

The Victoria Folk Music Society acknowledges with respect and gratitude the Coast Salish People upon whose traditional territories we live, work, and play. We honour and give special thanks to the Lekwungen and Saanich peoples: the Songhees, Esquimalt, Tsartlip, Pauquachin, Tsawout and Tseycum First Nations.



The Victoria Folk Newsletter

• March 2026 •

Folk Club: Every Sunday ~ Admission \$8.00

Friendship Hall (formerly Norway House), 1110 Hillside Avenue

Format:

6:30PM Impromptu Jam Session ~ newcomers welcome

7:30PM Open Stage ~ sign up with the Host to perform a 10-minute set

8:45PM Intermission ~ tea, coffee, and assorted goodies available

9:00PM The Feature ~ as shown below

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Celebrating 50 Years of Presenting Live Folk Music in Victoria!

March 01 ~ Sharon Bailey with Tyler Lieb

Sharon Bailey grew up in Vancouver BC and has spent more than twenty years making Salt Spring Island her creative home. Her songs sit at the crossroads of Country Folk and swampy Blues, using plainspoken storytelling and textured arrangements to explore contemporary issues filtered through a working-class upbringing and a life remade on Canada's west coast. Her

recordings have earned airplay on independent radio in Canada, the United States, and Europe, while her live shows balance upbeat musical fun with darker, more contemplative moments. Sharon's most recent album, Turn This Thing Around, highlights her distinctive voice across a set of strong, original songs. She is joined tonight by Tyler Lieb, steel-guitar player extraordinaire!



March 08 ~ Kevin Barr

Singing Folk, Bluegrass, and Country styles of music along with telling stories of love and life, Kevin Barr is a favourite with audiences in Canada, the U.S. and Europe. A Juno/Western Canadian Music Awards nominee for his work as writer and lead singer with the Undertakin' Daddies, Kevin captures you with his heartfelt

lyrics and will also have you stomping your feet to high-energy tunes! He has shared the stage with such Folk luminaries as Valdy, kd lang, Fred Eaglesmith, Kim Beggs, Fred Penner, and the great Penny Lang, who said that Kevin "sings like an angel". Come harken to Kevin Barr, troubadour of the Yukon — you won't be disappointed!



March 15 ~ Terry Boyle & Ceilidh Briscoe

Bridging the gap between the east coast of Ireland and the east coast of Vancouver Island, between a song and its story, between a tune and its tradition, come two of the finest exponents of their respective crafts: Terry Boyle, native of Dublin, singer, guitar player, song-writer, and Ceilidh Briscoe, native of Victoria-BC, fiddler extraordinaire. Terry has a vast repertoire of

Celtic songs as well as a wealth of his own fine writings, while Ceilidh, currently a member of the Victoria Symphony Orchestra, is a five-time North American Fiddle Champion and an All-Ireland Fiddle Champion. Together, they present a dynamic performance of songs and tunes, exhilarating, free-flowing, and immensely entertaining!



March 22 ~ Novo Drom Trio

Novo Drom, meaning New Road in Slavic and Romani, is a musical adventure which interweaves Balkan culture, Romani sound, and a West Coast vibe. They formed in 2019 out of a desire to share their love of and expertise in these captivating genres. The trio focuses on blending their voices and instruments to transport their audience to another time and place. Combining

pulsing energy, complex rhythms, and intricate three-part harmonies, Novo Drom features Pam Campbell (vocals, tapan, percussion), Mark Garrison (vocals, octave mandolin, violin) and Kristin Scott (vocals, cello) who together create a multi-layered, free-spirited sound for all ears to enjoy. Welcome back to the VNFC/VFMS stage, Novo Drom!



March 29 ~ La Yeni

La Yeni is an award-winning singer-songwriter and harpist born in Argentina and grew up in the U.K., Canada, the U.S. and Spain. She studied Classical piano from the age of three, began songwriting when she was twelve, and started recording and performing during her high school years! Writing in English and Spanish, some of La Yeni's major influences are Loreena McKennitt,

Enya, Planxty, and Altan. Her first album, Yarrow Under the Moon, received Best Debut Album from Folk N Rock magazine as well as a Canadian Folk Music Awards nomination for 2024 Traditional Singer of the Year. Dubbed the "Beyoncé of the Celtic folk world," La Yeni delivers spellbinding performances not to be missed!



