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TFTM NEWS

Dah, It's the Moscow Boys Choir

Friday, November 14th, 8 PM

Berger Performing Arts Center -- 1200 W. Speedway Blvd.



"Their pure, transparent tone is often described as angelic."

—St. Louis Post-Dispatch

"...the kind of ensemble cohesiveness that comes from years of working together made them soar!"

— Milwaukee Journal

The 32-member Moscow Boys Choir makes their only Arizona appearance on Friday, November 14, at 8 PM at the Berger Performing Arts Center. The media sponsor is classical music station KUAT-FM. Special discounts are available for seniors and members of the Tucson Museum of Art.

Founded in 1957, the Moscow Boys Choir is considered one of the most prestigious performing groups from Russia. This select choir of boys has enchanted audiences around the world. With an international reputation for excellence, they have toured France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Japan and North America and have performed at such prestigious venues as The Royal Albert Hall in London and the White House as well as the Bolshoi Theater, the Moscow Conservatory's Great Hall, the Kremlin and in ceremonies for Russia's National Cinema Awards.

The Choir will perform "Christmas Around the World" featuring new and vibrant carols from Russia, Europe and North America, with selections from Handel's Messiah, Bernstein's Mass, the Ukrainian Carol of the Bells, and other holiday favorites.

The choir's tenors and basses provide the foundation for sopranos whose voices soar with flute-like clarity. The tightly disciplined group is under the direction of Choir Mistress Mrs. Ninel Kambourg and Choir Master Mr. Leonid Baklushin. At home in Moscow, the members of the choir attend a special school for general education and musical training. Each choir member is selected from more than 400 students at their school. These highly trained boys have the voices of angels, along with the discipline to maintain their studies. Most boys begin voice training at age 5, but do not perform until age 9.

Friday, November 14th, 8 PM, Berger Performing Arts Center, 1200 W. Speedway Blvd.
Reserved seats are \$24 advance, \$28 at the door \$2 discount for seniors and TMA members
Tickets at AB, BV, EE, Tucson Museum of Art Gift shop or online at www.dotucson.com

GREATER ARIZONA DANCES

COTTONWOOD (928) 774-5936 Third Saturdays, Cottonwood Civic Center, 827 N. Main St., Beginner session at 6:30, dance 7:00 to 10:00 PM \$6

FLAGSTAFF (928) 526-6757 First Saturdays, Ashurst Hall, NAU, 7:30-11 PM \$6/ \$5 for members For more info go to www.fftom.net

PHOENIX CONTRAS (602) 268-7181 Second Saturdays, (exit I-10 at 7th Ave.) Kenilworth School, 1210 N. 5th Ave. Beginner's instruction at 7 PM, dance 7:30-10:30 \$8/ \$6 members/\$ 3 under 18 More info is at www.members.cox.net/contradance

PHOENIX CELTIC (602)392-7850, third Fridays, Irish Cultural Center, 1106 N. Central Ave., doors open 6:30 PM, music at 7, \$ 5 adults/ two children 12 & under free w/ each paid adult

PRESCOTT CONTRAS (928) 445-8823 First Fridays, Prescott Activity Center (old Armory) 824 E. Gurley St., beginners instruction at 7:30 PM; dance 8-11; \$ 5/ \$4 members

PRESCOTT ENGLISH COUNTRY (928) 778-3184 or (928) 636-2966 Second Saturdays, Granite Peaks Unitarian Church 7-10 PM, \$ 5

Interested in things Cajun/zydeco in Tucson? Subscribe to the free La Gazette Toutes Choses at jpintozyd@mybluelight.com

Dance Camp Early Bird Special Dance

Come dance at the Triangle Y Camp near Oracle on Thursday evening, November 6th, for a preview of our Dance in the Desert camp lineup. If you can't join us at camp, or just want to get a head start on the weekend's fun, you're welcome to join us! The contra dance is 7:30-11:00 p.m. Directions to camp are posted on the TFTM website (www.tftm.org) or call Marilyn at 795-2081 for more information. \$10 at the door

CLASSIFIEDS

SERVICES

DULCIMER PLAYERS: Join the Southwest Dulcimer Festival AZ dulcimer players mailing list. Hammered dulcimer lessons available: Anna Duff 720-4965, Anna@dulcianna.com or www.dulcianna.com

FIDDLE & MOUNTAIN DULCIMER

LESSONS: Beginners welcome. Bob Hauth, 743-3392.

THE MUSICIAN MAKER: Strings? O.K. Keyboard? Sure! Accordion? You bet! Ever been told you shouldn't sing? I can help. J.P., 682-6201

SCOTTISH HIGHLAND BAGPIPES Private instruction or public performance. William Don Carlos 907-4460, wdc@wdoncarlos.com

WANTED

ACOUSTIC INSTRUMENTALISTS in the traditional/inventive or whatever vein interested in having a relaxed, noncompetitive gathering once or twice a month to share licks, tricks, expertise, songs, knowledge, sources and chiefly to learn from each other - eventual goal to create a venue here in Tucson for instrumental acoustic performance by local enthusiasts. Wylie Cox, 838-5135.

