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Fourth Annual Flagstaff Folk Festival: Another Big Success

by Zack Mondry

It's hard to believe another great Flagstaff Folk Festival has come and gone! What began over four years ago as Ken Ralston's vision for a relaxing weekend of music and family fun (that he didn't have to drive out of town for!) has continued on with a list of performers and volunteers that keeps growing. Once again, the Coconino Center for the Arts proved a fine setting with folk, country, bluegrass, blues, old-timey (and more!) music emanating from almost every doorway and from beneath many a shady tree. A great bonus for music lovers was the exquisite display of arts and handcrafts from the Trappings of the American West and Dry Creeks Arts Fellowship. I hope you saw some of the awesome leatherworks, and the fine guitar made by local luthier Bill Burke.

Many thanks are in order to this year's organizers Jesse Anderson, Mike Reddig, and Christina Boyd, as well as to Bill Vernieu and Larry Peterson for providing sound equipment and support. And Julie Sullivan crafted a great design for this year's shirt! Additionally, we had about 20 volunteers staffing the two sound stages over the course of the weekend. Their efforts made things sound as good (and run as smoothly) as they ever have. We were even treated to some lightning, rain and hail on Saturday evening. And I thought it couldn't rain in Arizona in June!

Hopefully everyone was able to take-in some music that they looked forward to, and also some that was a new experience for them. As I have been working and playing the festival since

its inauguration, I'd like to note a few highlights and festival "milestones".

Drums!

At least two bands in this year's line-up had drummers! Good drummers (those two words are not necessarily mutually exclusive)! Folk-rock has arrived on



local musicians enjoy a jam session

the Flag Folkfest scene! Saxophone!

The addition of a swinging horn player to the large jam at the picnic tables was really a sight and sound to see! Other highlights for me were the Sankofa String Band (with sorta-local Dom Flemons) that brought us back to the roots of folk music with great style, and The Back Porch Bandits, a really solid (and fun) bluegrass act that makes the trip up from Phoenix most years.

As some of you may know, I will be taking my leave of Flagstaff in just a few weeks. The highlight of all of my summers here has been the Flagstaff Folk Festival. If you have an interest, a vision, and time (!) to help with next year's festival, please get in touch with the FFOTM board. The wheels are just about to begin motion for Folkfest 2006! It has been so much fun that I am seriously considering buying a plane ticket for that one!

Jonny Hardie & Aaron Jones in Concert

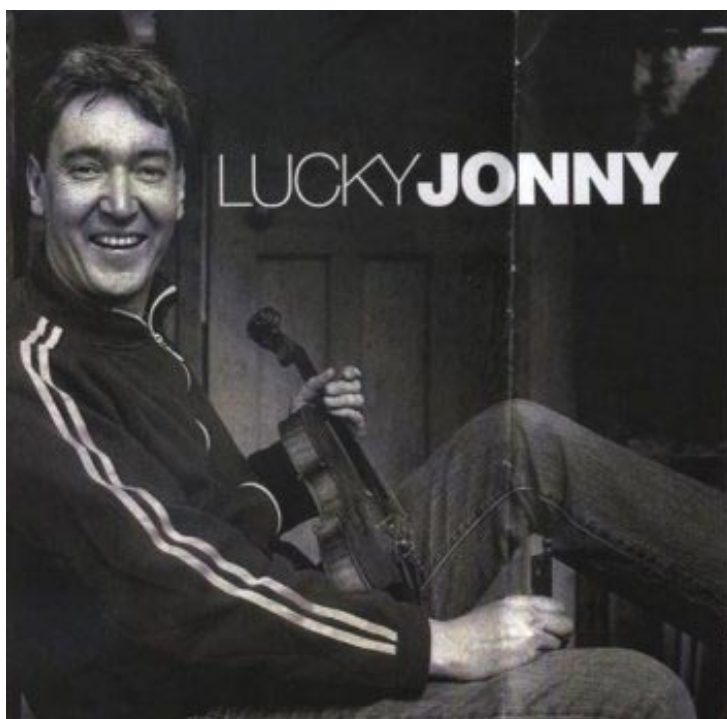
by Kari Barton

Did you miss the Old Blind Dogs the last time they performed? Or can you just not get enough of great Scottish music? If so, you are in luck! Jonny Hardie & Aaron Jones will be performing a very special concert in the courtyard of Pasto. This event will take place Sunday, July 17, 2005 at 2:00pm. The full hors-d'oeuvres menu as well as beer and wine will be available for purchase from Pasto. There couldn't be a better way to spend a Sunday afternoon than to sit in a beautiful courtyard with scrumptious hors-d'oeuvres listening to the traditional Scottish fiddle and bouzouki of Jonny and Aaron.

