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• From the Editor

Hi All! We are into another “mad month” of March, with so much happening musically that I hardly know where to begin!! Victoria is just dripping with touring artists, festival, concerts and events. I know it’s extra paper, but I actually print off my own newsletter and have it handy so that I don’t have to check the computer every time I want to add a date to my diary. So if you get yours by email

Membership Renewals:

Subscriptions were due for membership renewal on **January 1st**. Another renewal form is attached to this newsletter, so please pop yours into an envelope and send it off asap if you haven’t already. Otherwise, tragically, this will be your last newsletter! Your subscriptions are essential to keeping the society viable as we receive **no other** funding.



Brunswick Music Festival: 16th – 27th March

How lucky are we to have John McAuslan and the team working so hard to bring us this great inner suburban festival! The range of music is enormous. Bookings are open for all concerts and tickets are selling fast!

Folk Victoria is sponsoring one concert for the Festival this year. Stunning singers **Kieran Halpin** from Ireland and **Luke Watt** from Warrnambool will be showcased in a concert in the Brunswick Mechanics Institute on **Thursday 24th March** at 8pm. Cost is \$21 or \$15 and all Folk Victoria members can claim the **concession** price for this concert.

For all festival bookings, programs and enquiries:

Phone: 03 9387 3376. **Email:** johnbmf@vicnet.net.au.

Log on to: www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au

The Melbourne Folk Club:

The **Folk Club** is still in **recess**. Our new President Tom, along with Mel and John, have been searching for a new

venue and time and have **almost** settled on both – stay tuned!! Meanwhile, if you have further ideas, you could contact Tom on 0403 790 497 or Mel Robertson on 0413 587 490 or email: melbournefolkclub@gmail.com
<http://www.myspace.com/melbournefolkclub>
<http://www.folkvictoria.org.au/melbournefolkclub/>

Graham Squance Memorial Award:

The 2010 Graham Squance Award was presented to Andrew Pattison during a Squance Tribute Concert on **Sunday January 23rd** at the Newstead Live Folk Festival. The concert was a moving and very fitting tribute – to Graham himself, to the musicians who have formed our musical heritage, and of course to Andrew’s achievements.



The concert featured the first Award recipient, Kenny White, along with his wife Fiona, and Graham Squance’s son, David Sheehan; Fay White; Helen McGeachin with Mike Grinter and Graham Newell; Marni Sheehan (David’s mother and Graham’s partner at the time of his death in 1970), solo and with David; and Duncan Brown, John O’Leary, Jamie Johnston and myself.



From right to left:
Marni Sheehan,
David Sheehan,
David’s son James
(the next generation!)
and David’s partner
Gen.

Andrew, The Troubadour, and the National Festival

We were shocked to learn a few weeks back that Andrew Pattison and the Troubadour Wine Bar had been “dumped” from the National Folk Festival. The new director apparently felt more money could be made for the festival by running their own wine bar – in complete ignorance of Andrew’s 34 years of experience in running music venues, and the incredible rapport he builds with musicians, singers, poets and storytellers. The Troubadour Wine Bar is the heart and hub of the Festival, and would be nothing without the committed performers, volunteers, workers, friends, audience and extended “family” that Andrew and Heather attract.

However, the Festival hadn’t bargained on Andrew’s enormous support base, and the sheer volumes of emails and letters sent in protest have prompted the festival to negotiate for the return of the Troubadour.

Whether this will be an ongoing agreement may depend on our ongoing support. I urge people to contact the Festival to must remind them of the legacy of the Troubadour Wine Bar and its contribution to our folk music culture. Tell them that a Wine Bar run by festival volunteers without Andrew’s years of experience in running music venues would be a soulless affair indeed and possibly alienate a huge number of dedicated lovers and supporters of the National Festival. Andrew would appreciate knowing of your support too.

National Festival contacts: Phone: 02 6262 4792

Fax a letter: 02 6255 4825 – addressed to the Board of Directors, National Folk Festival.

Send a letter: Board of Directors, National Folk Festival, PO Box 179, Mitchell, ACT, 2911.

Email - info@folkfestival.asn.au - to The Board of Directors, The National Folk Festival Board.

Andrew’s contacts:

Phone: 03 5425 5400. **Email:** wineandmusic@bigpond.com

Some New CDs:

*** Joe Paolacci Commemorative CD

The late singer **Joe Paolacci** left a fine legacy of songs. A **Commemorative CD** is finally completed and can be found on this website - www.ravenrecords.com.au Laura and Lizzie Paolacci tell us: "It's a wonderful collection of what we believe is Dad's finest songwriting and performance." We will keep you posted with any news about a possible launch for the album.

*** Danny Spooner and Duncan Brown

Danny and Duncan have been singing marvellous harmonies together for about 40 years and have now finally recorded a CD together, "**The Fox, the Hare and the Poacher's Fate**". If you like their traditional sound, I think you'll love it. There are seventeen rousing tracks, some recorded with Danny accompanying on guitar or concertina. The CD comes with extensive cover notes and lyrics to all songs. For sales and information contact: email@dannyspooner.com

*** Appalachian Heaven

Long time Folk Victoria supporters Kevin Parsell (guitar and vocal) and Maureen Beggs (fiddle and vocal) are key players in a very fine local string band "Appalachian Heaven". They have just released their second CD entitled "**Railroadin' & Gamblin'**", a tight, well-executed and thoroughly enjoyable fifteen track collection of songs and tunes in the Appalachian tradition. Joining Kevin and Maureen in the band are Ian Alexander (banjos), Maggie Duncan (fiddle and vocal) and Kim Wheeler (bass and vocal). John Boothroyd also guests on the album on guitar and vocals. For CDs and band bookings, contact Ian at ianalexander@mac.com or PO Box 6218, Shepparton, Vic, 3632.

