July 07 ~ Steluța

Steluța (Romanian for “little star”) plays a constellation of musical styles from Romanian songs to lively Greek and Eastern European folk dances, to a bit of Irish, to distinctive original tunes with a splash of classical influence.

This stellar acoustic quartet are: Martina Peladeau (flutes, recorders, voice) who studied in Germany to later become the sound of West Coast flute on the rocky shores of Tofino; Kate Rhodes (violin, viola, accordion, voice) who played in the Sunshine Coast, to a concert in a hot air balloon over the Swiss Alps, to the Victoria Symphony; and brings a flair of virtuosity to the repertoire; Douglas Hensley (guitars, oud, composer), who plays Renaissance to Persian to Classical and is a guitar instructor at the Victoria Conservatory of Music (VCM); and Alex Olson (basses, mandolins, percussion, composer), who is a long-time Victoria Symphony member, a bass instructor at UVIC and VCM, and a veteran of many local Folk ensembles.

July 14 ~ Joe Stanton

Take the musical traditions of Folk, Bluegrass, and Country, let them simmer over a few dozen Canadian winters, add a little virtuoso woodshed finger-style guitar, add lyrics from life, and you have Joe Stanton! Joe’s philosophy of “playing wherever they’ll listen” has taken him and his Martin D-28, on a 30-year journey from his favourite haunts of home on the Sunshine Coast, to a concert in a hot air balloon over the Swiss Alps, to the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas, and the World Finger-Picking Championships in Winfield, Kansas. Joe’s finger-style playing, likened to that of his guitar heroes Leo Kottke and Bruce Cockburn, and combined with his inspired songwriting has resulted in four CDs, all receiving radio airplay in Canada, the U.S., Europe, and Australia. Tonight, Joe Stanton does what he loves best—writing and performing acoustic music!

July 21 ~ Blu & Kelly Hopkins

Blu & Kelly Hopkins are an award-winning, songwriting, multi-instrumentalist duo from the Shuswap region of BC and a bona fide channel for classic and contemporary Folk / Roots / Canadiana music. Focusing on original material, their extensive repertoire also lets them blend traditional and contemporary tunes into their show. With a healthy dash of humour, they achieve an entertaining yet mellow brew of good times and good tunes!

July 28 ~ Kevin Mitchell & Steve Ireland

Kevin Mitchell plays and sings songs that have the feel of Canadiana Country crossed with a bit of Blues & Roots vibe, revealing some of his Prairie heritage. To date Kevin has released 7 full length albums produced by Corwin Fox and Marc Atkinson, and in the last few years the fire has been lit—the songs are roaring into life with many more to come!

Kevin’s unique style, rhythms, and subject matter combine to create an exciting new and original voice in the Canadian Folk Music scene. Kevin has played a number of times at “Norway House” and is joined for this show by Steve Ireland on bass and harmonies.

Raised in Victoria, Steve has lived on Denman Island for the last few years, where he has become a part of the musical landscape. Together, Kevin & Steve will be putting on a very exciting show, one not to be missed!
The Coffeehouse on Gabriola – Meets the last Friday of each month; 6:30pm Doors/7:00pm Open Stage; 8:30pm Feature. The Agi Hall, 465 South Road, Gabriola Island. | Admission: $10.00. Email colcog@shaw.ca

Cowichan Folk Guild – Meets the second Saturday of the month (September–June); 7:30pm, Duncan United Church, Duncan. Admission: $10.00 (CGF members). Phone 250-748-3975.

Deep Cove Folk – Meets the second Friday of the month (September–May); 7:30pm, 10990 West Saanich Road, Richmond. Admission: $10.00. Please lug a mug. | Phone 250-384-9419 or visit deepcovefolk.ca

Highlands Music Coffee House – Mostly second Saturday of the month. 7:00pm, 1589 Millstream Road, Victoria. | Admission: $10.00; FREE under 15 years old | email zhinou229@gmail.com

Nanaimo Folk Connection – Meets the third Friday of the month (September–June); 7:00pm. Admission: $5.00 | Phone 250-591-6883 or email nanaimofolkconnection@gmail.com

OceanSide Folk/Roots Club – Qualicum Beach Fridays 7:00pm. Usual Admission: $30.00 | Phone 403-608-7280 | On Facebook or email micksherlock58@gmail.com

