

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

• April 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!

April 05 ~ **Savoir Faire**

Honing their craft over many years and countless farmers' market sets in Vancouver, **Savoir Faire's** forté is audience interaction and breaking the "fourth wall". Expect music from many far-flung places: traditional music from Europe, including France, England, the Balkans, the Baltics, and Georgia, as well as a bunch of iconic Canadian songs. With styles ranging from soulful ballads to humourous drinking songs to fast dance tunes, the set list will also include many songs with sing-along choruses, too (just

not all in English!) And for good measure, you may even be treated to a few easy folk dances snaking their way around the room!!

Savoir Faire is: **Kristina Zalite** (lead vocals, percussion), **Naomi Steinberg** (lead vocals, flute), **Oliver Schneider** (button-accordion, tambura, backing vocals), **Greg Coyes** (guitar, lead and backing vocals), and **Helen Lambourne** (viola, recorder, backing vocals) and you (hand-clapping, chorus and backing vocals)!



April 12 ~ **Steluța**

Steluța ("little star" in Romanian) is a Victoria-based quartet playing a constellation of musical styles from Balkan and Eastern European folk dances, to a bit of Celtic, to some distinctive original tunes with a splash of Classical influence.

This stellar quartet features: **Martina Peladeau** (flutes, recorders, voice) who studied in Germany and later became the sound of West Coast flute on the rocky shores outside of the Wickaninnish Inn in Tofino; **Kate Rhodes**

(violin, viola, accordion, voice) who played in the Vancouver, Winnipeg, and Victoria symphonies, and brings a flair of virtuosity to the group's repertoire; **Douglas Hensley** (guitars, oud, compositions) who plays Renaissance to Persian to Classical and is a guitar instructor at the Victoria Conservatory of Music; and **Alex Olson** (basses, mandolins, percussion, compositions) who is also a long-time Victoria Symphony member and a veteran of many local Folk Music ensembles.



April 19 ~ **Peach and Quiet**

Peach and Quiet, the musical duo of **Jonny Miller & Heather Read**, have been enchanting audiences since they first burst onto the music scene in 2020 with their debut album "*Just Beyond the Shine*". They released their second album, "*Beautiful Thing*", in 2023—a testament to hope, courage, and gratitude in challenging times, affirming that life is indeed "a beautiful thing"! Expertly produced by Nashville's **Steve Dawson**, the album was widely praised by critics who

called it "divine" and "utterly original" for its unique combination of 1960s *Laurel Canyon* nostalgia and Contemporary sounds.

Peach and Quiet are further evolving their sound to embrace a West Coast Roots-Soul vibe with new releases from renowned producer **Daniel Klenner** including "*Bright Side of the Road*", "*One of These Days*", and "*Life's Basket*"; Get ready to be swept away by irresistible melodies and heartfelt lyrics—this duo is just getting started!



April 26 ~ **Morgan Davis**

Morgan Davis is a Juno-award-winning solo artist, interpreting the Blues with deep respect for its traditions while also performing Contemporary Blues of his own on electric guitar, slide guitar, and 3-string cigar-box guitar.

Morgan grew up in Detroit during the 1950s, absorbing the music of the times—early Rock and Roll and R&B along with the beginnings of the Motown Sound. He moved to Toronto in 1958

where he began to seriously study the music he loved most: early Country Blues. He began playing professionally in 1971 and through the kindness and generosity of artists like **Sunnyland Slim** and **Johnny Shines**, **Morgan** learned from and performed with these giants of the Blues.

This year marks **Morgan's** 55th year on the road and he fully expects to be on that road for the rest of his life, playing the music he loves!