Cheers all,
Jeanette Gillespie (Editor)

FOR MORE FOLK NEWS AND VIEWS

- Join the **Folk Alliance Australia**. Go to www.folkalliance.org.au for further details and heaps of information about folk music around Australia.

- **Subscribe to Trad&Now Magazine**. Log onto: www.tradandnow.com for all the news on how you can subscribe. They also have a huge CD catalogue.

- **Join Community Music Victoria**. An amazing resource, particularly for singing events and opportunities. For information and membership: Phone: 03 9662 1162. Fax: 03 9662 1197. Email: cmv@netspace.net.au Website: www.cmv.org.au



Other Metro Diary Events

- **Legends of Steel Guitar Concert:**
Saturday March 19th. East Brunswick Club Hotel, Lygon Street, East Brunswick.
Rick Dempster, Ed Bates, Garrett Costigan and Chris Altmann, Sam Lemann, Andy Baylor.
A Brunswick Music Festival concert – bookings for this and all other Festival concerts: Phone: 03 9387 3376. Email: johnbmf@vicnet.net.au. Log on to: www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au

- **Darebin Songwriter's Guild:**

Second Sunday of the month. "Bar 303", 303 High Street, Northcote. 3.30 till 7-ish. Call Moira on 9480 4590 or Wendy on 9489 0504 or email macnificent@efel.com.au, to register your interest in sharing your songs or just roll up for a look and a listen.

- **Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann:**

Every Wednesday, 7.30pm: Music and Dancing at St. Philip's Church Hall in Hoddle Street, next to the Collingwood Town Hall. All ages welcome, incl. children. Fiddle and tin whistle classes, set dancing and general music session. Enq: Noel McGrann (03) 9584 4908
Email: comhaltasmelbourne@inet.net.au
Website: www.members.inet.net.au/~goreilly

- **Melbourne Slow Sessions:**

Every Tuesday Night. Mark McDonnell's Traditional Irish Music Slow Sessions are held at Father Flanagans Hotel, 484 Smith St in Collingwood, from 7.30pm. Ideal for musicians wanting to ease themselves into the session scene. The **first and third** Tuesdays of the month cater to beginners, while the **second and fourth** Tuesdays are pitched to more intermediate players. Contact Mark on markjmcd@gmail.com or 03 9459 2295

- **More Irish/Celtic Music Sessions**

** For more info and great links to Irish music events and other sessions, go to: <http://irishsession.net> The site includes many common tune sets played at sessions around Melbourne. The info on these sessions came from the site, so if the details are wrong, let them and me know!

** **Quiet Man, Sundays: 5- 9 pm.** 271 Racecourse Rd, Flemington. Led by Joe Fitzgerald (Button Accordion) Contact: 9376 6232 www.thequietman.com.au

** **Lomond Hotel, Mondays: 9 pm - midnight.** 225 Nicholson St. Brunswick. Led by Dan Burke (Fiddle) Contact: 9380 1752.

** **The Corkman, Thursdays: 7:00 pm - 11: 00 pm.** 160 Leicester Place, Carlton. Led by Paddy Fitzgerald (Button Accordion) Contact: 9347 1772

** **The Celtic Club, Fridays: 5:30 - 9:00 pm.** 316 Queen St, Melbourne. Led by Paddy Fitzgerald (Button Accordion) Contact: 9670 6472

** **Dan O'Connell Hotel, Saturdays: 5 - 8 pm.** 225 Canning St, Carlton. Led by Dan Burke (Fiddle) Contact: 9347 1502

- **The Boite World Music Café:**

World Music Cafe - 1 Mark Street, Fitzroy. 8.00 pm. \$18/\$12. Other events at the **Box Hill Community Arts Centre**, 470 Station St, Box Hill, the **BMW Edge** Auditorium at Federation Square, and more.
Phone: 03 9417 1983. **Email:** boite@boite.com.au
Website at: www.boite.com.au

** In addition to their regular membership, the Boite also has an **artist directory** and a **free fortnightly enews**.

Some up and coming Boite events:

** **Saturday March 19th – 8.00pm: World Music Cafe.**
Dark Horses: Keith Donnelly & Flossie Malavialle. Two of the most popular soloists from the UK folk scene in a unique combination of song, melody and frivolity.

** **Saturday March 26th - 8:00 pm: World Music Cafe.**
Faerd (Scandinavia): Award winning, Danish trio, Faerd, play the unique music of the Faroese and Shetland islands. Scandinavian and Celtic traditions are interpreted through contemporary and Jazz sensibilities.

**** Friday April 1st - 8.00pm: World Music Cafe.**

Catriona McKay and Chris Stout: Regarded as the leading fiddle player of his generation, Shetlander Chris Stout and long time collaborator, harpist, Catriona McKay bring dazzling musicianship and a repertoire from traditional to contemporary and classical pieces.

**** Thursday April 7th - 7.30pm: BMW Edge, Fed Square.**

Beyond the Pale: Toronto's Award winning 'Beyond The Pale' brings its distinctive brand of boundary-busting Eurofolk fusion, mixing Klezmer with Balkan and Romanian styles to Australia for the first time. **\$45 / \$38.**

**** Friday April 8th - 8.00pm: Box Hill Arts Centre.**

Lisa Young Trio: Jazz / World Music.

