songs by Paul Simon, Loudon Wainright III, Bruce Cockburn, Dar Williams, The Waifs and more.

Blame Sally's new studio album, "Blame Sally," released in April 2004 is already getting some press and airplay. A track from the new CD will be included on KFOG's newest World Class Rock compilation CD, Local Scene, to be released in July 2004. Proceeds from the Local Scene CD will benefit Music in Schools Today, a Bay Area charity keeping music in children's education since 1989.

Dirty Linen Magazine said "Blame Sally is Renee Harcourt, Monica Pasqual, Jeri Jones, and Pam Delgado, and like the vintage country rockin' band Poco, all four play and sing up a storm... [They have] been working (or playing) out the kinks in their syncopated original and intimately quirky narrative material at café's like the Bazaar, laying low in some of San Francisco's hurricane-lamped hollows. Their self-released debut in 2001 was even recorded live, absorbing the spark and vibe that catches when these four spirited players pick up their instruments and bend their persona-voices in sensually shaded harmony. ...new songs feature a handful of simmering ecstatic breakthroughs like the wildly cathartic "Shame" and iconic Mexican myth of the Weeping Saint, "La Llorona", along with the subversive gravitas of Pasqual's "Stupid Mistakes..." <http://www.blamesally.com>

Adults: \$13 advance; \$16 day of show. Doors open at 7:30pm. Show starts 8:00pm. Future Studios is located at 30 Hozoni Drive in West Sedona, behind the Sedona Boys and Girls Club. For more information or tickets call (928) 282-9139.

## Ongoing Events

**Every third Monday - 7:00 pm:** FFOTM Fiddle Tunes Jam at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1510 N. Leroux. Larry Peterson hosts. (1st, 2nd & 3rd Mondays at Larry's residence) 779-1085.

**Every Tuesday night - 8:00 pm:** The Mars Hillbillies play bluegrass and old-time music at the Wine Loft in downtown Flagstaff.

**Every first Tuesday - 6:00-9:00 pm:** FFOTM jam session at the Coconino Center for the Arts.

**Every Tuesday, Friday & Saturday night - 7:00 pm:** The Collins Irish Band plays at Collins Irish Pub in downtown Flagstaff.

**Every Thursday - 12:00 noon:** Lunchtime Bluegrass Jam in the lobby of Old Towne Shops. Call Christina Hargis Wednesdays (day before) at 714-1134 (evenings) or 556-2182 (days). All are welcome!

**Every Thursday - 7:00 pm:** FFOTM Just Desserts contra dance band rehearsal. Open to anyone who

wants to play or listen to contra dance music. Any instrument and playing ability is welcome. Rehearsal starts at 7:00pm at the home of Deb Comly and Mike Reddig, 1457 W. Meade. For more information call 774-5936.

**Every second Friday - 7:00-9:00 pm:** - FFOTM jam session at Bookman's Used Books. For information, email Susan Billingsley at [gors@bml.com](mailto:gors@bml.com).

**Every last Friday - 7:30 pm:** UU Coffee House Night at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, located at 510 N. Leroux Flagstaff, AZ. Call Mark Alexander at 527-4759 for more information. No events in November or December due to holidays.

**Every first Saturday - 7:30 pm:** FFOTM Contra Dance at Ashurst Hall on the NAU campus. Come on out for the 7:30 pre-dance lesson. For more information call Laura at 526-6757 or email her at: [laurashearin@hotmail.com](mailto:laurashearin@hotmail.com)

**Every Sunday night - 9:00 pm:** Second Harvest at Charly's in downtown Flagstaff.

## Radio Programs

**Saturday Folk** hosted by Barry Harrison. Four-hour show, Saturday mornings 6-10 am on KVNA AM 600. A wide range of folk, blues, Celtic and bluegrass. FFOTM folk music and bluegrass update with Roger Brace at 9:20am. Call Barry at 774-1740.

**Thistle and Shamrock**, National Public Radio's Celtic music show, hosted by Fiona Richie. Saturday evenings at 8:00pm on KNAU, 88.7/91.7 FM. 523-2334.