Folk Clubs and Coffeehouses Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands

The Coffeehouse on Gabriola ~ Meets the **third Friday** *this month!!! Closed January & February*. 6:30pm Doors/Jam; 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), 7pm, Duncan United Church, Duncan. Admission \$10.00 (\$5.00 CFG members). Phone 250-748-3975.

Deep Cove Folk ~ Meets the **second Friday** of the month (September–May) 7:30pm, 10990 West Saanich Road. Admission \$15.00 Please lug a mug. | Phone 250-384-9419 or visit deepcovefolk.ca

Highlands Music Coffee House ~ Mostly: **second Saturday** of the month (March–December) 7:00pm, 1589 Millstream Road, Victoria. Admission \$10.00 | email zhinoos219@gmail.com

Nanaimo Folk Connection ~ Meets the **third Friday** of the month (September–June) 7:00pm. Admission \$10.00 | Phone 250-591-6883 or email nanaimofolkconnection@gmail.com

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

Folk'n Parking (Friendship Hall /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.
- 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



The Victoria Folk Music Society

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

Memberships ~ one year from date of purchase
\$85.00 Individual \$140.00 Family \$20.00 Newsletter Only

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ISLANDFOLK

A Group Email List for Folk-Music Announcements,
Questions, and Discussions

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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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Music Islands

FOLK CLUB FEATURES ON THE ISLANDS

Deep Cove Folk ~Daniel Cook & the Radiators~ \$15.00
Friday, **MAR 13**, 7:30PM, Deep Cove (CRD). 250-384-9419

Highlands Coffee House ~Los Gringos Locos~ \$10.00
Saturday, **MAR 14**, 7PM, Highlands (CRD). 778-678-2409

Cowichan Folk Guild ~Local Lovers~ \$10.00
Saturday, **MAR 14**, 7PM, Duncan. 250-748-3975

Nanaimo Folk Connection ~David & Mary Lowther~ \$10.00
Friday, **MAR 20**, 7PM, Nanaimo. 250-591-6883

Sooke Folk Music Society ~One Wheel Band~ \$10.00
Saturday, **MAR 21**, 7PM, Sooke (CRD). 250-642-4568

Coffeehouse on Gabriola ~Coolage~ \$10.00
Friday, **MAR 27**, 6:30PM, Gabriola Island. 250-658-1478

CONCERTS, ETC.

~ **VFMS Feature: Open Mic** • Sharon Bailey with Tyler Lieb ~ Sun. **MAR 01**, 7:30–10PM, FRIENDSHIP HALL (NORWAY HOUSE), 1110 Hillside Avenue, Victoria

~ **Bob Wiseman & Mike Boguski** ~ Mon. **MAR 02**, 7:30PM, THE DUNCAN SHOWROOM, 133 Station Street, Duncan

~ **Dave Harris & Friends** ~ Tue. **MAR 03**, 5–8PM, THE LOFT PUB, 229 Gorge Road East, Victoria

~ **Danny Michel** ~ Wed. **MAR 04**, 7:30PM, THE MARY WINSPEAR CENTRE, 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney

~ **B.A. Johnston** ~ Wed. **MAR 04**, 7:30PM, THE NANAIMO BAR, 75 Front Street, Nanaimo

~ **The Leeroy Stagger Trio** ~ Thu. **MAR 05**, 7PM, ALL SAINTS BY THE SEA ANGLICAN CHURCH, 110 Park Drive, Salt Spring Island

~ **The Leeroy Stagger Trio** ~ Fri. **MAR 06**, 7PM, THE SATURNA ISLAND COMMUNITY HALL, 105 East Point Road, Saturna Island

~ **Mary Murphy** ~ Fri. **MAR 06**, 7:30–9:30PM, CHAR'S LANDING HALL & HOSTEL, 4815 Argyle Street, Port Alberni