Jonny and Aaron are on tour together to celebrate the releases of their respective solo albums, both recently released. Jonny's debut solo CD is entitled Lucky Jonny. The album is a blend of traditional and self-penned material featuring songs and tunes that Jonny has performed during his career as a fiddler, guitarist, singer, producer

and composer, and features a host of stars from the Scottish folk scene including members of Old Blind Dogs - past and present! In late April, bouzouki and bass player Aaron Jones also released a CD with partner Claire Mann entitled Secret Orders. The album has received critical acclaim since its release. "...technical brilliance and beautiful interpretations of tunes and songs...there is so much power, personality, passion and drive in their playing"

This courtyard concert will be one of a kind and shouldn't be missed. Tickets are limited so purchase yours early to reserve a spot. Tickets are only \$12. Tickets are available at Pasto (19 E. Aspen), Arizona Music Pro (122 E. Rte. 66), Cedar Music (1530 S. Riordan Ranch), and Jitters Coffee (3504 E. Rte. 66). For more information, please contact Kari Barton at 928-600-1365 or LivingTraditionsPresentations@createtech.biz.



Jonny Hardie and Aaron Jones will be celebrating their new releases on the Pasto Courtyard Sundy, July 17th at 2:00 pm

Brian Joseph to Make Appearance

from Brian Joseph's Website

Five years ago, Brian Joseph walked precariously away from a burgeoning acting career, and hasn't looked back. Resembling a young Tom Waits in his goatee and pork pie hat, blessed with "a soulfully warm voice with just the right degree of husky catch and tremble" and tagged as a folk flavoured troubadour with comparisons that



range from John Prine to Paul Simon and Randy Newman, he's now up to his third album and has clearly attracted some impressive admirers.

February of 2000 is when Joseph abandoned all the glamorous trappings of life as a Los Angeles actor for the glory and prestige of being a full-time folk singer.

For a decade, his acting had been met with critical acclaim and awards, including a Shellie award in 1999 for his portrayal of Rodolpho in "A View From The Bridge." Although he had been praised for his work in many stage, television and film productions, both domestically and internationally, he was more well known for his portrayal of Cheesy the Pizza Slice in a tv commercial than for his role as Roderigo in "Othello" or Dromio in "A Comedy of Errors." Not that he wasn't a convincing slice of pizza, but something was just not right. Being an actor had simply become a day job.

So in response to the demands of an increasingly pushy fan base, Joseph returned to his first love music. In 1999 he recorded his first cd, "Somewhere It's True," a collection of his own jazzy folk compositions. It was very warmly received. Disc jockey Bob McWilliams (Trail Mix, KANU-FM) called it "...one of the best debut albums by anyone I have ever heard. Period."

He has since toured internationally, playing in venues from Havana, Cuba, to New York, San Francisco, and Wamego, Kansas. His stage show is simultaneously fun and soulful, combining extemporaneous songwriting, myriad forms of audience interaction and humiliation, and his own intelligent, politically conscious urban-folk sound.

His recordings and his constant touring have generated not only rave reviews, but a stream of accolades and awards. Recently he won both the New Folks Showcase at the Rocky Mountain Folks Festival, and the prestigious Telluride Troubadour competition.

Joseph is currently celebrating the release of his third cd, "The King of Echo Park," produced by legendary songwriter and producer Wendy Waldman. It features the stellar musical talents of Danny Donnelly (Kenny Loggins Band), Kenny Edwards (Linda Ronstadt, Don Henley), Freebo (Bonnie Raitt, Crosby, Stills & Nash), Asdrú Sierra and Ulysis Bella (Ozomatli), Julie Wolf (Bruce Cockburn, Ani DiFranco), and many others.

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Brian will be appearing at the Orpheum Lounge in Flagstaff, Thursday, July 14, 2005. Tickets are \$9 in advance and \$13 on the day of the show.