Sayward Valley Folk Music Society – Meets one Sunday per month (January–November) The Kelsey Recreation Centre, 652 H'Kusam Way, Sayward, BC | Door 6:30pm; Concert 7:00pm | Admission: $20.00 | contact Bob at saywardvalleymusic@gmail.com or phone 250-302-0134

Sooke Folk Coffeehouse – Meets the third Saturday of the month (September–June); 7:00pm. Admission: $10.00 | Holy Trinity United Church, 1962 Murray Road, Sooke, BC. For more, visit sookefolkmusicsociety.com or email sookefolkmusic@gmail.com

The Victoria Folk Music Society

Admission to Sunday Folk Club – $8.00—First 16 & under. No charge for VFMS members, volunteers, and performers.

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This list is intended to serve Vancouver Island, the Gulf Islands, and surrounding areas. Its primary purpose is to offer contact, communication, and coordination between performers, presenters, fans, and aficionados of folk music. You must subscribe to be able to write emails to the list—just follow the instructions on this webpage.

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FOLK CLUB FEATURES ON THE ISLANDS

SAYWARD VALLEY FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY – Simon Kempston – ………………………. $20.00
Sunday, Jul 14, 7:00pm, Sayward 250-282-0134

COFFEEHOUSE ON GABRIOLA …– Marianne Grittani & Rose Birney – …… $10.00
Friday, Jul 28, 7:00pm, Gabriola Island. 250-658-1478

CONCERTS, ETC

– Everyday People – Mon, Jul 01, 6:00, The Treehouse Cafe, 106 Purvis Lane, Salt Spring Island
– Sheena Legrand with Andy Gartner – Wed, Jul 03, 7:00, The Weird Church, 2688 Peninth Avenue, Cumberland
– VFSS Song Circle – Wed, Jul 03, 7:30PM, The Friends’ Meeting House, 1090 West 70th Avenue, Vancouver
– Daniel Cook & The Radiators – Thu, Jul 04, 6–8:00, Willows Park, 2253 Beach Drive, Victoria
– Coco Love Alcorn – Thu, Jul 04, 7:00, BROAD VIEW UNITED CHURCH, 3703 St. Aidan’s Street, Victoria
– Mark Crissinger – Sat, Jul 06, 2:00, WATERWHEEL PARK BANDSHED, 3828 Croft Street, Chemainus
– Brandon Isaac – Sat, Jul 07, 4:30PM, WATERWHEEL PARK BANDSHED, 3828 Croft Street, Chemainus
– Hank Lionhart & the Smoking Toasters – Sun, Jul 07, 5:45PM, WATERWHEEL PARK BANDSHED, 3828 Croft Street, Chemainus
– VFMS Feature: Steluta – Sun, Jul 07, 7:30–10:00, NORMAN HOUSE, 1110 Hillside Avenue, Victoria
– Steluta – Sat, Jul 07, 7:00, HIGHLANDS MUSIC COFFEE HOUSE, 1589 Millstream Road, Victoria
– A Sunday Celtic Session – Sun, Jul 07, 2:30–5:00, THE FENWICK INN, 1302 Gladstone Street, Victoria
– Simon Kempston – Mon, Jul 08, 7:30–9:30, CHAK'S LANDING HALL & HOSTEL, 4815 ARGYLE STREET, PORT ALBERNI
– The Capital City Syncopators – Tue, Jul 09, 7–8:30PM, WATERWHEEL PARK BANDSHED, 3828 Croft Street, Chemainus
– VFMS: Monthly Business Meeting – Wed, Jul 10, 2:30PM, 3483 LOVAT AVENUE, VICTORIA
– The Hounds of Cuchulain – Thu, Jul 11, 6:30–8:00, THE VILLAGE COMMONS, 1461 FISHER ROAD, COBBLE HILL
– Annedra – Thu, Jul 11, 7–9PM, MARY'S BLUE MOON, 9535 CARDORA ROAD, SIDNEY
– Jack 'n' Lefty – Sun, Jul 14, 1–4PM, THE WATERFRONT COUNTRY CAFE, #114-149 FULFORD-GANGES ROAD, SALT SPRING ISLAND
– John Gogo & Allen Dobb – Sun, Jul 14, 6–9PM, THE TREEHOUSE CAFE, 106 PURVIS LANE, SALT SPRING ISLAND
– Simon Kempston – Sun, Jul 14, 7:00, SAYWARD VALLEY FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY, THE KELSEY RECREATION CENTRE, 652 H'KUSAM WAY, SAYWARD
– VFMS Feature: Joe Stanton – Sun, Jul 14, 7:30–10:00, NORMAN HOUSE, 1110 HILLSIDE AVENUE, VICTORIA
– Stone Poets – Mon. Jul 15, 7:30–9:00PM, CHAK'S LANDING HALL & HOSTEL, 4815 ARGYLE STREET, PORT ALBERNI
– Sarah Smith – Wed, Jul 17, 6:30–8:30, HILL HOUSE PARK (FORMERLY PIONEER PARK), 7130 WEST SAANICH ROAD, BRENTWOOD BAY
– VFSS Song Circle – Wed, Jul 17, 7:30PM, THE FRIENDS’ MEETING HOUSE, 1090 WEST 70TH AVENUE, VICTORIA
– Barney Bentall, Tom Taylor & Shari Ulrich – Wed, Jul 17, 8:00PM, BUTCHART GARDENS, 800 BENVENUTO AVENUE, BRENTWOOD BAY
– Shirley Day: Mbira Spirit – Thu, Jul 18, 2:00PM, PICKER PARK, 2795 SHERRINGHAM POINT ROAD, SHIRLEY
– Clanna Morna – Thu, Jul 18, 6–8:00PM, WILLOWS PARK, 2253 BEACH DRIVE, VICTORIA
– Duck Creek – Thu, Jul 18, 6–9PM, THE TREEHOUSE CAFE, 106 PURVIS LANE, SALT SPRING ISLAND
– Marianne Grittani – Fri, Jul 19, 6–9PM, THE TREEHOUSE CAFE, 106 PURVIS LANE, SALT SPRING ISLAND
– Qairo – Fri, Jul 19, 8:00PM, BUTCHART GARDENS, 800 BENVENUTO AVENUE, BRENTWOOD BAY