Folk Clubs and Coffeehouses Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands

The Coffeehouse on Gabriola ~ Meets the last Friday of the 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
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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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victoriafolkmusic.ca/vfms_newsletter_subscribe.html

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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:

CHANGED victoriafolkmusic.ca/mailman/listinfo/islandfolk_victoriafolkmusic.ca

Music Islands

FOLK CLUB FEATURES ON THE ISLANDS

Deep Cove Folk ~The Marianne Grittani Trio~ \$15.00
Friday, **APR 10**, 7:30PM, Deep Cove (CRD). 250-384-9419

Highlands Coffee House ~Daniel Cook & the Radiators~ \$10.00
Saturday, **APR 11**, 7PM, Highlands (CRD). 778-678-2409

Cowichan Folk Guild ~Terry Boyle~ \$10.00
Saturday, **APR 11**, 7PM, Duncan. 250-748-3975

Nanaimo Folk Connection ~Mark Crissinger~ \$10.00
Friday, **APR 17**, 7PM, Nanaimo. 250-591-6883

Sooke Folk Music Society ~Mallory Chipman~ \$10.00
Saturday, **APR 18**, 7PM, Sooke (CRD). 250-642-4568

Coffeehouse on Gabriola ~Virgo Rising~ \$10.00
Friday, **APR 24**, 6:30PM, Gabriola Island. 250-658-1478

CONCERTS, ETC.

~ **Songwriter Circle:** Felicia Harding, Claire Coupland, Daine Harding,
Blake Andison, Marina Avros, Cory Owens ~ Thu. **APR 02**, 6:30–8:30PM,
THE CODA, 751 View Street, Victoria

~ **Coal Dust Gang • The Projectors • Jenny Don't & the Spurs** ~ Thu. **APR 02**, 9:30PM,
THE WAVERLEY HOTEL, 2692 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland

~ **Jesus Christ Superstar Accordion Sing-along** ~ Fri. **APR 03**, 2PM,
BEAVER POINT HALL, 1361 Beaver Point Road, Salt Spring Island

~ **Q Brooke Bachand; Barn Dance with Q & Friends** ~ Sat. **APR 04**, 7–10PM,
St. MATTHIAS, 600 Richmond Avenue, Victoria

~ **The Selkies of Salt Spring Island** ~ Sat. **APR 04**, 7:30PM,
THE DUNCAN SHOWROOM, 133 Station Street, Duncan

~ **Big Hank & the Smokin' Hot Toasters** ~ Sun. **APR 05**, 2PM,
KNOX UNITED CHURCH, 345 Pym Street, Parksville

~ **VFMS Feature: Open Mic • Savoir Faire** ~ Sun. **APR 05**, 7:30–10PM,
FRIENDSHIP HALL (NORWAY HOUSE), 1110 Hillside Avenue, Victoria

~ **Casey Ryder** ~ Sun. **APR 06**, 6:30–9pm,
HERON ROCK BISTRO, 435 Simcoe Street, James Bay

~ **Three for the Tillerman** ~ Tue. **APR 08**, 7:30PM,
THE SID WILLIAMS THEATRE, 442 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay

~ **Opry Fantastico III** ~ Fri. **APR 10**, 6:30–9PM,
CAFFÈ FANTASTICO, 965 Kings Road, Victoria

~ **DCFC Feature: The Marianne Grittani Trio** ~ Fri. **APR 10**, 7:30PM,
DEEP COVE FOLK CLUB, 10990 West Saanich Road, Deep Cove

~ **Victoria Contra Dance:** Anne Glover and Bagatelle ~ Sat. **APR 11**, 7PM,
SILVER THREADS SAANICH CENTRE, 286 Hampton Road, Saanich

~ **HMCH: Daniel Cook & the Radiators** ~ Sat. **APR 11**, 7PM,
Highlands Music Coffee House, 1589 Caleb Pike Road, Highlands (CRD)

~ **CFG: Open Mic • Terry Boyle** ~ Sat. **APR 11**, 7PM,
THE COWICHAN FOLK GUILD, DUNCAN UNITED CHURCH, 246 Ingram Street, Duncan

~ **VFMS Feature: Open Mic • Steluța** ~ Sun. **APR 12**, 7:30–10PM,
FRIENDSHIP HALL (NORWAY HOUSE), 1110 Hillside Avenue, Victoria

~ **Dave Harris & Friends** ~ Tue. **APR 14**, 5–8PM,
The Loft Pub, 229 Gorge Road East, Victoria

