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Newsletter of Tucson Friends of Traditional Music

17TH ANNUAL TUCSON FOLK FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MAY 4, NOON - 10 PM
SUNDAY, MAY 5, 11 AM - 9 PM
EL PRESIDIO PARK

The Tucson Kitchen Musicians' Association (TKMA) is proud to present the 17th Annual Tucson Folk Festival. The community is invited to enjoy 3 stages with continuous live music featuring contemporary and traditional folk, blues, Celtic, bluegrass, folk-rock, ethnic, Doo-Wop, gospel and more performed by the best local and regional musicians of the Southwest, and special guests **TISH HINOJOSA**, **KRISTINA OLSEN**, and **SMALL POTATOES**. *A full schedule is included on page 3.*

There will also be workshops in a wide variety of instrument and songwriting techniques (including workshops with the headliners). The Festival includes interactive events for all ages as well as a smorgasbord of quality food and craft vendors. El Presidio Park is bordered by Alameda & Church Streets. Workshops and interactive events will be held on the grounds of the Tucson Museum of Art and City Hall.

This year, The Tucson Folk Festival is being held in tandem with the "Cinco De Mayo" Celebration produced by "El Centro Cultural" and Downtown



Tish Hinojosa

Saturday Night, on May 4 (locations & times TBA). This is a fantastic opportunity for the Tucson community to visit the heart of Tucson's City Center and enjoy all the excitement, beauty, and unique cultural flavor Tucson offers.

Some background on the headliners:
Tish Hinojosa - performing with a three piece multi-instrumental ensemble

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14TH ANNUAL WAILA FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MAY 18, 5-11 PM
UA BEAR DOWN FIELD

Join your neighbors under the stars for a family evening of music, dance, and traditional O'odham feast food. The 14th Annual Waila Festival featuring *waila*, the social dance music of the Tohono O'odham of the Sonoran Desert, brings the community together for a lively evening of music and dances performed in the waila tradition. Youngsters, teenagers, adults, and elders enjoy dancing and listening to waila (polka), the chote (schottische), the cumbia, and an occasional mazurka. The O'odham have developed a smooth and graceful walking polka style for the waila, that contrasts with the fast-hopping European polka style and is suitable for dancing late into the hot desert night. The dances are learned primarily (and fairly easily) by

following the example of senior dancers, but there may be some brief dance instruction available early in the evening.

Contemporary Tohono O'odham waila bands include musicians playing button accordion, alto saxophone, electric six-string and bass guitars, as well as a drum kit. Most waila musicians learn to play by ear rather than from musical scores. Often bands are made up of members of the same family or village. In recent years, waila music is heard far beyond the reservation and has become familiar to many radio audiences. Waila bands have been invited to perform in numerous locations outside of Arizona, such as the Smithsonian Folklife Festival in

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WHO'S WHO: TFTM & TKMA

This May issue of the *TFTM News* is distributed to the membership of both the Tucson Friends of Traditional Music (TFTM) and the Tucson Kitchen Musicians Association (TKMA). If you receive two newsletters, it's because you're on both lists – pass one copy on.

To let you know who's who: TFTM puts out this newsletter about 10 times a year. We're the folks who bring you bimonthly contra dances, occasional small concerts of traditional music, and the Dance in the Desert weekend dance and music camp fall. We also work to promote traditional music making just for fun. Check www.tftm.org.

TKMA puts on the Tucson Folk Festival in the spring: a showcase of regional contemporary and traditional folk music artists. They present two smaller showcases of local performers in the fall and spring, and occasional other concerts. See www.tkma.org.

DANCE EVENTS ARE SHADED

Check www.TFTM.org
for links to more info!

MAY**2 THURSDAY**

TFTM BOARD MEETING, 6:30 pizza, 7 pm meeting, Steve Moore's, 6133 E. 32nd St. (584-0663). The meeting's open, to add to the agenda, contact Steve Richard, 882-3068.

