

A Letter from Karen Collins

Dear TFTM Friends,

Thanks for such a great, successful benefit dance on my behalf. So many donated time, talent, energy I don't know where to begin with the thank you's.

SO many people attended. And people who weren't able to attend sent donations so that you all raised over \$2100 dollars. That will be so helpful in meeting my next year's deductible on my health insurance. Being self-employed I chose a good health plan, but one with a high deductible.

My love to all of you. I miss you. Just a bit of an update: the second CAT scan shows the tumor on my left lung to be much reduced in size. And after my 5th chemo treatment I find that I'm better able to manage the side effects. We'll continue chemo as long as positive effects outweigh the negative. Good news is that my oncologist says that once I'm in the "maintenance" phase of treatment that I most certainly can work with him from my home in Tucson.

Meanwhile...

Karen Collins 816 Brown Squirrel Lane Golden Colorado 80401 303-279-7948 or 520-906-5068

TFTM has a new office phone number: (520)408-6181

John Roberts Concert Review

The Songs of the British Isles were sung in the desert when John Roberts played to a crowd at the Wilde Playhouse in downtown Tucson on March 25th. John, a native of Great Britain, arrived from his home in the northeast just in time to give an energized performance of traditional songs and tunes, recitations and ballads from all of the greater British Isles, including Australia. His concertina and banjo accompaniment filled the Wilde with music as those assembled were treated to Shakespearean tales and songs of discovery and travel. With excellent sound, John played and sang for over two hours, transporting the audience abroad for a memorable and satisfying Thursday night.

John has been performing songs and plays of the English folk tradition for more than 35 years. This was a return engagement for John Roberts in Tucson. He followed his performance here with shows in Flagstaff and Phoenix. TFTM thanks John for visiting Tucson, and we're all looking forward to his return.

--Jeremy Lite

GREATER ARIZONA DANCES

Schedules change, call before you go!

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 7:30 Beginners session; dance is 8-11 PM \$6/\$5 www.ffotm.net or dancingwvr@earthlink.net

PHOENIX CONTRAS (602) 268-7181 Usually the second Saturdays at Kenilworth School, but their website only lists through April, so visit the website/call before you go! 1210 N. 5th Ave. \$8 nonmembers/\$6 members and students For map and directions go to

http://members.cox.net/contradance/

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

PRESCOTT CONTRAS (928) 713-8016 Friday, June 4, 7:30-10:30 Callers Steve Elliott, Sherman Jensen and BJ Allgood provide the directions, and Wild Thyme provides the music. Note the location is different than usual: Mile High Middle School (west end of Carleton Street) www.sharlot.org/madness

JUNE IRISH AND WORLD MUSIC FAIRS

SAT - SUN JUNE 19 - 20 THE GREAT IRISH FAIR WOODLEY PARK, ENCINO, CA

Billed as the largest Irish fair in the western US, this two day event features 18 stages of music, a little theater, vendors, a feis, sheep herding competitions, medieval battle reenactments, and much more. This year's headliner is Tommy Makem with Rory Makem. www.irishfair.org/html/irish fair.html

SUN JUNE 27 - SAT JUL 3 ZOUKFEST, TAOS, NM

This week long school for Irish and world traditional music is one of the top music camps in the US. The are workshops in Anglo-Celtic singing, Early English Song, Irish fiddle, Irish flute and whistle, Celtic bouzouki, Celtic Mandolin, Irish guitar accompaniment, Middle Eastern instrumental music, Balkan singing, Middle Eastern percussion, Singer's Lab, Fingerstyle guitar, Old Time banjo to name but a

performances and seisiuns. Their web site is

www.zoukfest.com

few. They have a fine collection of instructors for

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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. Call William Don Carlos at 907-4460, or email pipes-are-loud@wdoncarlos.com

WANTED

BALALAIKA ORCHESTRA MUSICIANS

The Arizona Balalaika Orchestra is looking for players. Fiddle/mandolin players can play domra and guitar players can do the balalaika. Cello, bass, woodwinds, accordion, give us a call if you like Russian/Slavic music or just want to try something different. Dan Nicolini, executive director, 743-2347,

danicolini@aol.com or Don Copler, bass player 886-1528, 73125.411@compuserve.com

FOR SALE

Fiddle case, black coffin-style, purple felt interior (recovered), \$100. Bow repair jig, \$50. Assorted bows, various prices. Call Damaris Drewry (Maggie Lee) at 326-0307 for details.

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 newsletter@tftm.org.

NEW PHONE NUMBER

TFTM has a new phone number: 408-6181 Please update your address books.

