The Victoria Folk Newsletter

August 2024

August 04 ~ CLOSED for BC Day Long Weekend

The Folk will return on Sunday, August 11, 2024 from 7:30–10 pm!

August 11 ~ Fraser Union

Since the early 1980s Fraser Union has been singing and playing music that connects with BC audiences who, like us, love to join in on their choruses! Their songs come from folk roots reflecting the diversity of our cultures and histories and our contemporary concerns. Their repertoire draws heavily from Canadian sources, including their own original songs, chosen carefully to tell stories of people’s struggles and triumphs and to share the love of music sung in harmony.

Fraser Union is currently Roger Holdstock, Barry Truter, & Kathy Griffin. Barry plays guitar, octave mandolin, and several other instruments. Roger plays mandolin and guitar. Kathy, the most recent member of the group, has vast experience singing in many vocal groups, including the award-winning quartet Second Inversion. She also plays guitar and percussion. Now into their fourth decade, Fraser Union has five albums of songs, many of which have become anathema to their audiences. They have evolved over the years but remain focused on the songs and the joys of singing together with vocal arrangements and harmonies that shine!

August 18 ~ The MacMillan’s Camp Boys

Hailing from the Rocky Mountains of western Canada, Levon Lindequist and Joshua Kaiser (better known as The McMillan’s Camp Boys) now call Nova Scotia home. Much like many musicians their age, growing up in the early days of YouTube meant having unlimited access to a large archive of music history. This led them to their many early influences, including old folk and blues players like Lightnin’ Hopkins and Big Bill Broonzy. Over the years, their musical taste has shifted to a more traditional Country and Bluegrass sound, heavily influenced by groups like The Stanley Brothers and the Carter Family, as well as Old-Time banjo pickers like Roscoe Holcomb and Frank Proffitt.

The McMillan’s Camp Boys’ wide repertoire of traditional Bluegrass and Old-Time music features banjo, guitar, mandolin, and fiddle accompanied by the duo’s timeless vocal harmonies. Their new EP ‘So Long To The Kicking Horse Canyon and Other Folk Songs’ is out on Dartmouth’s Big Turnip Records in August. Captivating audiences around the Maritimes and beyond, the Boys deliver timeless melodies to a modern audience and their long-standing friendship can be heard in every note.

August 25 ~ The Dublin2 plus 1

“The pipes, the pipes are calling, From glen to glen and down the mountain side.”

Come join Dublin2 and enjoy the warmth, humour, and excitement of three of the finest musicians Irish music has to offer! Terry Boyle arrived in Canada from Dublin, Ireland, in 1989, having toured in Europe with various bands and singing for six years in Boston, New York, Vermont, and Austin, Texas. Martin Nolan, also from Dublin, and also a world music traveler, has performed all over Europe, the U.S., and Australia as a virtuoso exponent of the uilleann pipes—a beautiful, melodic, and uniquely Irish instrument. Ceilidh Briscoe, from Victoria, BC, is a five-time North American Fiddle Champion and an All-Ireland Fiddle Champion proud to also have performed in Ireland, the U.K., Scandinavia, Germany, China, and across North America with the world-renowned Riverdance.

Together, Terry, Martin, & Ceilidh present a dynamic range of songs and tunes in the style of an intimate kitchen session. Usually exhilarating and free-flowing, sometimes mellow and thoughtful, but always hugely entertaining and engaging, this exciting trio is not to be missed!
The Coffeehouse on Gabriola — Meets the last Friday of each month. 6:30pm Doors/Jam; 7:00pm Open Stage; 8:30pm Feature. The Agi Hall, 465 South Road, Gabriola Island. | Admission $10 (55+ CCF members). Phone 250-748-3975.

Cowichan Folk Guild — Meets the second Saturday of the month (September–June), 7:30pm, Duncan United Church, Duncan. Admission $10 (55+) or email gillmor1@mac.com.