**Celtic Connection**, featuring music from the evolving traditions of Ireland, Scotland, North America, and beyond. Saturday evenings on KNAU, FM 88.7/91.7 FM. 523-2334.

**Under Western Skies**, a radio program about Western music and cowboy poetry, hosted by Peter Bruce every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on 92.9 KAFF FM and AM 930 Country Classics. For more information contact Peter at 773-1346.

## FFOTM Membership Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ new \_\_\_\_\_ renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone - Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual Membership - \$12.00 per year  
Family Membership - \$15.00 per year

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Membership \$12

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership \$15

Make checks payable to FFOTM and mail to:

**FFOTM**  
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## Local Events

**June 3** 8:00pm Joel Rafael Band at Future Studios in Sedona performs the songs of Woody Guthrie. "The stories Joel Rafael tells, and the emotional spells his music weaves, have depth and beauty because they come from so deep in his heart, and pierce so deep into ours.... He says his music is 'a streak' in his soul, but while your listening, it seems more like the whole damn thing." Dave Marsh Adults: \$13 Advance, \$16 day of show. Doors open at 7:30pm. Future Studios, 30 Hozoni Drive, Sedona. [www.globalchangemusic.org](http://www.globalchangemusic.org). (928) 282-9139. See article this issue.

**June 4** 8:00pm FFOTM Contra Dance at Ashurst Hall on the NAU campus. Come on out for the 7:30pm pre-dance lesson. For more information call Laura at (928) 526-6757 or email her at [laurashearin@hotmail.com](mailto:laurashearin@hotmail.com).

**June 11-12** Fourth Annual Flagstaff Folk Festival at the Coconino Center for the Arts, 2300 N. Fort Valley Road. This event is sponsored by the Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music and the 15th Annual Trappings of the American West Exhibition and Festival, a Dry Creek Arts Fellowship production. Join us for live acoustic music by individual and group acts, on multiple stages, along with workshops for playing, song writing, story telling, and more at, quite possibly, the best folk performance venue in the state of Arizona! The festival is gearing up for another fine bit of fun so if you'd like to volunteer, perform, recruit musicians, stage assignments, sound systems, or food service email the coordinators today! [folkfestival@ffotm.net](mailto:folkfestival@ffotm.net). Planning meetings are coming up so check [www.ffotm.net](http://www.ffotm.net) for dates and times.

**June 12** Burnett Family Bluegrass, Bookmans - 1520 S. Riordan Ranch Rd. Flagstaff, AZ.

**June 12** David Grisman at the Orpheum Theater in downtown Flagstaff. The world-class mandolin player and inventor of Dawg music makes a long awaited second visit to Flagstaff! Visit [www.orpheumpresents.com](http://www.orpheumpresents.com).

**June 15** Celtic Music Jam at Heritage Square, Flagstaff 6-8:00pm. Informal concert of Celtic music as a kick-off for the Arizona Highland Celtic Festival.

**June 17** 8:00pm The Matt Buttermann Jazz Quintet at Future Studios in Sedona. Featuring the award-winning talents of Matt Buttermann on guitar, winner of KJZZ's "Best Jazz Guitarist" in Arizona 2004 Award, touring trumpeter Fred Forney, Justin Shore on piano, Chris Finet on bass, and Ryan Vaughn on drums. [www.mattbuttermann.com](http://www.mattbuttermann.com).

**June 15** Robert Earl Keen at the Orpheum Theater in downtown Flagstaff. The great Texas songwriter brings his road show to town. Visit [www.orpheumpresents.com](http://www.orpheumpresents.com).

**June 21** Mars Hillbillies last hurrah at the Wine Loft, 17 N. San Francisco, Flagstaff. Join Rusty Tweed, Zack Mondry, Bill Hudson, Bill Vernieu, and Kristin Straka for their farewell bash at the Wineloft. If you haven't seen their

weekly show before, you don't want to miss this one!

**June 22** Michelle Shocked at the Orpheum Theater in downtown Flagstaff. Visit [www.orpheumpresents.com](http://www.orpheumpresents.com) for more details.

**June 23** 8:00pm Hit & Run Bluegrass at the Orpheum Theater in downtown Flagstaff. 2003 winners of the Telluride Bluegrass Band competition return to Flagstaff for another fine performance! Visit [www.orpheumpresents.com](http://www.orpheumpresents.com) or [www.hitandrunbluegrass.com](http://www.hitandrunbluegrass.com).