~ **Big Little Lions** ~ Sat. **MAR 07**, 7:30PM, THE UPSTAIRS LOUNGE, OAK BAY RECREATION CENTRE, 1975 Bee Street, Oak Bay (CRD)

~ **Kristina Olsen** ~ Sat. **MAR 07**, 7:30PM, WOODEN NICKEL HOUSE CONCERTS, 1725 Shearwater Terrace, North Saanich (CRD)

~ **Cougar Annie Tales** ~ Sun. **MAR 08**, 3PM, THE DUNCAN SHOWROOM, 133 Station Street, Duncan

~ **VFMS Feature: Open Mic** • Kevin Barr ~ Sun. **MAR 08**, 7:30–10PM, FRIENDSHIP HALL (NORWAY HOUSE), 1110 Hillside Avenue, Victoria

~ **Tune Up 2nd Tuesdays Open Mic** with Helen Davies ~ Tue. **MAR 10**, 6PM, MILE ZERO BREWING, 4495 Happy Valley Road, Metchosin

~ **Tiller's Folly** ~ Thu. **MAR 12**, 7:30–9:30PM, CHAR'S LANDING HALL & HOSTEL, 4815 Argyle Street, Port Alberni

~ **Catscratch Fever** ~ Fri. **MAR 13**, 6:30PM, THE SPIRAL CAFÉ, 418 Craigflower Road, Vic West (CRD)

~ **Oliver Swain, Dylan Stone, Tyler Lieb & Marshal Wildman** ~ Fri. **MAR 13**, 7–9PM, HERMANN'S JAZZ & BLUES CLUB, 753 View Street, Victoria

~ **DCFC Feature: Daniel Cook & the Radiators** ~ Fri. **MAR 13**, 7:30PM, DEEP COVE FOLK CLUB, 10990 West Saanich Road, Deep Cove

~ **HMCH: Los Gringos Locos** ~ Sat. **MAR 14**, 7PM, Highlands Music Coffee House, 1589 Caleb Pike Road, Highlands (CRD)

~ **CFG: Open Mic • Local Lovers** ~ Sat. **MAR 14**, 7PM, THE COWICHAN FOLK GUILD, DUNCAN UNITED CHURCH, 246 Ingram Street, Duncan

~ **Tiller's Folly** ~ Sat. **MAR 14**, 7:30PM, THE MARY WINSPEAR CENTRE, 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney

~ **VFMS Feature: Open Mic • Dublin2** ~ Sun. **MAR 15**, 7:30–10PM, FRIENDSHIP HALL (NORWAY HOUSE), 1110 Hillside Avenue, Victoria

~ **Lonnie Glass** ~ Mon. **MAR 16**, 5–8PM, THE LOFT PUB, 229 Gorge Road East, Victoria

~ **The Melawmen Collective** ~ Tue. **MAR 17**, 7:30–9:30PM, CHAR'S LANDING HALL & HOSTEL, 4815 Argyle Street, Port Alberni

~ **Josh Ritter** ~ Thu. **MAR 19**, 7:30PM, THE MARY WINSPEAR CENTRE, 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney

~ **NFC Open Mic • David & Mary Lowther** ~ Fri. **MAR 20**, 7PM, The Nanaimo Folk Connection, HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2174 Departure Bay Road, Nanaimo

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DANIEL LAPP'S Joy of Life Concerts

April 24 & April 25
Alix Gooden Hall
7:30pm

With the BC Fiddle
Orchestra, Old-time
Danceband, Folkestra!,
and the Joy of Life Choir



vcm.bc.ca/events

—for yourself, birthdays,
occasions, or just being generous—

Victoria Folk Music Society Merchandise

- ~ Decals \$2, \$2.50 ~ Suitable for car windows, guitar cases, music stands...
- ~ Guest Passes \$8 ~ Valid for one adult admission to our Sunday Evenings
- ~ Coffee Mugs \$10 ~ with our classic Queen & Banjo or the 50th Anniversary edition
- ~ Tote Bags \$15 ~ A classy light-weight bag for carrying your Folk- or non-Folk-stuff
- ~ Tee-Shirts \$15–\$35 ~ The ultimate fashion statement for the Folk aficionado
- ~ Gift Certificates ~ \$85 Individual or \$140 Family ~ Good for an Annual Membership