Deep Cove Folk — Meets the second Friday of the month (September–May), 7:30pm, 10990 West Saanich Road, Duncan. Admission $10. 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; FREE under 15 years old | email zhnino219@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/Roosters Club — Qualicum Beach: Fridays 7:00pm. Usual Admission: $30 | 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 HYKusam Way, Sayward, BC | Door 6:30pm; Concert 7:00pm | Admission: $20.00 | contact Bob at saywardvalleyfolkoutlook.com or phone 250-282-0134

Sooke Folk Coffeehouse — Meets the third Saturday of the month (September–June) 7:00pm, Admission $10.00 | Holy Trinity United Church, 1926 Murray Road, Sooke, BC. For more, visit sookefolkmusicsociety.com or email sookefolkmusic@gmail.com

Music Around the Islands

The Victoria Folk Music Society

The Victoria Folk Music Society is a group email list for folk music announcements, questions, and discussions. Folk music announcements, questions, and discussions can be posted to the list. The purpose of the list 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: victoriafolkmusic.ca

Memberships — one year from date of purchase: $140 Individual, $200 Family

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Our VFMS website: victoriafolkmusic.ca

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FOLK CLUB FEATURES ON THE ISLANDS

Sayward Valley Folk Music Society — Red Guitars — Sunday, Aug 11, 7:00pm, Sayward. 250-282-0134

Coffeehouse on Gabriola — The Awakeners— Friday, Aug 30, 6:30pm, Gabriola Island. 250-658-1478

CONCERTS, ETC.

— Elise Boulanger — Thu, Aug 01, 6–8pm, Wilfords Park, 2253 Beach Drive, Victoria

— Firebird — Fri, Aug 02, 4–5pm, The Kelsey Recreation Centre, 61 Filberg Road, Comox
— The History of Gunpowder — Fri, Aug 02, 7pm, Rosemary Farm, 9925 Central Road, Hornby Island
— Slim Sandy & the Hillbilly Boppers — Sat, Aug 03, 9pm–1am, The Peninsula Country Market, 1528 Stelly's Cross Road, Central Saanich
— David Essig — Sat, Aug 03, 8–9pm, Tequila Island Blues & Roots Fest, at the Ball Park in Gibsons, Teqada Island
— Big Hank & The Smoking Hot Toasters — Sat, Aug 03, 6:30pm, Butchart Gardens, 800 Benvenuto Avenue, Brentwood Bay
— The Boneyard Babes — Sun, Aug 04, 1–2pm, The Kelsey Recreation Centre, 61 Filberg Road, Comox
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— Blue Moon Marquee — Sun, Aug 04, 5–6pm, The Kelsey Recreation Centre, 61 Filberg Road, Comox
— Carolyn Mark — Thu, Aug 06, 6–7pm, The Outdoor Stage at Ship Point, 900 Wharf Street, Victoria
— VFSS Song Circle — Wed, Aug 07, 7:30pm, The Friends' Meeting House, 1090 West 70th Avenue, Vancouver
— The Boneyard Babes — Thu, Aug 08, 8–10pm, Fort Common, 1017 Blanshard Street, Victoria
— VFMS: Monthly Business Meeting — Thu, Aug 08, 2:30pm, 3483 Lowat Avenue, Victoria
— Jessica Benini — F1, Aug 09, 5–8pm, Mcky's Pub, 124A Upper Ganges Road, Salt Spring Island
— Pony Gold & guest — Fri, Aug 09, 7:30–10pm, The Musical Gains, 641 Hoylake Avenue, Langford
— The Bruce Collective — Sat, Aug 10, 6–9pm, The Tresture Cafe, 106 Purvis Lane, Salt Spring Island
— Karel Roessingh & Friends — Sat, Aug 10, 7pm, Highlands Music Coffee House, 1589 Millstream Road, Victoria
— A Sunday Celtic Session — Sun, Aug 11, 2:30–5pm, The Fireweed Inn, 1302 Gladstone Street, Victoria
— Ian Skorscha — Sun, Aug 11, 7:30pm, Sayward Valley Folk Music Society, The Kelsey Recreation Centre, 652 HYKusam Way, Sayward
— VFMS Feature: Fraser Union — Sun, Aug 11, 7:30–10pm, Nomax House, 1110 Hillside Avenue, Victoria
— The Ghosty Hounds — Tue, Aug 13, 6–7pm, The Cameron Bandshell, Beacon Hill Park, Victoria
— Clanna Morna — Tue, Aug 13, 7–8pm, The Cameron Bandshell, Beacon Hill Park, Victoria
— Allison Brown with surprise special guests — Fri, Aug 16, 6–9pm, Cafe Fantastico, 965 Kings Road, Victoria
— South Cowichan Music Jam — Fri, Aug 16, 7–11pm, Legion Branch 134, 1625 Shawnigan-Mill Bay Road, Shawnigan Lake
— John Reichman & The Jaybirds — Fri, Aug 16, 8pm, Butchart Gardens, 800 Benvenuto Avenue, Brentwood Bay
— Slim Sandy & The Atomic Cocktails — Sat, Aug 17, 1:30–3:30pm, The Cameron Bandshell, Beacon Hill Park, Victoria
— David Essig — Sat, Aug 17, 7–10pm, Dockside Pub, 2200 Clam Bay Road, Pender Island
— Peach & Quiet — Sun, Aug 18, 9–10pm, Tresture Bird, 591 Trans-Canada Highway, Malahat
— VFMS Feature: The MacMillan's Camp Boys — Sun, Aug 18, 7–10pm, Nomax House, 1110 Hillside Avenue, Victoria
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— FYI for readers of our PDF NEWSLETTER: the blue words are hyperlinks!
Folk’n Parking (’Norway House’ parking lot…)
On Sunday nights, please remember that parking is:
• NOT allowed next door in the Sikh Temple lot, off Graham. You could be towed!
• NOT allowed right beside the hall as it is a designated fire lane. Ditto!
• Reserved for Feature Performers with orange cones. Please leave lots of room.
• Easier when you carpool.