~ **Tune Up 2nd Tuesdays Open Mic with Helen Davies** ~ Tue. **APR 14**, 6PM,
MILE ZERO BREWING, 4495 Happy Valley Road, Metchosin

~ **In Spite of Ourselves: John Prine** ~ Wed. **APR 15**, 9PM,
THE CODA, 751 View Street, Victoria

~ **Daniel Champagne (TOURING)** ~ Thu. **APR 16**, 7:30PM,
THE KHOWUTZUN HERITAGE CENTRE, 200 Cowichan Way, Duncan

~ **In Spite of Ourselves: John Prine** ~ Thu. **APR 16**, 7PM,
THE REGIER THEATRE (FORMERLY OLD CHURCH), 755 Harmston Avenue, Courtenay

~ **NFC Open Mic • Mark Crissinger** ~ Fri. **APR 17**, 7PM, The Nanaimo Folk
Connection, HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 2174 Departure Bay Road, Nanaimo

~ **The Burying Ground & Tumbling Tumbleweeds** ~ Fri. **APR 17**, 9PM,
THE VAULT CAFÉ, 499 Wallace Street, Nanaimo

~ **SFMS: Mallory Chipman** ~ Sat. **APR 18**, 7PM, Sooke Folk Music Society,
HOLY TRINITY UNITED CHURCH, 1962 Murray Road, Sooke

~ **Christine Tassan et les Imposteures** ~ Sat. **APR 18**, 7PM,
THE WILLOW POINT LIONS COMMUNITY HALL,
2165 South Island Highway, Campbell River

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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 April as I find new information! /rg
victoriafolkmusic.ca/LiveMusicEvents_Mostly_April-2026.html

CONCERTS, ETC. CONTINUED

- ~ **VFMS Feature: Open Mic • Peach and Quiet** ~ Sun. **APR 19**, 7:30–10PM, FRIENDSHIP HALL (NORWAY HOUSE), 1110 Hillside Avenue, **Victoria**
- ~ **COG Feature: Virgo Rising** ~ Fri. **APR 24**, 7PM, COFFEEHOUSE ON GABRIOLA, THE AGI HALL, 465 South Road, **Gabriola Island**
- ~ **ContraDance - Lisa Siddons and Shinndig** ~ Sat. **APR 25**, 7–9:30PM, ST. MATTHIAS, 600 Richmond Avenue, **Victoria**
- ~ **VFMS Feature: Open Mic • Morgan Davis** ~ Sun. **APR 26**, 7:30–10PM, FRIENDSHIP HALL (NORWAY HOUSE), 1110 Hillside Avenue, **Victoria**
- ~ **VBA Feature: TBA** ~ Tue. **APR 28**, 7:45–10PM, VICTORIA BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION, 1205 Pandora Avenue, **Victoria**

April 2026 FESTIVALS, et cetera

- Apr 06–12 World Ski & Snowboard Festival, Whistler-BC**
- Apr 21–26 Choro Northwest Workshop, Port Townsend-WA**
- Apr 30–May 03 PSGW Spring Retreat, Port Orchard-WA**
- Apr 30–May 04 Ukulele Festival Workshop, Port Townsend-WA**

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

- May 03 BC Fiddle Orchestra**
- May 10 Bardavissa**
- May 17 The Legacy Ukulele Ensemble**
- May 24 Backyard Boulevard**
- May 31 Multi-feature: David & Hélène; Choralina Chante; Three Amigos**

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

SUNDAY APRIL 05, 12, 19, 26

- ~ **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 APRIL 06, 13, 20, 27

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

WEDNESDAY APRIL 01, 08, 15, 22, 29

- ~ **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 APRIL 02, 09, 16, 23, 30

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

NEW: seven hyperlinked webpages (one for each day of the week) listing Open Jams, Open Mics & Open Sessions on Vancouver Island & the adjacent BC islands:

victoriafolkmusic.ca/Sundays-Open-LMEs-Vancouver-Island.html

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

>> Jamming at the Folk <<

If you've been coming by the VFMS these last few years, you'll know we've taken to jump-starting each Sunday night gathering with an everyone-welcome jam — much to the delight of players and listeners alike! The jams range from small and quiet, to big and boisterous, and everything in between!! In the interest of increasing everyone's enjoyment, we offer the following tips on Jam Session Etiquette.