All may be purchased on any Sunday Night at the Folk (at Friendship Hall formerly Norway House)

Our latest monthly VFMS webpage lists Live Music Events, mostly, on Vancouver Island and the adjacent islands—and I will be updating it throughout March as I find new information! /rg
victoriafolkmusic.ca/LiveMusicEvents_Mostly_March-2026.html

CONCERTS, ETC. CONTINUED

- ~ **The Arrogant Worms** ~ Fri. **MAR 20**, 7:30PM, THE MARY WINSPEAR CENTRE, 2243 Beacon Avenue, Sidney
- ~ **SFMS: One Wheel Band** ~ Sat. **MAR 21**, 7PM, Sooke Folk Music Society, HOLY TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, 1962 Murray Road, Sooke
- ~ **VFMS Feature: Open Mic • Novo Drom Trio** ~ Sun. **MAR 22**, 7:30–10PM, FRIENDSHIP HALL (NORWAY HOUSE), 1110 Hillside Avenue, Victoria
- ~ **Paul Black, Don Wilke & Rockland Moran** ~ Thu. **MAR 26**, 7:30PM, THE DUNCAN SHOWROOM, 133 Station Street, Duncan
- ~ **COG Feature: Coolage** ~ Fri. **MAR 27**, 7PM, COFFEEHOUSE ON GABRIOLA, THE AGI HALL, 465 South Road, Gabriola Island
- ~ **Alan Doyle** ~ Sat. **MAR 27**, 8PM, THE ROYAL THEATRE, 805 Broughton Street, Victoria
- ~ **Van Django** ~ Sat. **MAR 28**, 7:30PM, THE UPSTAIRS LOUNGE, OAK BAY RECREATION CENTRE, 1975 Bee Street, Victoria
- ~ **VFMS Feature: Open Mic • La Yeni** ~ Sun. **MAR 29**, 7:30–10PM, FRIENDSHIP HALL (NORWAY HOUSE), 1110 Hillside Avenue, Victoria
- ~ **Dave Harris & Friends** ~ Tue. **MAR 31**, 5–8PM, The Loft Pub, 229 Gorge Road East, Victoria
- ~ **VBA Feature: TBA** ~ Tue. **MAR 31**, 7:45–10PM, VICTORIA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION, 1205 Pandora Avenue, Victoria

MARCH 2026 FESTIVALS, et cetera

- Mar 06–08 Festival du Bois, Coquitlam-BC
- Mar 06–08 Georgia Strait Music Camp Spring Jam, Crescent Beach-BC
- Mar 27–29 Ignite the Arts Festival, Penticton-BC

VFMS Features coming in April 2026 TO FRIENDSHIP HALL (NORWAY HOUSE):

- Apr 05 Savoir Faire
- Apr 12 Steluța
- Apr 19 Peach & Quiet
- Apr 26 Morgan Davis

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

SUNDAY MARCH 01, 08, 15, 22, 29

- ~ **Sunday Country Jam** ~ 2–6PM, THE EAGLE HALL, 2965 Boys Road, Duncan
- ~ **Sunday Afternoon Jam** ~ 3–7PM, THE LOFT PUB, 229 Gorge Road East, Victoria
- ~ **The FBI Sunday Jam** ~ 4:30–7:30PM, THE FANNY BAY INN, 7480 Island Highway South, Fanny Bay
- ~ **Sunday Kitchen Party Jam** ~ 7–11 PM, CHRISTIE'S PUB, 1739 Fort Street, Victoria
- ~ **Sunday Bluegrass Jam** ~ 7PM–MIDNIGHT, THE CUMBERLAND HOTEL, 2714 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland

MONDAY MARCH 02, 09, 16, 23, 30

- ~ **Old-Time Music Jam Nights** ~ 6:30–8:30PM, THE SPIRAL CAFÉ, 418 Craigflower Road, Victoria

WEDNESDAY MARCH 04, 11, 18, 25

- ~ **Wednesday Jam** ~ 6–9PM, THE LOFT PUB, 229 Gorge Road East, Victoria
- ~ **Sidney Acoustic Jam** ~ 7–9PM, THE SHOAL ACTIVITY CENTRE, 10030 Resthaven Drive, Sidney

THURSDAY MARCH 05, 12, 19, 26

- ~ **The Big Open Mic** ~ 6:30–8:30PM, THE SPIRAL CAFÉ, 418 Craigflower Road, Victoria
- ~ **Open Mic Night Thursday** ~ 7:30–10:30PM, THE LOGHOUSE PUB, 2323 Millstream Avenue, Victoria

Performer Guidelines (How to please our audience!)

