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# TFTM NEWS

## New Year's Eve Contra Party!



**Ted Cooper's comment on last year's dance: "Va-va-va-VOOM!!!"**



**Karen's thoughts...A great event that brings with it a real sense of community!!!**

The **New Year's Eve Contra Dance** is truly a community event, one filled with tradition and totally created by volunteers, held without interruption for over 100 years. It all starts with a crew, often headed by Phyllis Davies and/or June Pitts, gathering in midafternoon to decorate the hall. The Cabaret Theater becomes a magical space. The art gallery, a space adjacent to the hall, has tables for those bringing potluck snacks and dessert. Yummy Yummy. The **BIG BAND** is an open band with local



**Phyllis Davies  
 Decorator Extraordinaire**

musicians playing great tunes guaranteed to pull you to your feet. Claire "I love my bodhrain" Zucker will once again create a schedule of our talented local callers. Becky Nankivell will reprise her role as our first caller of the evening and she'll be the leader to coordinate the passing of the "sparkling cider" as we ring in the new year with a toast for dreams of more wonderful music and dancing in the new year. You, too, can help create this community event; pick up that phone and call Karen "I'm just a dancing fool" Collins for information on how to make that happen! 624-1916

**Wednesday, December 31**

**103rd Annual TFTM New Year's Eve Dance**

**Cabaret Theater 330 S. Scott Avenue**

**Dance 8:30 to 12:30 ish Potluck--snacks and dessert**

**\$8 public; \$7 members; \$6 students**

### AN INVITATION FROM OUR SISTER ORGANIZATION, TKMA

Tasty musical fun coming up soon, from TKMA! The annual **Tucson Kitchen Musicians Holiday Concert** will be held on Friday, December 5, 6:30 PM in Goddard Hall at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22 Street. All proceeds are to benefit the 19th Annual Tucson Folk Festival. The musical lineup includes The Last Call Girls, featuring vocal harmonies from Nancy and Lisa McCallion; supreme multi-instrumentalists Kevin Schramm and Tim O'Connor and drummer Bill Cashman round out the "girls". Tucson's favorite party band, The Wayback Machine, will be doing an acoustic set that will make you get up and dance. After nearly two years in Japan, piano blues prodigy Arthur Migliazza returns with special guests. Evan Dain and the Rosano Brothers have joined together to form the Inevitable Jazz Band and Marco and Dante will also present The Rosano Brothers Virtual Quartet. Finally, if you missed him before... don't miss him again: the incredible "Kalimba King", Mark Holdaway will play your socks off.

Homemade turkey chili and pasta fagioli, baked goods and beverages will be available all evening; BYOAB. \$8.00 general public, \$6.00 for members of TKMA, TFTM, KXCI, DBS, SABHF, TBS. Call 319-8599 for info.

## 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  
NO COTTONWOOD DANCE IN DECEMBER

**FLAGSTAFF** (928) 526-6757 First Saturdays, Ashurst Hall, NAU, Cindy Coon and Kari Usher will call to the music of Just Desserts 7:30 Beginners session; dance is 8-11 PM \$6/ \$5 for members For more info go to [www.fftom.net](http://www.fftom.net) or email [laurashearin@hotmail.com](mailto:laurashearin@hotmail.com)

**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](http://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) 713-8016 First Fridays, (and some Saturdays) Prescott Activity Center (old Armory) 824 E. Gurley St., On Dec. 5th Deb Comly will be calling to Granite Creek String Band; Special Dance on Dec. 31st, Susan Michaels will be joined by the Frank Hoppe Band playing at the Sacred Heart Gym just north of Gurley on Summit Street. Beginners instruction at 7:30 PM; dance 8-11; \$ 5/ \$4 members Details at [www.sharlot.org/madness](http://www.sharlot.org/madness)

**PRESCOTT ENGLISH COUNTRY** (928) 778-3184 or (928) 636-2966 Second Saturdays, Granite Peaks

## May Madness 2004 Registration

Prescott's May Madness Dance Camp registration has started. This year's talent includes New England caller Sue Rosen, Rodney Miller's band Airdance, and our own Privy Tippers, all working for your dancing enjoyment May 14-16th.  
go to <http://www.sharlot.org/madness>

## 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](mailto:Anna@dulcianna.com) or [www.dulcianna.com](http://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, [wcd@wdoncarlos.com](mailto:wcd@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 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](mailto:kadakamari@hotmail.com)*

### ADVANCE TICKET GUIDE

**AB** -- Antigone Books - 411 N. 4th Ave.  
**BV** -- Brew & Vine - 6435 N. Oracle Rd.  
**EE** -- Enchanted Earthworks - Swan/Ft. Lowell  
**HM** -- Hear's Music - 2508 N. Campbell

## DECEMBER EVENTS CALENDAR

**December 5, Friday, 6:30 PM****--TKMA HOLIDAY CONCERT**

Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. Food available, BYOAB. Tickets are \$8; \$6 for TFTM, TKMA, KXCI, DBS, SABHF, TBS. *See article on front page for details.*