**** Saturday April 9th - 8.00pm: World Music Cafe.**

Debapriya and Samanwaya: Indian classical music.

**** Sunday April 10th - 2.30pm: James Tatoulis Auditorium**

MLC, 207 Barker's Road, Kew: Melbourne Scottish Fiddle Club + Chris Stout & Catriona McKay. A stunning afternoon of Scottish music. Will sell out, so get in early. Book through The Boite. **\$30 / \$20.**

**** Saturday April 16th - 8:00 pm: World Music Cafe.**

Babaganoush: Wild Balkan rhythms, saucy French Cafe music, Klezmer and originals.

**** Saturday April 30th - 8:00 pm: World Music Cafe.**

The haBiBis: Music of the Mediterranean, hits by Savopoulos, Markopoulos and Loizos, the haBiBis' fabulous evocative playing conjures up images of Greece and the islands.

- **Victorian Folk Music Club (VFMC):**

Website for all VFMC activities mentioned below:

www.vfmc.org.au or Email: vfmc@bigpond.net.au

**** Second Tuesday of the month: Ringwood Folk Club**

Guest Artist Night. 8.00 pm. \$10/\$6. Guest artist plus floor spots. Enq: Maree: 03 9733 0802.

**** Tuesday 8th March: Martyn Wyndham-Read – Iconic folk singer from the UK.**

**** Tuesday 12th April: Ted Egan – Iconic Australian folk singer and beer carton player.**

**** Third Tuesday: Singabout!,** a regular group singing session. Singabout runs from 8:00 til 9:30 pm.

**** Fourth Tuesday: Billabong Band** practice from 8:00 pm.

The Billabong Band is the Club's band for Concert Party events. All musicians are welcome to join in for some relaxed playing of traditional Australian music.

**** Other Tuesdays** feature session playing, singalong, poetry and yarns.

**** All events** at the **East Ringwood Community Hall** ("Red Cross Hall", enter into driveway from Knaith Road).

- **Clifton Hill Hotel Music Nights:**

Every Wednesday night, 8:30 pm till 11.30pm. **Three great acts.** Clifton Hill Hotel, cnr Wellington St & Queens Pde, Clifton Hill. Phone: 03 9489 8705.

Website: www.cliftonhillhotel.com

Booking agent: Rodney Claringbould: 0409 510 251

- **The Quiet Man Singers Sessions:**

Third Wednesday of the month. Singers and musicians welcome. Very popular event, so arrive early! 8 pm at the Quiet Man Hotel, 271 Racecourse Road, Flemington.

Enquiries: Kathryn Clements: 9497 3227 or Suzette Herft:

Email suzetteherft@gmail.com

- **The Dan O'Connell Singers Sessions:**

Every Sunday night. Dan O'Connell Hotel, Princes St, Carlton. I don't know a lot about this session – I've heard it's great – rock along and check it out. For additional information call the Pub at 9347 1502.

- **Pickin' at the Piggery:**

Second Saturday of the month (March to December):

Bluegrass, blues, old-timey jams, workshops and performances. From 7pm. Footscray Community Arts Centre, 45 Moreland St, Footscray. \$10 / \$8.

Enq: Janet Dear: 03 5368 6888, 53681213 (bh).

www.bluegrass.org.au

- **Newport Fiddle and Folk Club:**

*** Open Stage: Second Friday of the month.**

Newport Community Hall, 13 Mason St, Newport, 7.30 pm.

Put your name on the blackboard and perform, or just come along and listen. Cafe-style seating, BYO food and drink.

Enquiries: Michael Stewart, 03 9399 4466.

Email: planchan@optusnet.com.au

Website: www.nffc.org.au

*** Folk Club Night: Last Friday of the month.**

Newport Community Hall, 13 Mason St, Newport, 7.30 pm. All welcome to BYO instruments, voices, listening ears. \$5 / gold coin. Enquiries as above.

*** Newport Bush Orchestra:** (Conducted by Greg O'Leary and Bruce Williams) Mondays, 7:30pm – 9:30pm. All levels welcome. \$90 per term. Outlets Community Cooperative, 43 Mason St Newport



*** Newport Community Choir:** (conducted by Alan Davies)

Wednesdays, 7.30 – 9pm. \$88 per term or \$10 per session.

Outlets Community Cooperative, 43 Mason St Newport. Enq: 03 9391 1103

- **Live Music at Ragusa Restaurant:**

Second Thursday of the Month, Ragusa Restaurant, 139 Nelson Place, Williamstown. 7.15 – 10.30pm. \$10.

**** March 10th: Taliska**

**** April 14th: Matthew Fagan**

**** May 12th: The Sitting Ducks**

- **Albert Park Yacht Club Concerts:**

Regular concerts at the **Albert Park Yacht Club Port Lounge**, 28 Aquatic Drive, Albert Park Lake Reserve. **7.30pm**

for 8pm start. Price includes yummy refreshments. **Contact:**

Cliff Ellery at taxman@bigpond.net.au or on 9690 1233 or

0418 179 411 to book or for directions. More details at:

www.harmonyrow.com.au

**** Friday 18th March: Dark Horses: Keith Donnelly & Flossie Malaviall.** Two of the most popular soloists from the UK folk scene in a unique combination of song, melody and frivolity. \$20/\$15.

**** Friday 1st April: Audrey Auld.** Australian songbird and songwriter, living in Nashville USA and widely toured and acclaimed. \$20/\$15.