Welcome to the Victoria Folk Music Society's weekly gathering! We hope you enjoy playing here—so here's a bit of performance advice on what works best for our club. Some of the suggestions may seem obvious, while others may not have occurred to you before.

1. **Please be considerate and don't go overtime.** There is a ten-minute limit for open-stage sets and ten minutes goes by fast—especially if you're tuning up, and talking about yourself and your music, as well as playing! Pace yourself accordingly, which means you've probably got time for two songs unless they're particularly short ones. When in doubt, check with the host.
2. **Perform to be heard.** The acoustics are great in this hall, but you still need to project so that the people at the back can hear you. Consider standing up while you perform; otherwise, your sound may not get much beyond the first row. Remember that folk-song lyrics are at least as important as the music. If you're singing and

playing, especially in a group, you may need to sing louder and/or play softer to ensure that your words are heard by all.

3. **Present well-practiced material.** The Folk Club is an excellent place to try out new material with a receptive audience, but it's not the place to “fake it till you make it”! Please respect yourself and your audience enough to practice your material before you perform.
4. **Consider playing a cover song with a chorus** in your set, especially one that's well-known. Our audience loves to sing along! If the song isn't well-known, prompt us the first time so we know when and what to sing.
5. **Plan to stay and listen to others play.** It's a great way to meet people and also to pick up new material and performance ideas.
6. **Have fun and we hope to see you again!** If you'd like some feedback on your performance, please feel free to ask.

Available as a downloadable PDF: victoriafolkmusic.ca/pdf/VFMS_Performer_Guidelines.pdf

And Now, a Word About This Hall...

Norway House is one of the sweetest little halls in Victoria and the Victoria Folk Music Society has been fortunate to call it home since our beginning! But as the saying goes, nothing is permanent except change, and after more than 80 years of running and maintaining the hall, the Sons of Norway found it necessary to sell the property.

Rumours of a sale had been circulating for some time and it was difficult not to worry—the thought of the Folk not meeting here is beyond all comprehension!—but all's well that ends well. Our sincere congratulations

go to the hall's new owners, the Victoria Native Friendship Centre (VNFC)—congratulations AND immense thanks for welcoming us to continue renting the hall on Sunday nights!

What happens in the long run is still to be determined, but the VNFC is honouring the contract we've had with the Sons of Norway for at least the next year and we're hoping to continue as their Sunday-night tenants as long as they continue to rent out the hall... **Friendship Hall**, that is! New owners, new name, same wonderfully warm, welcoming place!!

~ Carol Aileen

March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
VFMS Feature: SHARON BAILEY WITH TYLER LIEB	1 2 Bob Wiseman & Mike Boguski (DUNCAN—SEE P. 2)	3 Dave Harris & Friends (VICTORIA—SEE P. 2)	4 Danny Michel (SIDNEY—SEE P. 2) B.A. Johnston (NANAIMO—SEE P. 2)	5 Leeroy Stagger Trio (SALT SPRING ISLAND—P. 2)	6 Leeroy Stagger Trio (SATURNA ISLAND—SEE P. 2) Mary Murphy (PORT ALBERNI—SEE P. 2)	7 Big Little Lions (OAK BAY—SEE P. 2) Kristina Olsen (NORTH SAANICH—SEE P. 2)
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VFMS Feature: LA YENI	29 30	31 Dave Harris & Friends (VICTORIA—SEE P. 3) AT THE VBA: TBA (VICTORIA—SEE P. 3)	Notes ~			

and at The Folk on April 05: **SAVOIR FAIRE**