Local Events

SATURDAY, JULY 9

The Temple Bhajan Band from Southern California Sumptuous Vegetarian Feast and Concert held at Avalon Gardens in Sedona. A five piece band featuring Indian Folk Chants utilizing authentic instruments such as the harmonium, tamboura, Kartals, flute, violin and mrdunga drum in a dynamic symphony that is timeless. Call (928) 282-9139 for more information and direction to Avalon Gardens. www.templebhajanband.com

THURSDAY, JULY 14

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FRIDAY, JULY 15TH

Clumsy Lovers Gaelic Storm Orpheum
\$16 advanced/\$18 day of show
orpheumpresents.com

SATURDAY, JULY 16

Eighth Annual Arizona Highland Celtic Festival
9:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Foxglenn Park, 4200 East Butler Avenue,
Flagstaff, AZ 86004
Adults: \$8, Children 2-12: \$4; under 2: FREE

FEATURED ENTERTAINERS: Alex Beaton, The Wicked Tinkers, Celtic Spring, and The Knockabouts

Extra Activities:

Friday, 6:00 PM: FREE Outdoor "Celtic Music Jam" in Heritage Square, followed by a special whisky tasting and entertainment by The Knockabouts, Uptown Billiards, 114 N. Leroux

Saturday, 9:00 PM: "Ceilidh After the Festival" at Charly's, in the Weatherford Hotel, 23 North Leroux Street, downtown. Admission: \$5

SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2005

Johnnie Hardy and Aaron Jones
Pasto Restaurant Courtyard at 2:00pm. Tickets are only \$12. Tickets are available at Pasto (19 E. Aspen), Arizona Music Pro (122 E. Rte. 66), Cedar Music (1530 S. Riordan Ranch),

and Jitters Coffee (3504 E. Rte. 66). For more information, please contact Kari Barton at 928-600-1365 or LivingTraditionsPresentations@createtech.biz.

SUNDAY, JULY 31

Gabriel of Sedona & The Bright & Morning Star Band (a 9-piece band) performs a Sacred Global CosmoPop Concert free to the public at Wheeler Park in Flagstaff, AZ. This all-day community celebration will begin at 11AM with food and crafts vendors, pre-show music, art and fun surprises. The Sacred Global CosmoPop Concert will begin at 2:30PM. "Music for the future for minds of the future." Call (928) 282-9139 for more information about this event. www.globalchangemusic.org

Regional Events

SEPTEMBER 17

1st Annual Sierra Vista Fiddle Contest
for more information, go to:
<http://www.dkmusicstudio.com/fiddlecontest/>

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 Band, Bost Family Traditions, Flint Hill Special, plus more bands to be announced. email: susie@pinetoplakesidechamber.com 928-367-4290 or 800-573-4032

AUGUST 6 & 7

Third Annual Wildlife West Bluegrass
Edgewood, NM
The Byron Berline Band, Palmer Divide, Elliott's Ramblers, Fiddle Contest 505.281.7655 www.wildlifewest.org

AUGUST 26 & 28

Summergrass San Diego Bluegrass Music Festival
2040 N. Santa Fe (corner of N. Santa Fe & Museum Way), Vista, CA. For information, advance tickets or camping

reservations, visit www.summergrass.net or call 1-858-679-4854.

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24

Southern Utah's Second Annual Red Rock Bluegrass Festival
Washington, Utah (just north of St. George on Interstate 15, Exit 10). For advance reservations, admission and camping, call 1-866-320-6275, Extension 2005. For more information, e-mail: moreinfo@redrockbluegrass.com or visit: www.redrockbluegrass.com

SEPTEMBER 24 & 25

The 35th Annual Arizona Old Time Fiddlers Championship
Rumsey Park in Payson, AZ.

Ongoing Events

Every Monday - 7:00 pm: FFOTM Larry Peterson hosts Fiddle Tunes Jam at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 510 N. Leroux. 779-1085

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:

FFOTM

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@bmol.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

Every Sunday night

- 9:00 pm: Second Harvest at Charly's in downtown Flagstaff.

Radio Shows



Saturday Folk hosted by Barry Harrison Four-hour show, Saturday mornings 6-10am 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.