**** Friday 8th April: Eric Bogle and Martyn Wyndham-Read.** Two greats of the folk world on the one show!

**** Friday 15th April: The Beggars.** South Australian band with a great sense of fun and songs to dance to! With **Trev Warner.**

- **Clare Castle Singing & Music Session:**

Second Tuesday of the month: Clare Castle Hotel, 421 Rathdowne St, Carlton. BYO instruments, voices, or just a

listening ear. Excellent meals available. **Contact:** Cliff Ellery at taxman@bigpond.net.au or on 9690 1233 or 0418 179 411.

- **Singorama! at Princes Hill**

Thursday evenings (fortnightly) 8:00 – 9:30pm. Princes Hill Community Centre, rear 270 McPherson St, Nth Carlton. Leader: Bronwyn Calcutt. Come along to our Thursday night singing group and you will be singing in harmony in minutes. Everyone welcome, relaxing & fun. Phone: 9387 7740.

- **The Butterfly Glee Club**

Glee Club is the only sing-a-long choir in town. You just turn up, grab a drink at the bar and have a group sing.

- Showtune Tuesdays 6:15-7:15
- Classic Wednesdays 6:15-7:15

The Butterfly Club, 204 Bank Street, Sth Melbourne (just near the Sth Melb Town Hall). Melways ref 2K C2.

Tickets: \$10 at door. www.thebutterflyclub.com

Email: glee.club@optusnet.com.au

OTHER:

I have lifted these listings from a great website maintained by **Roger Holdsworth** who has broadcast the radio show “**Global Village**” on PBS-FM 106.7 for many years. The show is currently heard on **Sundays** from **5 – 7pm**. Roger’s gig guide website is: www.pbsfm.org.au/globalvillage/gigguide and he is contactable at: r.holdsworth@unimelb.edu.au There’s heaps to search through, but what a fabulous city we live in!! March and April are always busy, so take advantage of it and go wild and support live music!

TUESDAY 8 March:

5.15 pm: **Alwan:** Melbourne Food and Wine Festival, Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne
The Stiff Gins + more: International Women’s Day, Thornbury Theatre, High Street, Thornbury

WEDNESDAY 9 March:

5.30 pm: **Kahuna Daddies:** Every Wednesday in March at Revolt, 12 Elizabeth Street, Kensington: 9376 2115
5.45 pm: **La Voce Della Luna:** Melbourne Food and Wine Festival, Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne
7.30 pm: **Kavisha Mazzella: United Nations of Song Choir:** workshop/rehearsal - every Wednesday evening: Manningham Arts Centre, 177 Foote Street, Templestowe: 9840 9382
The Stiff Gins + Saritah: CD launch: The Toff, level 2, Curtin House, 252 Swanston Street, Melbourne

THURSDAY 10 March:

5.15 pm: **Flirting Mazurkas:** Melbourne Food and Wine Festival, Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne
7.00 pm: **Mick Conway and the National Junk Band + Flap:** Revolt, 12 Elizabeth Street, Kensington: 9376 2115
8.30 pm: **Alwan:** (Every Thursday in March). Claypots Bar, St Kilda - free: 9534 1282.
My Friend the Chocolate Cake + more: Carnival of Suburbia, Caravan Music Club, Drummond Street, Oakleigh

FRIDAY 11 March:

*** **Moomba Performances** – From 4.00 pm:
Main Moomba Stage, Engineers Lawn, Alexandra Gardens; Moomba Cultural Quarter, Birrarung Marr; Main Stage, Federation Square.
<http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/Whatson/Festivals/MoombaFestival/Pages/Moomba.aspx>
Duck Musique; Ruth Roshan and Tango Noir; Unified Gecko; Kavisha Mazzella; Shane Nicholson; The Audreys; Jinja Safari.

SATURDAY 12 March:

*** **Moomba Performances** – From 11.00 am:
The Great Bollywood Dance Class and Comp; Southern Cross Scots; Beeboo Arts; Spinifex Rose; Kimbra; Stonefield; Deline Briscoe with Neda Rahmani; plus more.

1.30 pm: **African Royal Drummers + The Eastern Beat Project:** Spiegelent, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 182 183

5.30 pm: **Asanti Dance Theatre:** Werribee Zoo, K Road, Werribee South: 1300 966 784

Salsafied: Spenserslive, Spencer Street, Melbourne: 9329 8821

SUNDAY 13 March:

*** **Moomba Performances** – From 11.00 am:
Jabula African Choir; Ganga Giri; African Royal Drummers; Sol Nation; Khalil Gudaz; Grand WaZoo; Bomba; The Verses; Dan Kelly; Ruth Roshan and Tango Noir; Underbelly; plus more.

12.00 noon: **Alwan:** Maha Bar and Grill, 21 Bond Street, Melbourne: 9629 5900. **Also** on March 20th and 27th.

12.00 noon: **Ernie Gruner and David Krycer:** Sofitel Lunch: Number 35, Sofitel, Collins Street, Melbourne: 9653 7744

5.30 pm: **Musiki Manjaro:** Werribee Zoo, K Road, Werribee South: 1300 966 784

7.00 pm: **The Black Jesus Experience:** The Horn African Cafe, Johnston Street, Collingwood - free: 9417 4670. **Also** on March 20th and 27th.