DITD Registration Online

This year you can register for dance camp online on our website at www.tftm.org. You can read about camp, our callers Cis Hinkle and Brain DeMarcus, learn about the featured band, The Rhythm Rollers, and fill out your application online. You'll receive an email confirmation when we receive your check. We'd also be interested in your feedback on using this method. Apply today!

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TFTM is a 501 non-profit dedicated to preserving 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 or call us at 408-6181.

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Marking the Solstice: A Multicultural Celebration

June 19, 5 - 9 p.m. ~ FREE

Bring a blanket or chair and celebrate the wonders of the Solstice The first day of summer is celebrated with ethnic music and dance performances, saguaro harvesting demos, and hands-on fun for kids.

Manuel Intertribal Dancers (American Indian)

Dambé Dance and Drum Ensemble (African)

Palmer's Gate (Irish)

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Aaron White of Burning Sky (acoustic guitar and Northern Ute flute)

Arizona State Museum, 626-2973. www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

TFTM JUNE CONTRA DANCE SCHEDULE

June 5: Lath Street Intro/refresher session 7:30, dance at 8 pm. Don Copler and Ken Cooper will both be calling with an open band. (Admission as usual)

June 19: Lath Street Intro/refresher session 7:30, dance at 8 pm. Hands Four is a-playing, and Becky Nankivell is a-calling. (Admission as usual)

JUNE EVENTS CALENDAR

Jun 1 - Jul 31

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COLORADO MUSIC FEST - Pueblo, CO This internationally known event offers numerous concerts - piano, vocal, percussion, guitar, string quartet, jazz. The event will feature Southern Colorado's largest orchestrated fireworks display on July 4th. www.uscolo.ed/emf

Friday, June 4, 8 PM
BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO, Rhythm and Roots
Courtyard Series, Tucson Museum of Art, Advance
Tickets \$18 at AB, BV, CDC, EE, TMA Gift Shop, \$20 at
the door. Come early for Zydeco dance lessons at 7 PM.
For more info call 297-9133 and read the article on

Sunday, June 6, 1 PM

DANCE in the DESERT MEETING and

COOKOUT, at Katy's home, call 722-0486 for directions. Folks interested in the Early Bird Special especially urged to come to this meeting.

Monday, June 7, 7 PM TFTM BOARD MEETING, 7PM at Dale Tersey's home, 3227 E. Glenn Street, open to all members.

Friday, June 11, 8 PM
ROY BOOKBINDER with STEPHAN
GEORGE, Rhythm and Roots Courtyard Series,
Acoustic Blues Showcase, Plaza Palomino, Swan & Ft.
Lowell Tickets \$14 advance/\$16 door

Saturday, June 12 11 AM - 5 PM THIRD ANNUAL FLAGSTAFF FOLK

FESTIVAL Coconino Center for the Arts - Presenting a full day of songs, dancing and blue sky jams, \$I adm. (928) 774 - 8861

ADVANCE TICKET GUIDE

AB -- Antigone Books - 411 N. 4th Avenue.

BV -- Brew & Vine - 6435 N. Oracle Rd.

CDC -- CD City - 2890 N. Campbell Avenue.

EE-- Enchanted Earthworks-Swan/Ft. Lowell

FS -- Folk Shop - 2525 N. Campbell

HM -- Hear's Music - 2508 N. Campbell

Thursday, June 17, 6:30 PM CONCERT COMMITTEE MEETING and

POTLUCK Come help decide the direction of the con cert portion of TFTM and participate in a great meal too! (They had fresh grilled salmon and asparagus last month). Jorga's home, call 749-2710 for directions

Friday - Saturday, June 18 - 19
JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL This festival commemorates June 19, 1865--the day slaves got word of the Emancipation Proclamation. Food, fashion, crafts and live performances at Kennedy Park Fiesta Area. 225-2670.

Saturday, June 19, 5-9 PM MULTICULTURAL SOLSTICE FESTIVAL

Arizona State Museum, Event featuring ethnic music and dancing, saguaro harvesting, and more. Free admission and parking. See notice on page 7.

Sunday - Saturday June 20 - 26

DANCE CALLERS' WORKSHOP, Brasstown, NC John C. Campbell Folk School 800 - 365 - 5724, dance@folkschool.org, www.folkschool.org

Thursday, June 24, 5 - 10 PM SAN JUAN'S DAY FESTIVAL Celebration of the birthday of St. John the Baptist and the arrival of the monsoon season, featuring live music, dancers, games, and traditional Mexican food. Congress Street, west of Santa Cruz River, 791-4040.