Newsletter Changes

by Jessica Pope

After two years of service to the music community in Flagstaff Mike Satterwhite is retiring as the volunteer editor and David Scheidler is stepping down as the layout and design person for the newsletter. They have both done a tremendous job over the last couple years rounding up articles and putting together our monthly newsletter. We all owe them a huge thanks for the work they have done keeping us informed of the musical happenings around town.

Jessica Pope and Rusty Tweed have volunteered to step in and take over doing the editing and design work. This July edition is the first one out of the shute. We are open to suggestions on how you would like your newsletter to look. Please feel free to contact Jessica Pope at 214-0713 or via email jesspope@msn.com with suggestions for improving the newsletter, calendar items, articles or anything else you would like to see in the FFOTM newsletter. The deadline is the 20th of each month. The July 20th deadline for the August issue is just around the corner so don't delay!

Writing for the newsletter is easy and fun. Been to a great traditional music show lately and would like to tell others about it? Wanna rave about a new band? Right up a review and email it in. Articles about instrument building, care and repair are also welcome as are pieces on musical history, backgrounds on songs and songwriters - you name it. If it's about traditional music, we want it in our newsletter. If you have questions about the relevancy of something you want to write up give a call or drop an email and we'll help you figure it out.

Write on!



Monthly Contra Dance venue change.

July's contra dance will be held at the regular time, July 2nd at 7:30 p.m. (for the lesson). However, we will be dancing at Sechrist School, due to the unexpected unavailability (is that a word?) of our regular hall.

Sechrist School is on Highway 180, aka Fort Valley Road, heading north out of town (as if you were going to Grand Canyon). It is on the right after Late for the Train, but before the museum of Northern Arizona.

Photos from FFOTM Spring Campout:



Membership Update

by Laura Shearin

We had 5 new and 15 renewing memberships last month, bringing our total membership to 279. 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 e-mail to laurashearin@hotmail.com.



New Members:

*Maxine Eldredge
Patty McCulla
Fred and Jeanne Tretta
Scott Waxman
Wendy Zalut*

Renewing Members:

*Dan Allison
Clark Alves
Anne Baldwin
M. Bianco
Marlene Cole
Bryan Cooperrider
Future Studios
Mark Giger and Terri Nelson
Judy Henzler
Terry and Cecelia Landrith
Art and Jenny Prennace
Ruth Prevost
Janie Schindler
Mary Lynne Shroyer
Winnie Taney*

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

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_____ Family Membership \$15

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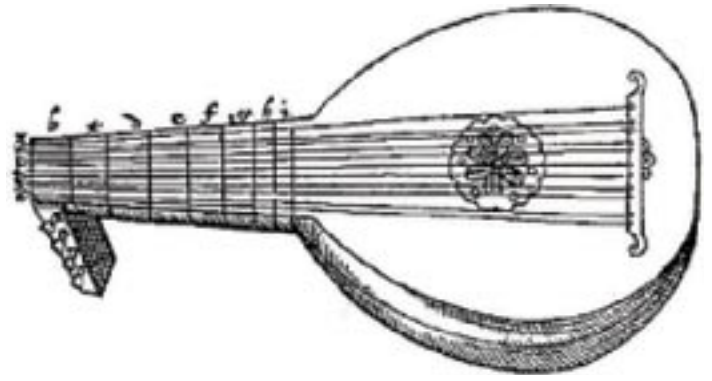
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P.O. Box 23366
Flagstaff, AZ 86002
FFOTM Membership Form

FFOTM Needs You!

It takes a lot to keep an organization like Flagstaff Friends of Traditional Music moving forward. Concerts, folk festivals, dances, newsletter, the website...all require organizers and volunteers working together to make it happen. Work isn't quite the right word, we're having big fun in the process. As an all volunteer organization with no paid staff it truly is amazing what is accomplished every month and speaks volumes to love we all have for the music and for the community.

Are you wondering what you can do to help out? Well wonder no more. Currently we are in need of the following volunteers:

Webmaster for the FFOTM website. Someone who can update the site on a monthly



basis with calendar items, the PDF files for the newsletter and any concert or event announcements that need to happen. Don't know much about websites? We'll be happy to train you.

Calendar Keeper. We need a volunteer to assist in tracking events in Flagstaff and the surrounding area that members would be interested in knowing about. Calendar items go in the newsletter as well as on the website.

If you are interested in volunteering for either of these specific jobs please contact Mike Falk at 214-6488 or via email at Michael.Falk@nau.edu.

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