Music-related classified ads are free to TFTM members. Categories are: For Sale (one month only), Wanted and Services. Send your ad by the 20th of the preceding month to kadakamari@hotmail.com

ADVANCE TICKET GUIDE

AB -- Antigone Books - 411 N. 4th Ave.
BV -- Brew & Vine - 6435 N. Oracle Rd.
CDC -- CD City - Campbell & Glenn
EE -- Enchanted Earthworks - 2980 N.

NOVEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

October 30-November 2, Thursday-Sunday

ARIZONA CLASSIC JAZZ FESTIVAL Mesa Sheraton Hotel 220 N. Centennial Way Performers include Bria Skonberg on Trumpet/Vocals; The Lindy Hoppers, Cornet Chop Suey Jazz Band http://www.jazzadvocate.com/ARIZONA_JS/2002%20Festival.html

November 1, Saturday

TUCSON CELTIC FESTIVAL and SCOTTISH HIGHLAND GAMES Scottish games, bagpipe competitions, genealogical services, highland and Irish dancing, children's activities, Irish and Scottish music, including Round the House. Rillito Race Track, 4502 N. First Avenue, 9AM-4:30 PM \$12 Adults, Kids Under 12 free with paying adult

November 2nd, Sunday

TRIM THE VELVET -- IRISH BAND

Mary Bouley on Irish Harp; William Don Carlos doing fiddle and vocals; Don Gest with bodhran, whistle and flute; and Jim McConnell adding guitar and vocals. Bookman's at Grant/Campbell, 4-6 PM Free

November 6, Thursday

TFTM EARLY BIRD DANCE AT TRIANGLE

Y Open contra dance, 7:30-11PM, \$10 Directions at www.tftm.org or call 795-2081

November 7-9, Friday-Sunday

TFTM DANCE IN THE DESERT Registration is closed; map and into at www.tftm.org

November 13, Thursday

CHRIS SMITHER – FOLK BLUES

"Delta-inspired guitar chops with a strong rhythmic sense and a beautiful, fluid finger picking style." --Guitar Magazine

St. Phillips in the Hills Episcopal Church (River/Campbell), 7:30 PM \$14 advance/ \$16 door Info at 297-9133. Tickets at AB, CDC, or www.dotucson.com

November 14-16, Friday-Sunday

FOUR CORNER STATES BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL AND FIDDLE CHAMPIONSHIP

Wickenburg Rodeo Grounds, Constellation Road and Highway 60 8 AM-5 PM \$10 adults/\$9 seniors/\$5 children For more info go to www.festivals.com/~finder/display_eventdetails.cfm?EID=USAZW24932

November 14, Friday

Two great choices tonight, Eire or Russia!

---ROGER LANDES and RANDAL BAYES

San Pedro Chapel, 5230 E. Ft. Lowell Road, 8 PM \$15 general public/\$12 to TFTM and Old Fort Lowell Association members Tickets at AB, CDC or azfiddle@mindspring.com (See articles on page 7 for more info, and the October Newsletter)

---MOSCOW BOYS CHOIR

Berger Performing Arts Center, 1200 W. Speedway, 8 PM \$24 advance at AB, BV, EE and TMA Gift Shop, \$28 at door; \$2 discount for seniors and TMA members (See front page).

November 15, Saturday

LANDES AND BAYES MUSICIANS' WORKSHOPS 11AM-2PM \$35 Call 298-3014 to register (See article on page 7 for detailed information).

November 28-30, Friday-Sunday

NATIVE AMERICAN MONTH SOCIAL POWWOW and INDIAN CRAFT MARKET Rillito Park River Road & First Avenue Features dancers from over 50 tribes, drum contest, hand crafts, traditional Indian food, children's activities \$5 donation AND a new Christmas toy For schedule go to www.usaindianinfo.org/

November 28th, Friday

ROUND THE HOUSE Montgomery's Irish Pub 9155 E. Tanque Verde 8-11 pm

Tucson Friends of Traditional Music November/December Dance Schedule 2003*

First United Methodist Church, 915 E. 4th Street (between Park and Tyndall) Parking in the UA garage west of the church during U of A events is \$ 3 and space is limited. If there is no U of A event, garage parking is free.

Suggested Donation: \$ 7; \$ 6 members; \$ 5 students

*****Special Dances with guest callers or musicians \$ 1 more*****

7:30 PM Beginners instruction Dance 8 - 11 p.m.

Newcomers: Come at 7:30 p.m. to learn the basic steps you will be using that evening. Dances feature live music and a caller, who will teach, then prompt the dance. The first few dances are especially good for beginners. Wear comfortable, cool clothing and soft-soled shoes.