Saturday, June 26, 8 PM
LUIS VILLEGAS and CAFE OLE Tucson
Museum of Art 140 N. Main, corner of Main &
Alameda Free parking lot on Paseo Redondo
between Granada and Main. Advance tickets \$15 at
AB, BV, CDC, EE, TMA Gift Shop, and at
www.rhythmandroots.musictoday.com
\$17 at the door, children under 12 free. Info at 2979133. See article on page 6 for a description.

Sunday - Saturday June 27 - July 3

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DANCE ROUNDUP,

Colorado Springs, CO Lloyd Shaw Fdn, Bob Riggs, (303) 808-7837, www.lloydshaw.org/rmdrframe.htm

Rhythm & Roots 7th Annual Courtyard Concert Series Louisiana Dance Party with Grammy Nominee BUCKWHEAT ZYDECO

"One of the best party bands in America." - New York Times

Buckwheat Zydeco brings his Louisiana dance music to the 7th Annual Courtyard Concert Series at Tucson Museum of Art on Friday, June 4th. Zydeco is foot stomping dance music sung in English and Creole French. The traditional songs are accompanied by accordion and rubboard and grew out of rural southern Louisiana. The undisputed King of Zydeco, Clifton Chenier, popularized Zydeco. Stanley "Buckwheat" Dural, known as Buckwheat Zydeco, has carried on his mark in musical history. Dural's music adds horns, bass and guitar, along with the traditional accordion and rubboard, with a taste of swamp rock. Each tune is flavored by a fiery dance beat. Bring your dancing shows for what People Magazine calls, "a swamp boogie joy ride."

Louisiana Dance Party with Buckwheat Zydeco Friday, June 4th, 8:00 pm \$18 advance at AB, BV, CDC, EE, TMA Gift Shop/ \$20 at the door (They anticipate offering Free Zydeco Dance Lessons at 7:00 pm) Tucson Museum of Art



STANLEY "BUCKWHEAT" DURAL

The Boston Globe adds "he is harking back to the sound of those backyard barbecues, the rhythm-heavy, chugging grove that has found new life in the hands of modern Louisiana stars...." And from Living Blues, "a Zydeco accordionist and a hot band playing at the top of their game."

7th Annual Courtyard Concert Series Grammy Nominee Luis Villegas and Cafe Ole

"The Carlos Santana of Spanish Guitar" - Tucson Citizen

Grammy Nominee Luis Villegas brings his fiery flamenco to the Courtyard Concert Series at Tucson Museum of Art on Saturday, June 26th. The first generation Mexican-American from Los Angeles has been called "Nuevo Flamenco's newest star." He combines Latin rhythms, Spanish guitar techniques, and adds a rock energy to his performances. Luis Villegas has appeared at The Playboy Jazz Festival, Catalina JazzTraxFestival, and The Sedona Latin Jazz Festival. This August he appears in a film called "Collateral" starring Tom Cruise. Don't miss this passionate player with his band Cafe Ole

LUIS VILLEGAS and CAFE OLE
Saturday, June 26th, 8:00 pm
Tucson Museum of Art
140 N. Main, corner Main & Alameda
Free parking lot on Paseo Redondo
between Granada and Main
General Admission \$15 in advance,
\$17 at the door
Children under 12 free
Advance tickets at AB, BV, CDC, EE,
TMA Gift Shop, www.rhythm
androots.musictoday.com
More info at (520) 297-9133

Luis Villegas grew up in East Lost Angeles listening to traditional Mexican music and the rock and roll of Hollywood's Sunset Strip. He played in rock bands growing up but was always drawn to the Spanish guitar. By combining Latin rhythms, Spanish guitar techniques and adding a rock energy, Luis found a new sound that few had attempted. Luis and his band gained a following performing in Los Angeles for 6 years before the 1998 release of his debut CD. Cafe Ole. Critics praised the album, calling it "fiery," "intense," and describing Villegas "a demon of technique." Cafe Ole won Villegas a Grammy nomination for Best New Age Artist of 1999. Don't be fooled by

that category. The music industry has struggled to categorize Flamenco in all it's forms. Suffice it to say that Luis Villegas is anything but mellow.