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- South Cowichan Music Jam – Fri. Jul 19, 7–11 pm, Legion Branch 134, 1625 Shawangini-Mill Bay Road, Shawnigan Lake

- The Unfaithful Servants – Sat. Jul 20, TBA

- Waterwheel Park Bandshell, 3828 Croft Street, Chemainus

- **VFMS Feature: Blu & Kelly Hopkins** – Sun. Jul 21, 7:30–10pm, Norway House, 1110 Hillside Avenue, Victoria

- Caleb Hart – Fri. Jul 26, 7 pm, The Musical Garden, 641 Hoyalke Avenue, Langford

- Marianne Grittani & Rose Birney – Fri. Jul 26, 7 pm, Coffeeshop on Gabriola, 465 South Road, Gabriola Island

- **Fourth Saturdays Open Nautical Song Circle (all welcome!) – Sat. Jul 27, 1:30–4pm**, The Bent Mast, 512 Simcoe Street, Victoria


- **VFMS Feature: Kevin Mitchell & Steve Ireland** – Sun. Jul 28, 7:30–10pm, Norway House, 1110 Hillside Avenue, Victoria

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**JAMS & OPEN MICS — CHECK WITH THE VENUE FOR THEIR SCHEDULE —**

- Sunday Country Jam – **SUNDAY Jul 07, 14, 21, 28…**
  - 2–6 pm, The Eagle Hall, 2965 Boys Road, Duncan
  - 3–7 pm, The Loft Pub, 229 Gorge Road East, Victoria

- Sunday Jam – **SUNDAY Jul 07, 14, 21, 28…**
  - 5–8 pm, The Fancy Bay Inn, 7480 Island Highway South, Fanny Bay

- Sunday Kitchen Party Jam – **SUNDAY Jul 07, 14, 21, 28…**
  - 7–11 pm, Christie’s Pub, 1739 Fort Street, Victoria

- Sunday Bluegrass Jam – **SUNDAY Jul 07, 14, 21, 28…**
  - 7–9 pm, **The Country House**

- **Second Sunday Acoustic Jams (May–Sep)** – **SUNDAY Jul 14, 3–6 pm**, The Evergreen School Pavillion, 3515 Watson Avenue, Cobble Hill