4-5 SATURDAY-SUNDAY

17TH ANNUAL TUCSON FOLK FESTIVAL, Sat. noon-10 pm, Sun. 11 am - 9 pm, El Presidio Park (SW of Church and Alameda, downtown). Live music performances and workshops. Food and crafts vendors. (See article on page 1, schedule on page 3.) Admission is FREE. Info: 319-8599. (TKMA)

4 SATURDAY

CONTRA DANCE, 8 - 11 pm (intro/refresher session at 7:30), First United Methodist Church, 915 E. 4th St. (between Park & Tyndall). Caller **CLAIRE ZUCKER**, music by **ROUND THE HOUSE**. Admission \$7; \$6 for TFTM members; \$5 for students with ID. Info: 293-3783. (TFTM)

ALTAN, 8 pm, Crowder Hall, UA School of Music. With twin fiddles, accordion, fine vocals by Mairead Ni Mhaonaigh and Daithi Sproule, Irish percussion and more, Altan is arguably the finest band touring from Ireland today. This time Altan will perform as a 6-piece band for the first time in Tucson, adding bass and drive with a percussion player from Riverdance, mainly on the Irish goatskin drum (bodhran). All seats reserved. Advance tickets \$20; \$18

AB Antigone Books
411 N 4th Ave

CD CD City
2980 N. Campbell at Glenn

EE Enchanted Earthworks
Plaza Palomino

HM Hear's Music
2508 N Campbell

for seniors, available at AB, HM, www.dotucson.com/tickets, or by phone at 327-4809. Admission \$2 more at the door. Info: 327-4809. (In Concert!)

CAMERATA TUCSON, 7 pm, Benedictine Monastery at 800 N. Country Club (just south of Speedway). Classical music from California, and Renaissance music from Mexico (see article at right). Admission FREE. Info: 822-0026.

16 THURSDAY

DEL McCOURY BAND, 7:30p.m., Berger Performing Arts Center (1200 W. Speedway). Called the top act in bluegrass today. All seats reserved. Advance tickets \$22, available at AB, CD, EE or online at www.dotucson.com/tickets, or charge by phone at 297-9133. Admission \$25 at the door. Info: 297-9133. (Jonathan Holden/Rhythm & Roots)

17-19 FRIDAY-SUNDAY

16TH ANNUAL TUCSON FEIS: FEILE RINCE TUCSON, starting 6:30 Friday, 8 am Saturday and Sunday, InnSuites Hotel, 475 N Granada (at St. Mary's Rd.). Irish music competition and ceili Friday evening; stepdancing all day Sat. & Sun., with Championship level competitions Sat. afternoon. Informal singing session Sat. at 7 pm. Observers welcome for a minimal admission fee. Info: 296-8476. (Irish Stepdancers of Tucson)

18 SATURDAY

14TH ANNUAL WAILA FESTIVAL, 5-11 pm, Bear Down Field, UA campus (N of football stadium, at Cherry Ave. & 4th St.; free parking). Traditional Tohono O'odham music, dance, and food. (See article on page 1.) Admission free. Info: 628-5774. (Waila Fest. Committee & Arizona Historical Society)

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23 THURSDAY

STREET MINSTRELS, 7 pm Tohono

CAMERATA TUCSON

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 7 PM

BENEDICTINE MONASTERY

Camerata Tucson announces a free concert on Saturday, May 4, 2002, at the Benedictine Monastery at 800 N. Country Club (just south of Speedway), with music in honor of Cinco de Mayo. The concert will be free.

The program will feature Classical music from California, and Renaissance music from Mexico. The Classic music was written at the end of the 1700s by Narciso Duran, a priest at San Juan Capistrano near Los Angeles. Self taught, Father Duran's music is surprisingly fresh and delightful.

The music from Mexico, written in the middle of the 1500s by Hernando Franco, is in Nahuatl, the language the Aztecs speak. The pieces are in honor of the Virgin of Guadalupe, who spoke in Nahuatl (not Spanish or Latin).

Included in the program is some music of the Celtic church, sung in Irish, Scottish Gaelic, Cornish, and Breton. This set of pieces celebrates the Celtic yearly round.

Camerata Tucson is a non-profit chamber music group dedicated to performing early music from Mexico and other countries in Latin America. Their goal is to record this unusual and beautiful music, and take it to Europe.

For more information call Dave Shaul at 822-0026.

Chul Park Performance Garden. 7366 N. Paseo del Norte (off N of Ina, just west of Oracle Rd.) A variety of traditional and contemporary music, and a lovely outdoor setting, to boot. Special dinner menu available at the Tea Room. \$7; \$4 for park members. Info: 742-6455.

25 SATURDAY

11TH ANNUAL COPLER PICKIN' PARTY, about 7:00 until whenever, 8772 E Third St.. Bring a snack to share, your instruments, and feet for dancing. Kids and non-musicians welcome. Info: Don Copley, 886-1528.

THANKS!

Thanks to our renewing members, and welcome to our new members from April. Special thanks to Donors *, and Sponsors ** for their additional support of TFTM.