MONDAY 14 March:

*** **Moomba Performances** – From 11.00 am:
Yalla! (Moomba Parade); Wadaiko Rindo; Melbourne Mass Gospel Choir; Asanti Dance Theatre; Fiesta Mexico workshop; Barons of Tang; Sabrina and the Red Vans; Rhythm and Spice; Sal Kimber & the Rollin’ Wheel; Vika and Linda; Bombay Royale; 8.30pm: Various Artists: Nukkan Ya Ruby: Tribute to Ruby Hunter

TUESDAY 15 March:

Horace Andy (Jamaica) + Dub Asante: Prince of Wales, 29 Fitzroy Street, St Kilda: 9536 1168

WEDNESDAY 16 March:

7.30 pm: **Les Chauffeurs a Pieds (Canada):** Northcote Social Club, 301 High Street, Northcote: 9486 1677
Afro Celt Sound System: Hi-Fi Bar, Swanston Street, Melbourne
Mary Black (Ireland): Palais Theatre, St Kilda: 13 61 00
Dark Horses: House concert, Harcourt: 5439 6525

FRIDAY 18 March:

8.00 pm: **TaikOz: Shifting Sand:** Drum Festival, Drum Theatre, corner Lonsdale and Walker Streets, Dandenong: 9771 6666 or www.drumfestival.com.au

SATURDAY 19 March:

10.00 am: **South Sudanese Equatorial Association + Batucada Band + Acholi Women’s Cultural Group:** Drum Festival, Dandenong Market, corner Clow and Cleland Streets, Dandenong: 9771 6666 or www.drumfestival.com.au
11.00 am: **Rapskallion + Keshie + Shanakee + more:** Healesville Music Festival, Queens Park, Healesville - free
1.00 pm: **Mady Keita + One Africa + Mumbai Mail + more:** Drum Festival, Lonsdale Street Public Space, corner Lonsdale and Langhorne Streets, Dandenong: 9771 6666 or www.drumfestival.com.au
2.30 pm: **El Medina:** Brimbank Festival
7.30 pm: **Czechomor (Czech Republic):** National Theatre, 20 Carlisle Street, St Kilda: 9525 4611: www.czechomor.com
8.00 pm: **Grrilla Step:** Drum Festival, Drum Theatre, corner

Lonsdale and Walker Streets, Dandenong: 9771 6666 or www.drumfestival.com.au
9.00 pm: **Guriguru**: 303, 303 High Street, Northcote: 9482 4577

SUNDAY 20 March:

6.00 pm: **Guriguru**: Blue Diamond, 15th floor, 123 Queen Street, Melbourne
7.30 pm: **Watussi**: Northcote Social Club, 301 High Street, Northcote: 9486 1677

TUESDAY 22 March:

7.30 pm: **Pandit Rajendra Prasanna (India)**: Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333

THURSDAY 24 March:

7.30 pm: **DBR + DJ Scientific + Emeline Michel (Haiti)**: Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333

FRIDAY 25 March:

8.30 pm: **Crooked Fiddle Band + Woohoo Revue**: Revolt, 12 Elizabeth Street, Kensington: 9376 2115
9.00 pm: **Rapskallion**: Red Bennies, level 1, 373 Chapel Street, South Yarra: 9826 2689
Claymore: Spenserslive, Spencer Street, West Melbourne: 9329 8821

Tatijana Stefanovska + Djafer Demirovski + Ogneni Momcinja: Grand Neret, Epping: 0413 315 534 or 9401 4488

SATURDAY 26 March:

1.30 pm: **Unified Gecko + Sikander: Silk Road**: Spiegeltent, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 182 183
7.00 pm: **Greshka**: Open Studio, 204 High Street, Northcote
8.00 pm: **Zulya and The Children of the Underground with Anthony Schulz + The Twoks**: Revolt, 12 Elizabeth Street, Kensington: 9376 2115

SUNDAY 27 March:

10.00 am: **Ottoman Military Band + more**: Queen Victoria Market, North Melbourne: 0415 949 277
12.00 noon: **Jugularity**: Banyule Kids Festival
12.30 pm: **Nougat (Ruth Roshan and Tania Ravbar)**: Viva Victoria Festival, Beer De Luxe Stage, Federation Square, Flinders Street, Melbourne
3.00 pm: **La Voce Della Luna with Kavisha Mazzella**: Montsalvat, 7 Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham: 9439 7712
5.00 pm: **Nefes Ensemble: Illuminations of the Heart**: Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333

MONDAY 28 March:

7.30 pm: **Nick Tsiavos + Koraly Dimitriades + more: Antithesis: Love and Sex and the whole damn Greek thing**: Musica at La Mama, Courthouse Theatre, 349 Drummond Street, Carlton: 9347 6142

WEDNESDAY 30 March:

7.30 pm: **En Chordais: The Sounds of the Mediterranean**: Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333

THURSDAY 31 March:

8.00 pm: **Dereb the Ambassador**: Northcote Social Club, 301 High Street, Northcote: 9486 1677

FRIDAY 1 April:

8.00 pm: **Reflejos**: Eltham World Harmonies, St Margaret's Hall, Pitt Street, Eltham: 9437 2617
Tatijana Stefanovska + Djafer Demirovski + Ogneni Momcinja: Croatian Centre, Sunshine: 9364 3752

SATURDAY 2 April:

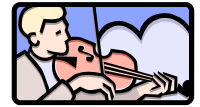
1.30 pm: **The Black Jesus Experience + Dereb the Ambassador**: Spiegeltent, Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 182 183

MONDAY 4 April:

8.00 pm: **Joseph and James Tawadros**: Arts Centre, 100 St Kilda Road, Melbourne: 1300 182 183

TUESDAY 5 April:

7.00 pm: **Bohemian Nights**: Budapest Restaurant and Palinka Bar, 273 Glenhuntly Road, Elsternwick - free: 9530 0849