**June 24-26** Mormon Lake Mountain Music Festival, Mormon Lake Lodge Fri, 4 pm-11pm, Sat, 8:00am to 11:00pm and Sunday, 8:00am to 4:00pm. Come on out and enjoy three days of fantastic kick-up-your-heels-and-dance music! Enjoy the great mountain air and cool evenings. Cabins, rooms, camping, and RV park sites available. Weekend pass includes tent camping. Featured bands: Mars Hillbillies, Rondavous, Joe Banks Band, Pushing 50s, Human Element, Rickiejoleen, Second Harvest & Cadillac Angeles Day Pass, \$12; Wkend Pass, \$26; Family Day Pass, \$32 & Family Weekend Pass, \$60 [www.MormonLakeLodge.com](http://www.MormonLakeLodge.com).

**June 25** Third Annual Flagstaff Music Festival, 12:00 to 8:00pm on Heritage Square in downtown Flagstaff. Five local bands, including BurnettFamily Bluegrass and Gravy.

**June 24** 8:00pm Hit & Run Bluegrass at Future Studios in Sedona. Hit & Run took first place at the 2003 Telluride Bluegrass Festival Band Contest. Future Studios, 30 Hozoni Drive, Sedona. [www.globalchangemusic.org](http://www.globalchangemusic.org). (928) 282-9139.

**June 25** 2-4:00pm FFOTM member Chuck Cheesman at Bookmans, 1520 S. Riordan Ranch Rd. (928) 774-0005.

**July 8** 8:00pm E Muzeki (pronounced ee moo 'zee kee). Through several centuries and from many cultures, E Muzeki gathers traditional folk melodies to create a varied repertoire of rare and beautiful world music. Greek bouzouki, Gypsy violin, Flamenco guitar and Celtic fiddle all play a part in E Muzeki's engaging repertoire. <http://www.emuzeki.com/>. Adults: \$14 advance, \$17 day of show. Doors open 7:30pm. Show starts 8:00pm. Future Studios, 30 Hozoni Drive, Sedona. [www.globalchangemusic.org](http://www.globalchangemusic.org). (928) 282-9139.

## Regional Events

**June 3** Mayer Daze Eve Concert. D-Squared, with special guest Sue Harris, 7:00 pm at the Old Mayer Mercantile in the heart of historic downtown Mayer, Arizona (at the intersection of Central & Main. Overflow parking at post office east of venue). Suggested donation \$10 Call (928) 632-7530 for further information. Bring the folks, bring the kids!

**June 16-19** Telluride Bluegrass Festival in Telluride, CO. Flagstaff's Burnett Family Bluegrass returns from their big win last year to perform on the main stage this year! The

lineup includes Alison Krauss and Union Station featuring Jerry Douglas, Stanley Clarke, Béla Fleck and Jean-Luc Ponty, David Bromberg and the Large Band, Earl Scruggs and Friends, John Butler Trio, Old Crow Medicine Show, Gillian Welch, Leo Kottke and Mike Gordon, The Sam Bush Band, Peter Rowan, The Tim O'Brien Band, The Jerry Douglas Band, John Cowan, Yonder Mountain String Band, Mountain Heart, Split Lip Rayfield, The Duhks, The Wilders, King Wilkie, The Burnett Family. Visit [www.planetbluegrass.com](http://www.planetbluegrass.com) for more info.

**June 17-19** The 29th Annual Huck Finn's Country & Bluegrass Jubilee featuring Merle Haggard, Rhonda Vincent and the Rage, The Cherryholmes, Nashville Bluegrass Band, Illrd Tyme Out, Dry Branch Fire Squad, Blue Highway, Jeanette Williams Band, Sons and Brothers, National Bluegrass Playoffs, Plus many more! At the Mojave Narrows Regional Park, 1800 Yates Road, Victorville, CA. Call (909) 780-8810 or visit [www.huckfinn.com](http://www.huckfinn.com).