In 2000 Villegas released his second CD, Spanish Kiss, which once again defied categorization, but left the Tucson Citizen to proclaim him "The Carlos Santana of Spanish Guitar." A single from the album landed on smooth jazz radio coast to coast. Festival appearances followed to seal his reputation as a blistering live performer. In 2002 he recorded a duet with classical guitar diva Liona Boyd which was nominated for a Juno award (Canadian equivalent of a Grammy) for Best Instrumental Album of the Year. His current release, Casa Villegas, marks his debut as a producer as well as performer. The result is a musical odyssey from the gritty street of East Los Angeles to the sun swept plazas of Spain and across the plains of Morocco. With Villegas' fiery guitar the music is propelled by Middle Eastern percussion, Indian tabla, African bata drums and Latin congas.

ROY BOOKBINDER with Stephan George

"One of the finest blues fingerpickers active today." - Blues Revue

Roy Book Binder is nothing short of an American treasure. He has been a Blues traveling singer, storyteller, folklorist, comedian, and virtuoso guitar picking raconteur for more than 30 years. Living Blues magazine writes, "Roy Book Binder is a genuine example of the traveling bluesman tradition that began in the 20s, was revived in the 60s and continues today." His musical synthesis of blues and early

country music comes from studying with Blues legends Rev. Gary Davis, Sonny Terry and Pink Anderson. Today Roy is one of the finest interpreters of the Piedmont-style traditional blues, known by its intricate, ragtime-based fingerpicking style. Roy is as much a storyteller as a musician. His tales about Blind Lemon Jefferson and Robert Johnson keep fans howling in the aisles. He has toured with Rev. Gary Davis, Sonny Terry, Bonnie Raitt and Jorma Kaukonen. Come hear why Relix magazine says, "When it comes to country blues picking, Book Binder is a master." With Arizona's blues treasure Stefan George opening.

Book Binder's laid-back vocals and strong guitar playing evokes J.J. Cale or early Dire Straits. The melody drifts through half-spoken vocals, letting the guitar tug at our emotions all by itself, but his inspirations go way back. Back to some of the earliest recorded blues masters. As a devotee of the rural blues of pre-World War II, he tracked down Rev. Gary Davis, the Gospel singing legend, and Pink Anderson, the Carolina bluesman and medicine show performer. Roy learned their songs, internalized their style and began writing his own material.

Along with Roy's wit, self-deprecating humor and hilarious yarns of hard traveling with his mentors, there is the guitar playing. Always on a beautiful vintage Gibson guitar. The sweet, clear, fluid cascade of notes that pour out in the Piedmont style is the envy of guitar players everywhere.

Special guest Stefan George is one of the southwest's best-loved blues pickers and songwriters. Stefan discovered great Blues masters in his parents' record collection and has studied them ever since. His guitar playing and slide work are nothing short of luminous. His awards include Kerville New Folk Award Finalist, Telluride Troubadour Finalist, multiple Tucson Tammy awards including Best Songwriter, Best Solo Acoustic Performer and Best Acoustic Ensemble.

Roy Book Binder and Stefan George
Friday, June 11th, 8:00 pm
\$14 advance/\$16 door
Plaza Palomino at Swan & Ft. Lowell
Advance tickets at AB, BV, CDC, EE www.rhythmandroots.musictoday.com
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ONGOING LOCAL EVENTS

DANCE

Contra Dancing 1st, 3rd, 5th Saturdays. See the contra calendar inside.

International Folk Dancing NOTE CHANGE: Wednesdays, 8 - 10 PM The MUSE, 5th Ave. & 6th St.

Irish Ceili Dance First Sundays, 6 PM Wilde Playhouse at 135 E. Congress Street Info: 770-1000

Irish Dancing Tuesdays, 7:45 PM Decorator Square at Country Club & Grant Info: 296-8476

Israeli Folk Dancing Tuesdays, 7-8:30 PM for beginners; 8:30-10 for advanced, at the 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

Zydeco Dance Lessons Tuesdays, 7:30-9 PM The Muse, 5th Avenue. at 6th St., RSVP to 682-6201

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 For directions call Aine Ni Haralambie at 327-6287

Seisun Last Sunday of the month, 6 PM Wilde Playhouse at 135 E. Congress Street Musicians call 770-1000, open to the public for listening

Shape Note Singing 1st & 3rd Saturdays, 3-5 PM, Sonora Cohousing, 501 E. Roger Road Info: 682-6201 or www.fasola.org

Slow-jam 1st and/or 3rd Wednesdays, 7:00 PM Deerfield Apartments Club Room, 3201 E. Ft. Lowell Road. Call Mike Elam at 325-3539 <u>before</u> 7 for gate code. Park outside the walls to the west in the gravel lot in front of the trailer park. Southern Arizona Mountain Dulcimer Club 2nd Sundays, 3-5 PM, Candy D'Addario at 885-8240