**--ALIX DOBKIN & JAMIE ANDERSON,**

**8 PM** Women's and folk music, Proscenium Theater at Pima Community College 2202 W. Anklam Road, \$18 door/ \$15 Advance at AB, BV, EE, HM, PCC Center for the Arts Box Office or online at [www.dotucson.com](http://www.dotucson.com) *See article on page 7.*

**--DEBORAH COLEMAN, 9 PM** Blues guitarist and singer, featured as part of KXCI's 20th anniversary celebration at Boondocks Lounge \$15 at the door (KXCI members get discount) 3306 N. First Ave 623-1000 Ext 13 for ticket information

**December 6, Saturday, 9 AM**

**--NORDIC FAIR** Ethnic food, crafts, and performances by folk dancers and musicians, presented by the Finnish-American Club of Tucson. Streams in the Desert Lutheran Church, 5360 E. Pima 795-1932

**--KATHLEEN, LISA, HAL & EDDIE, 7 PM**

Jazz, folk and blues presented by the Tucson Jazz Society at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 4831 E. 22nd St. Tickets \$8-12 (KXCI members get discount) AB, HM 795-4494 for info

**- RENAISSANCE CHRISTMAS BALL IN WILLIAMS, 8PM to midnight**

Christmas Costume Ball, cosponsored by the Williams-Grand Canyon Chamber of Commerce, Pinyons Restaurant Advance tickets \$12.50 single, \$22.50 couple/ \$14.95 single, \$24.95 a the door Call Aradia Bookstore (928)779-3817 for tickets and info

**December 9, Sunday, 7 PM**

**CHRISTMAS IN WALES** with award-winning triple harp virtuoso Robin Huw Bowen is presented by the Welsh League of Arizona, at the Irish Cultural Center, 106 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix. Adults \$15, Children \$12 at the door or (Days) 623-939-0209 (Evenings) 480-946-0667

**December 12, Thursday at 7:30 PM****December 13, Friday at 8:00 PM****TCHÉTCHÉ**, Dance from the Ivory Coast

*"The dance becomes sudden, aggressive and beautiful with enough strength to break the distance between the dancers and the public."*

*--Madagascar Tribune*

Crowder Hall on the U of A Campus Tickets are \$30, half-off for students and children <http://uapresents.arizona.edu/facts/tchetch.html>

**December 13, Saturday 7-10 PM**

**BENEFIT CONTRA DANCE** for the Montessori de Santa Cruz Charter School, Tubac Presidio State Park. Live Music with M. Mueller and Judy Francis; callers Becky Nankivell and J.P. Thom-Gronachan. Supervised dancing and activities for the kids in Otero Hall. Dancing for the adults in the old Schoolhouse. \$12/adults \$6/children Call 398-0536 or email [violinjenn@earthlink.net](mailto:violinjenn@earthlink.net)

**December 19, Friday**

**ROUND THE HOUSE** plays for an opening party for "Wilde Playhouse", an Irish theatre downtown at 135 Congress //pages.zdnet.com/oscarw/

**December 29-January 1**

**INDIAN AMERICA NEW YEAR'S COMPETITION (Pow wow)** Rillito Park, 1st Ave/River Dancers, singers and drummers from all over the world compete. Admission \$7 at the gate; bring your lawn chair and a blanket! Traditional food and crafts available 622-4900

*See page 6 for a list of December drum events.*

## Tucson Friends of Traditional Music Contra Dance Schedule December thru March 2004\*

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

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January 3	Don Copley and Ken Cooper	OPEN BAND
January 17	Becky Nankivell	The Privy Tippers

<b>January 31st***</b>	<b>5th Saturday "Zesty" Dance</b>
<b>Suggested Donation:</b>	<b>\$ 10.00 for workshop and dance, \$ 5 for workshop only</b> <b>\$ 8; \$ 7 members; \$ 6 students for dance only</b>
<b>4:30 to 6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Workshop with caller Deb Comley</b>
<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Music by Dan Levinson &amp; The Hippie-billies</b>
<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Potluck Dinner</b> <b>Dance to Deb Comley, Dan Levinson &amp; The Hippie-billies</b>

February 7	J.P. Thom-Gronachan	OPEN BAND
February 21	Claire Zucker	Round the House
March 6	Don Copley and Ken Cooper	OPEN BAND
March 20	Becky Nankivell	TBA

For more information, contact Karen Collins at 624-1916 or go on the web to [www.tftm.org](http://www.tftm.org)

TFTM is a 501 non-profit organization that preserves 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](http://www.tftm.org)

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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

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Yes, include me in the directory

- I am interested in helping with:
- Dance Camp       Dance Program       Newsletter
  - Concerts           Sound                   Bookkeeping

**Dance in the Desert 2003 T-shirts for Sale**

Dance in the Desert t-shirts were extremely popular, and quickly sold out at camp. We will be doing a second printing; orders must be RECEIVED by December 15th. Tees are black, cost \$15, and must be picked up at a dance. Send check and order form to TFTM, PO Box 40654, Tucson, AZ 85717-0654

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Size \_\_ S \_\_ M \_\_ L \_\_ XL \_\_ XXL (\$17)