**June 18** Albuquerque Folk Festival. Performances featuring Michael Hearne and South by Southwest, Bayou Seco, Elliot's Rambler and more. Workshops and jams from 11:00am to 7:30pm. Dances 7:30-11:00pm. New Mexico State Fairgrounds. [www.abqfolkfest.org](http://www.abqfolkfest.org) (505) 255-6037

**June 20** Rhonda Vincent and The Rage in concert at Westview High School, Avondale, AZ along with The Cherryholmes and Just 'N Time. Only 660 available seats, tickets \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Call (623) 583-0228 or email [ContactUs@JustNTimeBluegrass.com](mailto:ContactUs@JustNTimeBluegrass.com), or [tharpmusic@earthlink.net](mailto:tharpmusic@earthlink.net).

**June 25-26** Prescott Bluegrass Festival featuring Bluegrass Etc, Hit & Run Bluegrass, The Silverado Bluegrass Band, and Sons and Brothers at the Yavapai County Courthouse Plaza in Prescott, AZ. Admission is FREE and dry camping is available for a fee. Visit [www.prescottbluegrassfestival.com](http://www.prescottbluegrassfestival.com) for more information.

**June 29 - July 6** Alaska Bluegrass Cruise 2005 7 days, "Holland America Cruise Ship", Canada Place, Vancouver, British Columbia, V5M3L9. Featuring performances by: Laurie Lewis & Tom Rozum, Craig Smith, Scott Huffman, Todd Phillips, John Reischman & the Jaybirds, Lost Highway and much more! Join us for seven breath taking day cruising the Alaska Inland Passage. The Luxury of Holland American's msVolendam, Workshops & Jamming. [www.cottagemusic.net](http://www.cottagemusic.net) for details or call Rick at Carlson Wagonlit to book your cabin 1-800-848-3488 the 2004 cruise sold out fast...so Book Early! Contact Info: Call: 1-800-848-3488 Email: [carla@cottagemusic.net](mailto:carla@cottagemusic.net) Web Site: <http://www.cottagemusic.net>.

**August 13-14** 15th Annual White Mountain Bluegrass Festival, Hon-Dah Resort Casino, Highways 270 & 73, Pinetop, AZ. Featuring: Lost Highway and The New Five Cents (both from CA), Just 'N Time, The Back Porch Bandits, Bost Family Traditions, Flint Hill Special, plus more bands to be announced. For more information send email to: [susie@pinetoplakesidechamber.com](mailto:susie@pinetoplakesidechamber.com), or call (928) 367-4290 or (800) 573-4032.

## Festival Parking: An Opportunity to Help

We have new overflow parking available this year which might even make things easier if you're hauling instruments or kids to the festival. It would also be great if we could all help the folks at the Pioneer Museum keep their driveways clear.

Parking is always tight at a big event at the Coconino Center for the Arts ["CCA"]. This year, in addition to using parking at Secrist School, the Coconino Health Department is allowing us to use their lots for overflow parking. To get there you drive past the CCA driveway, past the museum and the big train and pull into the next drive.

Once you get out of your car you'll notice some steps in the back of the lot that lead directly to the Festival. It's actually closer than parking at the end of the CCA driveway. Just walk up the steps through the trees and you're there!

Please help out. The Pioneer Museum has asked all festival goers to stay clear of their driveways and small parking lot. Last year somebody even took their 4WD truck and gouged out tracks through their trees. If you see somebody parking off the pavement or blocking the museum driveways please redirect them to the Secrist or Health Department lots.

Please don't block the medical examiner's building! There are several buildings at the overflow parking area. The one on the extreme right is for the medical examiner who may be working that weekend. Please keep this building clear! Thank you for helping make this a great festival and making us look like the good neighbors we are!

## Update for Flagstaff Contra Dancers!

We have confirmed the following bands and callers through September of this year. Yahoo! If you are a regular, you may recognize some of these folks. If you are new to, or just interested in contra dance in Flagstaff this illustrates the talent we provide from Flagstaff and the region to keep your first Saturday contra dances exciting and entertaining. Come join us!

June: Just Desserts with Peg Hesley  
July: Hands Four with Kari Usher  
August: Just Desserts with Claire Zucker  
September: Privy Tippers with Deb Comly