On Sunday nights, please remember that parking is:
• UNRESTRICTED on streets south of Hillside.
• ALLOWED in the lot behind Monarch Furnishings, off Prior. Thanks, Monarch!!
• TRICKY on side-streets. Please respect ‘Residential Parking Only’ signs.
• EASIEST when you walk, bike, or take the bus!

Monarch Furnishings • 1120 Hillside Avenue
Tony Martin, Owner • monarchfurnishings.com
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**August and Onward!**

Halfway through summer already? My, how time flies when you're having a good time! The festivals have been fabulous, music in the parks around town terrific, and Sunday nights at the Folk...just wonderful!

And there’s even more to come! While we take our usual break for the *August long weekend*, three amazing features are booked for the Sundays after, and you definitely won’t want to miss the VFMS *Annual Summer Jam and Social Gathering in the Park*, either! That’s Beacon Hill Park, by the rose garden across from the petting zoo, on Saturday, August 17, 2–4 pm (and possibly later). *BYOE* (Bring Your Own Everything) — voices, instruments, refreshments, seating, and most especially a smile on your face and a song in your heart! *EVERYONE WELCOME* — the more the merrier!!

As a 100% volunteer-run organization, we can always use *help with the workings of the club*, (especially in the summer) so please consider volunteering your time and talents when you can. Minding the door, bringing some baking, serving coffee & goodies in the kitchen, tidying up afterwards — our dedicated volunteer coordinator, Nancy Taylor, would be thrilled to hear from you (250-477-6844) and add you to the roster!

And then there’s the Open stage — no better time than summer to come by and try out your performing skills, share a sparkling new song, or sing an old favourite or two with the kindest, most attentive audience around! And no need to call ahead to play, either, just come on down a bit early (7-ish) and sign up for a set with the evening’s host.

— Carol Aileen

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### VFMS Business Meeting: 7:30 pm 

250-475-1355

#### Our September 01 feature: The Emily Triggs Trio!

Visit the VFMS on the internet — victoriafolkmusic.ca — for more information.