**If you want your t-shirt mailed to you, there will be an additional \$2 cost to cover postage.**

Address \_\_\_\_\_



## 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  
**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>

### LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW, MUSICALLY?

Have you ever heard of glass music? Go learn about it at [www.glassvirtuoso.us/index.html](http://www.glassvirtuoso.us/index.html), and then attend one of the two free recitals on December 4: 1:30 PM at Atria Villa Campana, 6653 E. Carondelet Drive, or at 7 PM at Atria Campana del Rio, 1550 E. River Road

## TRADITIONAL AFRICAN DRUMMING



Arizona has a thriving African drumming community, with opportunities for both appreciation and performance in December. In Tucson on Friday, December 5, at 7 PM, El Nido Studio and the Dambe Dance Project present *Dances of Passage*, a presentation to the community of the work of over 75

students at Tucson High Magnet School working on West African music, dance and recycled visual art techniques. The free performance will be held at the school's theatre at 400 N. 2nd Ave.

The ASU African Drum Ensemble will perform their free Grand Concert on December 7, at the Nelson Fine Arts Center, 10th Street and Mill Ave, Tempe. The repertoire will include traditional sabar music from the Wolof people, music of



Doudou Ndiaye Rose, and songs of Zimbabwe. Special guest artist Dethie Sarr Diouf will play Senegalese songs. For information go to: [cfaonline.cfa.asu.edu/AfricanDrum/](http://cfaonline.cfa.asu.edu/AfricanDrum/)

Back in Tucson, Nigerian Yoruba drummer Ayo Adeyemi will present two evening workshops at the Dunbar Community Center, 325 W. 2nd Street. The first workshop, on December 10 from 6 to 7:30, is on traditional West African call-and-response singing, drumming and dancing. A second workshop on December 11 from 6:30 to 8 focuses on drumming and is open to all skill levels. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children for each workshop. For information and registration, call Barbea at 628-7785.



For a statewide listing of African drumming classes in a variety of styles and levels of experience, go to the Arizona Drum And Dance website at [www.azdrumanddance.org/azstuff/calendar.htm](http://www.azdrumanddance.org/azstuff/calendar.htm). They also have links on where and how buying a djembe drum, and "loaner" djembes for use in classes.



### Alix Dobkin and Jamie Anderson

**Alix Dobkin** - *"one of the most important and controversial figures in the women's movement."*  
-Oakland Express

**Jamie Anderson** - *"...solid song writing and engaging stage presence."*  
-Billboard



Singer/songwriters Alix Dobkin and Jamie Anderson play a rare double bill on Friday, Dec. 5th at the Proscenium Theater at Pima Community College at 8 PM. In every culture there are innovators, risk takers and those who invent a new genre. Alix Dobkin pioneered her music with humor, compassion, and intelligence. Described as a "troublemaker" by the FBI and a "women's musical legend" by Spin magazine, Alix Dobkin has been a little of both. For four decades she has enlightened, inspired and delighted communities around the globe.

Former Tucsonan Jaime Anderson has charmed audiences with her witty, topical songs, appearing at the National Women's Music Festival, Kerrville Folk Festival, and at gay pride events. Holly Near says Jaime "is singing some wonderful songs."

**December 5, 2202 W. Anklam Rd, 8 PM**

**\$15 advance/\$18 door Tickets at AB, BV, EE, HM, or at [www.dotucson.com](http://www.dotucson.com)**

Interested in things Celtic? Sign up for the Arizona Irish Society's weekly email newsletter for the latest on Irish, Scottish, Welsh and Celtic events throughout the state, including music, dance, theatre and culture. Email them at [signup@azirishmusic.com](mailto:signup@azirishmusic.com)

### IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER...

**January 14—THE CHIEFTANS, Irish Music**  
**January 15—S. ARIZONA DANCE FESTIVAL**  
**January 18 —HABIB KOITÉ and BAMADA,**  
**Music from Mali with a Western twist**

### TWELFTH NIGHT DANCE "BREAKING UP CHRISTMAS"

BAYOU SECO and the FIDDLING FRIENDS celebrating OLD TIME DANCES of the SOUTHWEST

The BAYOU SECO band will once again host a wonderful evening of dance for the whole family in a large array of styles to benefit the Silver Nights Concert Series. The dance will be held at the Historic Opera House, Main Street, Pinos Altos, New Mexico on Saturday, January 3rd at 7:30 PM. All dances will be swiftly taught and all ages are welcome. There will be Spanish colonial dances like the Broom Dance, La Valse de Los Paños, La Varsovianna, the Chotis and La Cuna (cradle dance); Cajun 2 steps, polkas, rancheras, lots of waltzes, and Here Comes Zodiac (a southeastern play party dance). Many of these dances have been danced in New Mexico and the Southwest for over a hundred years. They are easy to learn and fun to do.

Tickets \$6 adults, \$3 for children. For information, phone 505-534-0298/Bayouseco @aol.com

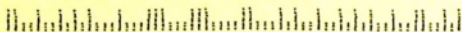
*TFTM members interested in carpooling to this event call Katy at 722-0486.*

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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](http://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