

# Folk Song and Dance Society of Victoria Inc "Folk Victoria"

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## Newsletter April 2004

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### Greetings All!

Wow! I hope that many of you had a chance to go some of the fabulous concerts at the recent Brunswick Music Festival. I'm sure that everyone would have had their own personal highlights. There was such variety and quality it was hard to choose. Congratulations to John McAuslan and the team from "Across the Borders", and to all our workers from Folk Victoria who helped to make the festival a success. If you did experience and enjoy the festival, it'd be great if you could write to the Moreland City Council and tell them how much you enjoyed it – and how you really believe it should continue with its current great mix of music.

### Newsletter

This newsletter is a bit late - apologies – and is really an interim newsletter until after the National Folk Festival. The main purpose is to tell you about the fabulous concert that Folk Victoria is organising on **WEDNESDAY APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>** featuring one of my all-time "gods" of folk singing, Canadian singer, songwriter and guitarist **JAMES KEELAGHAN**.

### James Keelaghan Concert

James first came to the attention of Australian audiences in 1992 when he performed to great acclaim at the National Folk Festival in Canberra. He returned to the National and to Port Fairy later in the 1990's and gained an even greater fan following. He has also performed at Woodford Festival and toured the country on a couple of occasions. Don't miss this opportunity to be charmed and moved by this wonderful singer and songwriter.

James will be supported by a great local talent, singer, songwriter and guitarist **TULLY SUMNER**. The concert is at our regular venue, the East Brunswick Club Hotel at 8.00 pm. Ticket prices are \$18 full price and \$14 concession and Folk Victoria members. Bookings can be made through me at 0414 732 667 or 03 9481 6051 or on my email at: [gillespie.jeanette.f@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:gillespie.jeanette.f@edumail.vic.gov.au) All the details are also on the enclosed flier.

### Folklife Program

THE ROYAL HISTORICAL  
SOCIETY OF VICTORIA INC.



The RHSV has established a public fund to financially support folklife projects and activities, which reflect the cultural diversity of the people of Victoria. Applications can be made by individuals, community groups, not-for-profit organizations, and cultural and educational institutions. Applications close 31 July each year.

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### Folk Victoria Music Nights

#### What's Been?

Thanks to the following artists for three great nights of music at our January, February and March Monthly Music Nights (Melbourne Folk Club): **John Anderson, Bruce Watson, "Piece of Cake", "Gypsy Nights", "The Pheasant Pluckers", Ken Maher, "Conundrum" and Jim Green.**

#### What's Coming?

This month, **FRIDAY APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>**, from 8.30 at the East Brunswick Club Hotel, 280 Lygon Street, we'll be hosting an **OPEN STAGE NIGHT**. Five out of ten spots have already been filled, so if you sing, play, recite or otherwise perform and would like a fifteen minute spot to showcase your talent – or have a go if you've never performed before – please phone me on 9481 6051 or 0414 732 667.

**May 28<sup>th</sup>, June 25<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup>** are still on the drawing board, but **August 27<sup>th</sup>** sees a welcome return of those three bearded harp-playing gentlemen, "Moving Harps", along with singer Suzette Herft, and **September 24<sup>th</sup>** will be another Open Stage.

A special Folk Victoria concert to put in your diaries is **Wednesday September 22<sup>nd</sup>** at The East. We are featuring a fabulous five-piece touring band from Denmark by the name of "**FAERD**". More details about that one later.

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**Cheers for now** – enjoy your Easter break and I hope to see some of you at the National Folk Festival in Canberra.

**Jeanette Gillespie (President)**

## Diary Dates

**8th – 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2004:** National Folk Festival, Exhibition Park, Canberra.

Phone: 02 6249 7722 or check out: [www.folkfestival.asn.au](http://www.folkfestival.asn.au)

**22nd – 25th April:** Mount Beauty Music Muster, Vic.

Folk, acoustic, country and blues music in the beautiful Victorian Alps. Enq: 03 5754 4008. Accommodation enquiries: 03 5754 4133. Web: [www.musicmuster.org.au](http://www.musicmuster.org.au)

Email: [info@musicmuster.org.au](mailto:info@musicmuster.org.au)

**28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May:** Ranges Folk Festival, Dandenong Ranges Community & Cultural Centre, Glenfern Road, Upwey, Vic.

Indoor venue, heaps of great artists. To receive email or mail notification in April, send a request to

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