Date	Caller	Band
November 1	Claire Zucker	OPEN BAND
November 15	J P Thom-Gronachan	Privy Tippers

November 29 * 5th Saturday "Zesty" Dance**
Suggested Donation: \$10.00 for workshop and dance, \$5 for workshop only
\$8; \$7 members; \$6 students for dance only

Workshop 4:30 to 6:00 PM
Potluck 6:30 PM
Dance 8:00 PM
Caller: TBA Band: TBA

December 6	Becky Nankivell	OPEN BAND
December 20	Claire Zucker	Round the House

Wednesday, December 31* Annual New Year's Eve Dance**
Cabaret Theatre 330 South Scott Avenue
Dance 8:30 PM to 12:30 AM
Potluck -- snacks and dessert

For more information, contact Karen Collins at 624-1916 or go on the web to www.tftm.org

We still need raffle items for Dance in the Desert! In the past, we've made up baskets with themes, such as foot care items for tired dancers, cat lovers, hobby items, and the ever-popular chocolate. Members have also donated works of art, dance clothing, and homemade items. To donate, bring your item to the November 1 dance or call Claire Zucker at 882-3068.

TFTM is a 501 non-profit organization that pre-serves traditional music in Tucson by presenting and promoting concerts, dances and special events. Membership benefits include discounts on TFTM and many other events, and a newsletter subscription. For more info, visit www.tftm.org

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Have an article for the newsletter? The deadline is the 20th of month prior to publication. Email your info to kadakamari@hotmail.com

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KXCI RADIO 91.3 FM

Acoustic Alternatives Saturday, 8-10 AM Hosts Don Gest and Amazing Grace

Bluegrass Show Saturday, 10 AM-noon Hosts Milo Solujic and Amazing Grace

Blues Review Saturday, 6-10 PM Hosted by Marty Kool

Celtic Spirit Sunday, noon-2 PM Hosted by Chris Johnson

Desert Dance Hall (blues, rock, swing, Cajun) Sunday 2-4 PM, Hosted by Mary Buckley

Onda Suave (Latin jazz, Afro-Cuban, Brazilian) Wednesday 6-8 AM, Host Ernesto Portillo Jr.

Route 66 (classic country) Tuesday 8-10 PM Hosted by Michael Hyatt

Tabasco Road (Cajun/zydeco) Wednesday 4-6 AM Hosted by Rev. Jeremiah Peabody, O.C.D.

Global Rhythm Radio Thursday, 7-9 PM Hosted by Matthew Moon

To see their weekly schedule, go to <http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/kxci/guide.guidemain#n>

Rissa Miller

On Saturday, October 25th, Rissa Miller passed away. Rissa was a shining light in the Arizona contra dance world, and she had been battling cancer for over two years. Many people sent Rissa and the Millers wishes of support through the web site, notes and contributions at the special dance in her honor. Rissa knew about these efforts, and knew she was deeply cared for.

The previous Saturday, TFTM held a special dance which served both as a spiritual anchor and a fundraiser. The last dance before the break was a circle waltz around a cluster of our fine musicians in the center. Then Becky led the dancers onto the patio where each person received a bottle of "Rissa bubbles" and we all blew our bubble wishes into the air. We raised over \$1,700 and have sent the money and the notes collected at the dance to the Miller family.

We would like to express our thanks to all those that donated money to this cause. We even received donations from our extended dance family in California - thank you. Also, many people helped make the dance a truly special evening, thank you to Etiole for catering, to Omer for the wonderful poster, and to Becky for ending the evening with a thoughtful and healing song.

--Karen Collins and Claire Zucker

CONTRA DANCE CAMPS

Can't get enough contra? Willing to put on some traveling shoes? Check out these *contra camps in other parts of the country.*

Fire Ant Frolic, October 31-November 2, Austin, Texas www.fireantfrolic.com

Much Ado About Contra, November 9-11, Atlanta, Georgia www.contradance.org/weekend_03.html

Dancing Fool Contra Dance Weekend, December 12-14, Seattle, Washington www.dancingfool.net/

John C. Campbell Winter Dance Week, December 26-January 1, Brasstown, NC www.folkschool.com/dance.html

Fiddler's Dream Music and Dance Camp, January 1-4, Kingston, Oklahoma www.geocities.com/nttds/nye2003/nye03txt.html

IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER...