Luka Bloom: National Theatre, 20 Carlisle Street, St Kilda: 136 100 or 9525 4611

WEDNESDAY 6 April:

7.30 pm: **Band of Brothers: Slava and Leonard Grigoryan, Joseph and James Tawadros**: Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333

FRIDAY 8 April 7.30pm and SATURDAY 9 April 11am:

7.30 pm: **Blue Grassy Knoll: Three Short Comedies**: Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333

WEDNESDAY 13 April:

8.00 pm: **Martha Tilston (UK)**: Northcote Social Club, 301 High Street, Northcote: 9486 1677

SATURDAY 16 April:

7.30 pm: **Kardes Türküler (Turkey)**: National Theatre, 20 Carlisle Street, St Kilda: 9525 4611 or 9309 6079 or 9417 6777 or 0412 478 937

Tatijana Stefanovska + Djafer Demirovski + Ogneni Momcinja: Grand Neret, Epping: 0413 315 534 or 9401 4488

MONDAY 18 April:

7.30 pm: **Eric Bibb + Ruthie Foster**: Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333

TUESDAY 19 April:

Michael Franti and Spearhead (US): Palace Theatre, Melbourne: 13 28 49
Rodrigo y Gabriela: Palais Theatre, St Kilda: 136 100

WEDNESDAY 20 April:

Buffy Sainte Marie (Canada): National Theatre, 20 Carlisle Street, St Kilda: 9525 4611

WEDNESDAY 27 April:

5.30 pm: **La Voce Della Luna with Kavisha Mazzella + Roberto and Luciana de Sanctis**: Salon, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333
7.30 pm: **Riccardo Tesi and Banditaliana + Sandro Donati and La Bande Di Sandro**: Elisabeth Murdoch Hall, Melbourne Recital Centre, corner Southbank Boulevard and Sturt Street, Southbank: 9699 3333

SATURDAY 30 April:

1.00 pm: **Ukrainian Cossack Dance Spectacular**: Sidney Myer Music Bowl, Domain Gardens: 1300 182 183



Out-of-Town Diary Dates

- **Selby Folk Club**

First Friday of the month. Selby Community House, Wombalana Road, Selby (Dandenong Ranges, Vic). Open stage plus guest artists. 8.00 pm. \$10/\$8. Phone: David Miller: 03 9751 1218.

www.home.aone.net.au/~selbyfolkclub/index.htm

- **Berwick and District Folk Club:**

Third Friday of the month. The Old Cheese Factory, 34 Homestead Road, Berwick. 7.30 – 11.15 pm. \$10/\$7. Guest artists plus floor spots. Enq: 03 9702 1223. Email: badfolk@optusnet.com.au Website: www.badfolk.org and/or www.badfolk.websyte.com.au

** **Friday 18th March: "The Lurkers".** Hot hillbilly bluegrass from Sydney.

** **Friday 15th April: Hugh McDonald.** Singer, musician and songwriter.

- **Fathers in the Chapel:**

Second Friday of the month. Mainly bluegrass, old-timey, etc, acoustic music and voices, sessions and performances, unplugged. St John's Anglican Church, Childers St, Cranbourne. Enq: 03 5996 8461 or 5996 9544.

- **Peninsula Folk Club**

First Sunday of the month. Shakespeare's Bar and Restaurant, 101 Young St, Frankston. Session: 7–7.45 pm. Performances: 8.00. Enquiries: Evan Webb 03 9783 3483 0439 456 544 Email: evanjwebb@optusnet.com.au

- **Gippsland Acoustic Music Club**

First Sunday of the month. Tyers Hall. **Vocal Nosh** for singers: 5 – 6.30pm. \$10/\$8. **Concert** with main act and local support at 7.30pm. \$15/\$10. Occasional Cafe Concerts.

** **Sunday March 27th: Andy Irvine & Rens van der Zalm** \$25/\$20/\$15.

** **Second Tuesday of the month session** in the "Hexagon", Monash Uni. Churchill. 7:30 to 10pm.

Enquiries: Judy Woods: 03 5122 1634
www.musicclub.org.au

- **Geelong Folk Music Club**

Session at The Carlton Hotel, Malop St Geelong, every Thursday, 7.30pm onwards.

Session at Irish Murphys, 33 Aberdeen Street Geelong, every Sunday afternoon, 4.30pm onwards.

Open Mic concert night: 8.00pm on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at Irish Murphys. Admission is free. Open mic bookings: paulabg@ncable.net.au

Last Sunday Folk Club at Irish Murphy's. Showcasing members' acts plus guest artists.

Enquiries: www.geelongfolkmusicclub.com

- **HarvesterMoon Music Events**

At Dominic McAlinden and Jenny Moroney's **Bellarine valley** farm house - a delightful 'art house', restaurant and lavender farmlet. Not open for casual dining, but you can contact them to book functions. Music nights sell out quickly. 2320 Portarlington Rd, Bellarine. **Bookings & enquiries** 5259 3200. www.harvestermoon.com.au

*** **Friday April 15th: Kavisha Mazzella**

- **The Ranges Burrinja Folk Club**

Last Friday of the month, featuring great acoustic music in the relaxed and friendly, intimate atmosphere of the Burrinja Café, Dandenong Ranges Community Cultural Centre, 351 Glenfern Rd Upwey - Melway map ref: 75 B12. \$10, \$7.

- **Bendigo Folk Club**

Under the Grandstand, Queen Elizabeth Oval, View Street, Bendigo.