Renewals:

Randall Abbey**, Deborah Beaumont, Karla Brockie, Marilyn Cleavinger, J. Sharawara & C. Cooper, Candy & Larry D'addario, Joe Daniels, Phyllis Davies, Hanny El-hizawi, Ann Eskayo, Allison Titcomb & Chuck Fellows, Frank & Zita Gurrier, George & Gail Hallett, Elizabeth Harrison*, John Jachna, Linda Kurick, Stephani Frederick & Gary Lavallee, Laurie Long, Rodney Lowell*, Julie Schmitt & Lonnie Ludeman, Stephen & Kathy Nelson, Robert L Perez & Karen Schmidt, Robert, Sandra, Jennifer Singer*, Lou Stebner, Dawn & Brad Story, Donald Sweig, Suekay Ulrich, Sharon Urban, Nancy Wilson*

Welcome, New Members:

John W Beland, John R DeCoville, Katy Heck, Jeff Kreamer, Triste Longcore, John R Schmidt, Julie Stein, Robin Wise

CLASSIFIEDS

SERVICES:

DULCIMER PLAYERS: Join the Southwest Dulcimer Festival AZ dulcimer players mailing list. Hammered dulcimer lessons available: Anna Duff 520-720-4965, 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! Accordions? 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

Classified ads are free to TFTM members. Ads must be music related. Categories are For Sale (run for one month only), Wanted, and Services. Send your ad to office@tftm.org or Classifieds, c/o TFTM, PO Box 40654, Tucson AZ, 85717-0654.

E-MAILING LIST:

Send your e-mail address to office@tftm.org to get on our list for between-newsletter news and reminders.

TFTM MISSION

Tucson Friends of Traditional Music (TFTM) is dedicated to keeping the traditions of community music and dance alive and growing in Tucson. TFTM sponsors and promotes concerts, dances, workshops, and informal music sessions. Through these activities and a newsletter publication, TFTM builds awareness, educates, and fosters diversity in music and dance in the Tucson community.

MOVING?

Your newsletter will not be forwarded, and we pay 34 cents apiece for address corrections. Please send address changes to TFTM, PO Box 40654, Tucson 85717, or e-mail office@tftm.org.

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Tucson Friends of Traditional Music (a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation) 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 information on TFTM, call 293-3783, or visit www.tftm.org.

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Would you like to be included in our members-only directory? Yes No

What performers would you like to see? _____

UPCOMING CONCERTS

This listing includes concerts with discounts for TFTM members.
(None this month.)

ONGOING TUCSON EVENTS

DANCE

Contra Dancing: 1st and 3rd & 5th Saturdays. (See calendar within.)

International Folk Dancing: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays. (Different locations)
Info: 792-2694 or 325-0073.

Israeli Folk Dancing: Tuesdays, 7-8:30 beginners; 8:30-10 advanced, Jewish Community Ctr, 3800 E River Rd at Dodge Rd. Info: 299-3000.

Scottish Country Dancing: Thursdays, 7:30 pm, First United Methodist Church, 915 E. 4th St. Info: 299-5566.

Irish Dancing: Tuesdays, 7:45 pm, Dance Moves Studio, 2514 E. 6th St.. Info: 296-8476.

MUSIC

Celtic & Old-Time Jam: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 8-10 pm, Rincon Market, 6th St. at Tucson Blvd.

Irish Jam: 8-11, 2nd & 4th Thursdays, Cushing St. Bar & Grill, 198 W. Cushing St.
Slo-Jam: 1st &/or 3rd Mondays, 7:30 p.m. at the home of Jerry Savage and Betsy Whitesel, 919 E. Navajo Rd. Info: Mike at 325-3539, Jerry at 408-7046.

Bluegrass Jams: Too many to list! Visit <http://hom.att.net/~fertilepickens/> or call 296-1231.

Community Sing: Approximately monthly. Info: 323-8697.

Irish & Scottish singing session: Monthly. Info: 327-6287.

ON THE AIR: KXCI, 91.3 FM

Acoustic Alternatives: Saturday, 8-10 am, host: Don Gest and Amazing Grace.

Bluegrass Show: Saturday, 10 am-12 pm, host: Milo Solujic.

Mountain Stage: 2 - 4 pm, host: Larry Groce.

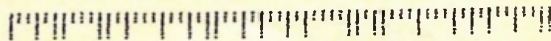
Celtic Crosscurrents: Sunday, 6-7 pm, host: John Murphy.

Route 66 (classic country): Tuesday 8 - 10 pm, host: Michael Hyatt.

Tabasco Road (cajun & zydeco): Wednesday, 1 -6 am, host: Rev. Jeremiah Peabody, O.C.D.

Global Rhythm Radio: Thursday 8-10 pm, host: Matthew Moon.

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