December 5, ALIX DOBKIN with JAIME ANDERSON -- an evening of women's music

December 6, NORDIC FAIR (includes Finnish traditional dance performances)

January 15-18, SOUTHERN ARIZONA DANCE FESTIVAL (square, round and clog dancing)

Sedona Cultural Park Closes

The Sedona Cultural Park, the lovely open-air venue open for only three years, closed September 28 due to financial problems. For an online audio report, go to KNAU's website at www.knauradio.org/News/News.cfm?ID=1002&c=16

CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL MUSIC EVENT

A performance by UApresents caught my eye too late for the events calendar. **Ensemble Kaboul** will appear Tuesday, November 18, at 10 AM. This group plays traditional Afghani instruments, and will be joined by radio star and singer **Ustad Mahwash**. The music combines Indian, Persian and Arabic influences. This is being billed as a special school matinee, and the performance is in English. Call 621-3341 for more information or go to <http://www.uapresents.com/>

TFTM Presents ROGER LANDES AND RANDAL BAYES

Tucson Friends of Traditional Music is sponsoring a concert of Irish traditional music by Roger Landes and Randal Bays on Friday, November 14 at 8 pm at the San Pedro Chapel, 5230 E. Ft. Lowell Road. You may not have heard of them, but these two master musicians are in the highest ranks of the Celtic music world. Randal plays fiddle and guitar and Roger performs on the Irish bouzouki, as well as several other instruments. They've recorded and toured with many great players, including Martin Hayes, Frankie Gavin, James Kelly and Connie Dover. When you hear them perform together you'll understand why they're in such demand; their technical mastery of the complex Irish idiom is impressive, but they've gone way beyond that to create a wonderfully musical and expressive sound that ranges from the subtle to the explosive. It makes for great listening!

Tickets are \$15 for the general public, but TFTM and Old Fort Lowell Neighborhood members can purchase advance tickets at the discounted price of only \$12. Tickets will be on sale at the door, or they can be purchased in advance at most contra dances, at CD City, or Antigone Books. For more information, or to reserve a ticket you may contact Sharon Goldwasser at 298-3014 or azfiddle@mindspring.com.

MUSICIANS' WORKSHOPS: IRISH FIDDLE MUSIC AND IRISH MUSIC ACCOMPANIMENT

Randal Bays and Roger Landes will follow up their Friday evening concert of Irish music with workshops on Saturday, November 14. The cost of the workshops is \$35 for a 3 hour session, tentatively scheduled for 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Specific workshop information and location will be provided to registered participants.

Randal will be offering a class on Irish fiddle technique, suitable for intermediate and advanced fiddlers. The workshop will cover bowing and ornamentation and other aspects of playing fiddle in the Irish style. Randal is recognized as an outstanding teacher, and has been an organizer and instructor on the staff of Irish music camps in the U.S. and abroad.

Roger's workshop will cover topics related to accompanying Irish music. It is open to musicians who play guitar, bouzouki, mandolin, etc. and will address some of the unique aspects of playing along with Irish melodies, including chord progressions, modes and instrumental techniques. Roger is an excellent instructor and has presented workshops at many camps in the U.S., as well as organizing the annual "zoukfest" in Taos, New Mexico.

For more information, or registration for either workshop, please contact Sharon Goldwasser at 298-3014.

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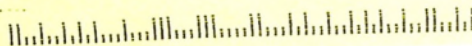
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ONGOING LOCAL EVENTS

DANCE

- Contra Dancing** 1st, 3rd, 5th Saturdays. See the contra calendar insert inside.
- International Folk Dancing** TWF, Different locations Info: 792-2694 or 325-0073
- Irish Dancing** Tuesdays, 7:45 PM Dance Moves Studio, 2514 E. 6th St. Info: 296-8476
- Israeli Folk Dancing** Tuesdays, 7-8:30 PM for beginners; 8:30-10 for advanced, Jewish Community Center, 3800 East River at Dodge Rd. Info: 299-3000
- Scottish Country Dancing** Thursdays, 7:30 PM, First United Methodist Church, 915 E. 4th St. Info: 299-5566

MUSIC

- Celtic & Old-Time Jam** 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 8-10 PM Rincon Market, 6th St. at Tucson Blvd.
- Community Sing with Ted Warmbrand** Usually third Sundays 3-5 PM, but call 323-8697 for info. Located at the Ada Pierce McCormick Bldg Library, 1401 E. 1st Street (on U of A Campus, NE corner of Highland & 1st St.)
- Irish Jam** 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 8-11 PM, Yankee Doodle Pizza, 1929 E. Grant Rd.
- Irish & Scottish Singing** Saturday, November 15, 7 PM For directions call Aine Ni Haralambie at 327-6287
- Shape Note Singing** 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 3-5 PM, Sonora Cohousing, 501 E. Roger Road Info: 682-6201 or www.faso-la.org
- Slow-jam** 1st and/or 3rd Mondays, 7:30 PM Deerfield Apartments Club Room, 3201 E. Ft. Lowell Road. Call Mike Elam at 325-3539 before 7 for gate code
- Southern Arizona Mountain Dulcimer Club** 2nd Sundays, 3-5 PM, Candy D'Addario at 885-8240