** **Club nights** are usually on the first Wednesday of the month, gold coin donation.

** **Summer Touring Artist Series** (various prices):

***Tuesday March 8th: The Cottars** (Canada).

***Thursday March 17th: Tony McManus** (Scotland).

***Saturday March 26th: Andy Irvine and Rens van der Zalm** (Ireland and Holland).

***Tuesday April 12th: The Good Lovelies** (Canada).

Contact: Geoff on 5448 3225 ah.

Website: www.bendigofolkclub.com

- **Burke and Wills Vineyard**

Burke and Wills Vineyard, run by Andrew Pattison of Troubadour fame, is near Mia Mia in central Victoria. Andrew runs occasional concerts and musical gatherings and festivals at the vineyard.

*** **Sunday March 20th: Penny Larkins & Carl Pannuzzo** CD Launch. With special guest **Michael Kennedy**. 12.30 lunch, 2.00pm show. \$45 for both or \$20 show only.

*** **Sunday March 27th: Eric Bogle, John Munro, Martyn Wyndham-Read and Iris Bishop.** A rare treat. Selling fast. 12 noon lunch, 2.30pm show. \$75 for both or \$45 show only.

Bookings: 03 5425 5400. Email: wineandmusic@bigpond.com
Website: www.wineandmusic.net

- **Harmony Row Vineyard**

Harmony Row Vineyard is near Kyneton, central Victoria. Occasional luncheon concerts in the undercover venue.

*** **Saturday April 11th: Rosie Flores (USA) with Chris Wilson and Sarah Carroll.** 12 noon lunch, 2.30pm show. \$70 for both or \$35 show only.

*** **Sunday April 17th: Ted Egan and Margret Roadknight** 12 noon lunch, 2.30pm show. \$65 for both or \$35 show only.

*** **Saturday April 30th: Kavisha Mazzella and La Voce Della Luna** (Italian Women's Choir). 12 noon lunch, 2.30pm show. \$50 for both or \$20 show only.

Phone: 0400 804855 or 0354235286

Email: harmonyrowvineyard@bigpond.com or

Website: www.harmonyrow.com.au

- **Kyneton Folk Music Session**

Last Sunday of the month, 3-6pm, Albion Hotel, Mollison St, Kyneton. Good music and friendly publican. Free entry.

- **Wax Lyrical, Hepburn**

** **Last Sunday of the Month** @ The Old Hepburn Hotel, 236 Main Road, Hepburn. 1 - 4pm.

Showcase for songwriters of all ages and levels of experience. Performers and listeners welcome. Featured artist each month. Gold coin donation for local CFA.

If you're interested in performing, 15 minute slots are available, so either email Trevor Shard with a brief bio and requirements (see below) or call 0404 069 019.

waxlyrical@westnet.com.au www.asai.org.au

Dancing Around

- **Old Hepburn Hotel Performance Nights**

1st Thursday of the month, 7.30pm. Old Hepburn Hotel, 236 Main Road, Hepburn. Pre-book a 20-minute spot or turn up for open stage. Phone: 5348 7958.

* **Other regular music concerts** at The Old Hepburn: Go to www.oldhepburnhotel.com.au

- **Daylesford Inn Open Mic.**

3rd Friday of the month. Daylesford Inn, 158 Ballan Road, Daylesford. Original songs, poems, covers and instrumentals are all welcome. Time for three or more items each. Cosy, fully licensed and food available.

Queries: sms/ring Vanessa Craven on 0408994393. vanessa.craven@mmnet.com.au

- **Music in Trentham, Vic.**

** **Last Friday of the month:** from around 7.30pm: **Irish Session** at the **Trentham Hotel**. 31-35 High Street. Enquiries: (03) 5424 1303.

** **2nd Friday of the month:** The **Cosmopolitan Fiddle Sessions** from 6pm. **Cosmopolitan Stables**, Cnr High St and Cosmo Road, Trentham. Hosted by Steve and Stacey from Family Farm Band. All instruments and voices welcome. Free entry and special drinks prices for those who join in the jam. Enq: (03) 5424 1516

** **Every Friday and Sunday:** Live music at the **Cosmopolitan** in the stables.. Free entry. Variety of performers and styles. www.thecosmopolitanhotel.com.au

** **Radio Springs Hotel, Lyonville** (between Daylesford and Trentham). Beautiful building, great food. **Music Wednesday to Sunday** with folk, acoustic, blues and jazz performers. Enq: 5348 5562. www.radiospringshotel.com.au

- **Castlemaine Theatre Royal**

Hargraves St, Castlemaine. Variety of great music as well as their regular theatre screenings. **Info:** 03 5472 1196 or www.theatreroyal.info

- **Guildford Folk Club**

Third Wednesday of the month: The welcoming lounge of the historic Guildford Pub, 12kms from Castlemaine, Vic. Sharing of songs, music, tales and poems. All welcome, both participants and listeners. Great food. Free entry. Contact: Jeanette Gillespie: 03 5473 4201 or jfgfolk@gmail.com

- **Guildford Ukulele Lounge**

2nd Sunday of the month, 1.30 to 5.00pm. Guildford Hotel. Any ukulele-based acts can perform two or three songs. Audience welcome. Gold coin donation.

- **Carisbrook Folk Club**

First Monday of the month: Near Maryborough in Central Victoria. Sharing of songs, music, tales and poems. Lions Hall, Green Street. 7.30 – 10.30 pm. Free. Bring a plate of supper to share. Enq: 03 5464 2693.