- Jam sessions traditionally move around in a circle, sometimes with a moderator acting as host to keep everything moving smoothly.

- Folks take turns leading a song or tune and it's assumed that anyone who wants to join in on it can do so.
- Participants are welcome to lead a song, to pass, or to make a request.
- The focus is on easy and/or well-known songs and tunes so others can sing and play along, too.
- Remember to tune your instrument and check periodically!
- When it's your turn, try to let everyone know the key before starting and review the chords in the tune if necessary.

- Be sensitive, listen to the other musicians, and play quietly enough that the leading singer and/or instrumentalist can be heard. Don't take over unless requested.
- Most importantly, respect everybody and be supportive! Remember the purpose of jamming is to make music and have fun, not to play as loud as you can, as fast as you can, or to show off how good a player you are.

** adapted from the guidelines we use at our annual retreats*

~ Carol Aileen

April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Songwriter Circle <small>(VICTORIA—SEE P. 2)</small> Jenny Don't & the Spurs <small>(CUMBERLAND—SEE P. 2)</small>	3 JC Superstar Sing-along <small>(SALT SPRING ISLAND—SEE P. 2)</small>	4 Q Brooke; Barn Dance <small>(VICTORIA—SEE P. 2)</small> The Selkies of Salt Spring Island <small>(DUNCAN—SEE P. 2)</small>
5 VFMS Feature: SAVOIR FAIRE Big Hank & the Toasters <small>(PARKSVILLE—SEE P. 2)</small>	6 Casey Ryder <small>(JAMES BAY—SEE P. 2)</small>	7	8 Three for the Tillerman <small>(COURTENAY—SEE P. 2)</small>	9	10 <i>DEEP COVE FOLK</i> MARIANNE GRITTANI TRIO <small>(VICTORIA—SEE P. 2)</small> Opry Fantastico <small>(VICTORIA—SEE P. 2)</small>	11 <i>COWICHAN FOLK GUILD</i> TERRY BOYLE <small>(SEE P. 2)</small> <i>HIGHLANDS COFFEE HOUSE</i> DANIEL COOK & THE RADIATORS 7PM— <small>(see p. 2)</small> ContraDance <small>(SAANICH—SEE P. 3)</small>
12 VFMS Feature: STELUȚA	13	14 MZB Open Mic with Helen Davies <small>(METCHOSIN—SEE P. 2)</small> Dave Harris & Friends <small>(VICTORIA—SEE P. 2)</small>	15 In Spite of Ourselves <small>(VICTORIA—SEE P. 2)</small> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> VFMS Biz Meeting! 2:30 PM 3483 Lovat Avenue 250-475-1355 </div>	16 Daniel Champagne <small>(DUNCAN—SEE P. 2)</small> In Spite of Ourselves <small>(COURTENAY—SEE P. 2)</small>	17 <i>NANAIMO FOLK</i> MARK CRISSINGER <small>(SEE P. 2)</small> Burying Ground <small>(NANAIMO—SEE P. 2)</small>	18 <i>SOOKE FOLK</i> MALLORY CHIPMAN <small>(SEE P. 2)</small> Christine Tassan et les Imposteurs <small>(CAMPBELL RIVER—SEE P. 2)</small>
19 VFMS Feature: PEACH AND QUIET	20	21	22	23	24 <i>COFFEEHOUSE ON GABRIOLA</i> VIRGO RISING <small>(SEE P. 2)</small>	25 ContraDance <small>(VICTORIA—SEE P. 3)</small>
26 VFMS Feature: MORGAN DAVIS	27	28 Dave Harris & Friends <small>(THE LOFT, VICTORIA)</small> AT THE VBA: TBA <small>(VICTORIA—SEE P. 3)</small>	29	30		

and at The Folk on May 03: BC FIDDLE ORCHESTRA