- Gigi’s Open Mic (Every Monday) – **MONDAY Jul 01, 08, 15, 22, 29…**
  - 6–8:30 pm, Gigi’s Café, 1002 Hillside Avenue, Victoria

- Old Time Music Jam Nights – **MONDAY Jul 01, 08, 15, 22, 29…**
  - 6:30–8:30 pm, The Spiral Café, 418 Craigslist Road, Victoria

- Monday Irish Session – **MONDAY Jul 01, 08, 15, 22, 29…**
  - 7–10 pm, Spinaker’s Brew Pub, 308 Catherine Street, Victoria

- Wednesday Jam – **WEDNESDAY Jul 03, 10, 17, 24, 31…**
  - 6–9 pm, The Loft Pub, 229 Gorge Road East, Victoria

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**SUMMER INTENSIVE PROGRAMS**

**Choral** August 12–17, 2024

Registration deadline: July 15

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Our new monthly VFMS webpage lists Live Music Events, mostly, on Vancouver Island — I will be updating it throughout July as I find new information

victoriafolkmusic.ca/LiveMusicEvents_Mostly_July-2024.html

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**JULY 2024 FESTIVALS**

- Jun 28–Aug 05 **The 39 Days of July**, Duncan
- Jul 01–08 **Fiddle Tunes Workshop**, Port Townsend WA
- Jul 05–07 **Atlin Family Fun Fair**, Atlin
- Jul 05–07 **Peace Valley Folk Fest**, Hudson’s Hope
- Jul 05–07 **Smithers Midsummer Music Festival**, Smithers
- Jul 06–07 **Chemainus Valley Blues Festival**, Chemainus
- Jul 11–14 **Cultivate Music Festival**, Gabriola Island
- Jul 12–13 **Arts on the Fly Festival**, Horsefly
- Jul 12–14 **Keremeos Bluegrass Jamboree**, Keremeos
- Jul 12–14 **Vancouver Island MusicFest**, Courtenay
- Jul 19–21 **Islands Folk Festival**, Duncan
- Jul 19–21 **Vancouver Folk Festival**, Vancouver
- Jul 19–22 **Music by the Sea 2024 Bamfield**
- Jul 20 only: **Chemainus Bluegrass Festival**, Chemainus
- Jul 25–28 **Calgary Folk Music Festival**, Calgary AB
- Jul 25–27 **Music by the Sea 2024 Victoria**
- Jul 25–28 **Kamloops International Buskers Festival**, Kamloops
- Jul 26–28 **Mission Folk Music Festival**, Mission
- Jul 26–28 **Salmon Arm Roots & Blues Festival**, Salmon Arm
- Jul 27–Aug 02 **Puget Sound Guitar Workshop**, Port Orchard WA
- Jul 29–Aug 02 **BC Fiddle ‘Treat**, Gavin Lake
- Jul 29–Aug 04 **Acoustic Blues Workshop**, Port Townsend WA
Long days, warm nights, music in the parks and streets — is there a finer time of year? Blessed as we are with ever-revolving seasons in Victoria, I know summer is something of which I’ve never grown tired! Likewise *Sunday nights at Norway House* — filled with good cheer and a welcoming community along with a smorgasbord of music and a bounty of sweet treats guaranteed to tickle your fancy! It doesn’t get better than that, so the VFMS is thrilled to again be **OPEN ALL SUMMER!!**

As this jam-packed newsletter details, there’s so much live music to enjoy — here, there, and everywhere! Looking forward to seeing folks at *The Folk* and please do be sure to let others know we’re up and running, too — seems not everyone has heard!

**AND** please consider volunteering your time and talents! Summers are traditionally quieter at the club, what with seasonal travel and holidays and all, but we still need volunteers, musicians, and workers alike! Help at the door, in the kitchen, tidying up, and doing the dishes is always appreciated and our dedicated volunteer coordinator, Nancy Taylor, would be **THRILLED** to add you to the roster! Call her at (250-477-6844) if you’re available. And there’s the *Open Stage*, too — no better time to come by and try out a fresh song or share an old favourite or two with the most receptive audience in town! No need to call ahead for that, just come on down and sign up for a set with the evening’s host! Be safe and play on!!

— Carol Aileen