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JUNE MUSIC FESTIVAL

The 7th Annual Old Time Country Music Festival is to be held June 21-22 at the Payson Rodeo Grounds, Payson, AZ. There will be contests for fiddle, banjo, guitar, specialty instruments, vocals, country band, bluegrass band, and family band. This contest is for acoustic instruments only. There are \$2000. in prize money. If you want to enter you must register before 1 PM on Saturday. Or, I have a form if you want to send it in early. Call me if you want a copy: Craig Tinney, 327-2362.

Buddy Allen of Hee Haw fame will be the host. The gates open at 9 AM Saturday, and 11 AM Sunday. We tried to find out about camping but could not get much information. There is a KOA in Payson (call for reservations) and many campsites in the forest. There are a lot of motels there, also.

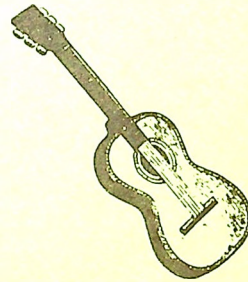
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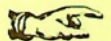
CONCERT

Ruthie Gorton, June 13, 7:30 PM, The Cellar of the UofA Student Union. TFTM members \$2.00; Other \$2.50.

Songs of protest are very much a part of the folk music tradition. There are themes which are social, political, and precautionary. There are only a handful of these sort of artists who maintain their integrity and continue to write and sing. Pete Seegar and Woody Guthrie come to mind as contemporary activists in song.



Ruthie Gorton is a singer, songwriter, and socio-political activist. She sings unaccompanied songs which are original and traditional. She has traveled all over the US, Canada, Mexico, France, Britain, Ireland and Japan. The topics of her songs range from Appalachian miners, women, civil rights and peace to international political change. There are two quotes from Sing Out magazine about Ruthie. One from the August '72 issue by Pete Seegar: "The best new peace songs I've heard this year..." and from a '77 issue: "Ruthie Gorton is a cultural worker in a true sense of the word. She cares deeply and she follows through. She doesn't follow political fad." Let's welcome her on her first trip to Tucson.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

NEWS ITEM - We are going to have summer activities this summer! Maybe not every month...after all, this is summer in Tucson, but we are going to have a concert at The Cellar on June 13, and a square dance on July 21. Read on for further details about TFTM activities and much more...

SUMMER SQUARE DANCE

Yes, folks, we're going to have a summer square dance. The date is July 21, the place is the YWCA gym at 302 E. University Blvd., and the time is 8-11 PM. Once again we'll be treated to the silver tones of our marvelous callers, Harry Brauser and Jim Griffith, and the band will be made up of anyone who wants to play. (Check the last newsletter for a list of songs.) Our last three dances have been great successes and we are sure that a good time will once again be had by all.



EDITOR'S NOTE: The 1979-80 season has been a transitional period for TFTM. We have a new board of directors and almost no funds. All of our concerts have been given in conjunction with other organizations which made it possible to present high quality artists even though we were only able to bring you a few of them. However, we did gain many new memberships. These along with our continuing members have made our treasury grow. The only reason we need a treasury at all is to be able to guarantee payment to artists, the hall, etc., for the concerts. For example, the Elizabeth Cotten/Mike Seegar concert cost \$1940. and made \$1950. in gate receipts. Did you know that even the people who worked many hours to bring Lisa and Mike paid full ticket prices to get in?

The upcoming season, 1980-81, calls for six concerts and nine square dances. We've been looking into grants to help us out but we won't count on them until they happen. There will be a general meeting in September to nominate a new board. The elections may be held then or at Tucson Meet Yourself in October. TFTM began at Tucson Meet Yourself in 1975. There won't be another newsletter until September - see you at the square dance in July.

Craig



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CALENDAR

June 13 - Ruthie Gorton Concert at the U of A Student Union Cellar from 7:30-10 PM. \$2.00 for TFTM members and students; \$2.50 for non-members.

July 21 - Square Dance at the YWCA at 302 E. University Blvd., from 8 - 11 PM. \$1.50 for TFTM members; \$2.00 for non-members.

June 21-22 - Payson Old Time Country Music Festival, Payson, AZ. Admission-\$4.00; Contestant fees-\$10.00 for band categories/\$5.00 for individual categories.

September - TFTM General Membership Meeting. We need to nominate officers for the concerts and square dances. It is going to be a great year!

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CLOGGING CLASS

Jacque Wohl will be giving a class in Appalachian Clogging at the YWCA at 302 E. University Blvd. The class will run for 8 sessions from Thursday, June 12 to July 31, at 8 - 9 PM and will cost \$20.00. The class is for beginners and the only equipment that is necessary is a pair of slick-soled shoes and energy. Registration info can be gotten by calling the YWCA at 884-7810. Even if you miss the first session you can still sign-up or just show-up and register there.




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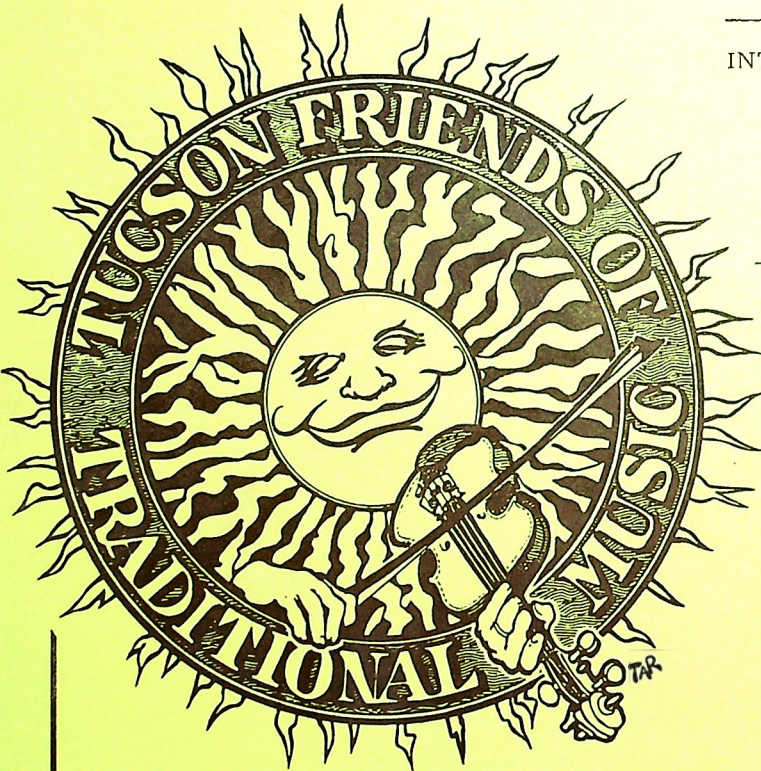
CAN WE LIST YOU IN THE TFTM DIRECTORY? Yes No

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING FOR CLUB ACTIVITIES?

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