- **Tikk Tokkk Klezmer Kollektive**

Also known as the "Kastlemaine Klezmer Kollektive" - play klezmer, baltik, eastern European and Skandinavian music. Anyone interested in playing is welcome to join in. Meeting places and times vary. **Contact** Neil Barr: **Email:** neilbarr@fastmail.fm



- **Ringwood Colonial Dances (VFMC)**

First Saturday of every month 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm at **East Ringwood Elderly Citizens Club Hall**, Laurence Grove, Ringwood East (Melway 50 B8). Live bands, all dances explained and called. Members \$8.00, non-members \$10.00, children under 16 free. Light supper provided. Enquiries: 9762 1389, 9885 6109 ceden@pacific.net.au or 9723 2453 or 0413 209 334. Email: vfmc@bigpond.net.au
Website: www.vfmc.org.au

** **2nd April: Borderline Kaylee**

- **Melbourne Colonial Dancers**

Numerous activities on various nights of the week and month. Very informative website at: www.melbournecolonialdancers.org.au

* **Every Wednesday**, 8-10pm then supper:

Dance classes at St Michael's Church Hall, Cnr MacPherson & Mcllwraith Sts, Carlton. (Melway Reference: 29J12 Tram Stop: 116)

Recorded music nights \$5 Members \$6 Non members. On the **1st Wednesday** of the month the **Melbourne Colonial Dance Band** plays the music. \$6 Memb \$7 Non memb

* **Third Thursday** of every month: Dancing at St Oswald's Church Hall, 100 High St, Glen Iris. *Melway 60, B9*. Cost \$6.

Contact: Robin Simpson on 03 9723 2543 or Coral Eden on 03 9885 6109 or above website.

- **TSDSAV (dancing)**

The Traditional Social Dance Association of Victoria also presents a variety of dance-related activities throughout the year. Contact Marion Stabb on 03 9439 7100 or Heather Larsen on 03 9808 4869. Website: www.tsdav.asn.au

** **Saturday 19th March: English Social Dance**

Live music with "Delia's Friends". Ashburton Uniting Church Hall, 3 Ashburn Grove Ashburton (Melways 60 D10) \$12 (\$10 for members and students).

Dancing: 8 – 11 pm, followed by supper (please bring a small plate to share).

Contacts: George Ansell: 9890 5650; Marion Stabb: 9439 7100; Jane Bullock: 9762 1389

** **Victorian Dance Assembly Workshops**

Sunday April 3rd.

The Eleventh Hour Theatre Hall, cnr Gore & Leicester Sts, Fitzroy (just South-West of the Smith St & Alexandra Pde intersection). All dancers are welcome.

Enquiries: Norm Ellis 9888 5332.

- **Borderline Kaylee:**

A playing group for the under-25's. Last Sunday of the month at the East Ringwood Community Hall, Knaith St, (off Dublin Rd, Melway 50B8) On the Melway it is marked "Red Cross". \$2.00. For info: Naomi Ph: (03) 9878 4296. Email borderlinekaylee@hotmail.com
Email lizstockdale@iprimus.com.au
Web: www.borderlinekaylee.tripod.com

- **English Country Dancing:**

Tuesdays 8-10pm. "The Well Hall Dancers". Venues vary weekly. Contact George or Lyn on 03 9890 5650. Their website is: www.dancingtheweb.com/ecd/wellhall and the general website is: www.EnglishCountryDancing.com

- **Irish Dancing:**

Melbourne Claddagh Dancers. 1st & 3rd Fridays 8-10pm. 2nd & 4th Sundays 2.5pm. St James Church small hall, Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe. Enq: Ina and Graeme Bertrand (03) 9439 9991
www.home.vicnet.net.au/~claddagh



- **Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann:**

Every Monday, 7.30pm: Set Dancing Classes at the Quiet Man Hotel, 271 Racecourse Rd, Flemington. No prior experience necessary. Phone: M. Brouder (03) 9471 0690

Every Wednesday, 7.30pm: Music and Dancing at St. Philip's Church Hall in Hoddle Street, next to the Collingwood Town Hall. All ages welcome, incl. children. Fiddle and tin whistle classes, set dancing and general music session. Music enquiries: Noel McGrann (03) 9584 4908. Email: comhaltasmelbourne@iinet.net.au
Website: www.members.iinet.net.au/~goreilly

- **Scottish Country Dancing:**

Contacts: Heather: 9503 9538, Jo: 9726 7431, George: 9808 6805, Ian: 9574 8586.
Website: www.home.vicnet.net.au/~rscds

- **Welsh Dancing:**

Welsh Dance Classes. St Thomas' (used to be St Theodore's) Hall, 107 Broughton Rd, Surrey Hills. Mel. 60 K2. Teacher: Ian Kendall. \$5 entry. Enq: Ian: 9898 4891 or Julia: 9890 2546

- **Central Victorian Dances**

Various Events. Colonial, Old-Time, New Vogue. Mostly couples dances. Phone: Jo White: 9390 1385 or go to the Melbourne Colonial Dancers website and click on 'Oncoming Events' and then 'Old Time Dances'.

- **Bush Dance & Music Club of Bendigo**

Dance on 3rd Saturday every month except September which is the "Dinki Di Ball". **East Bendigo Hall.** Further Info: Secretary, Mary Smith 03 5442 1153. Email: bushdance@impulse.net.au

Festivals

11th – 14th March: Port Fairy Folk Festival, Port Fairy, Vic. Tickets (earlybird concession before November 30th) are now available online: www.portfairyfolkfestival.com
Info: 03 5225 1232 or 5568 2227

11th – 14th March: Burke & Wills Folk Gathering, Burke & Wills Winery, Vic. A delightful alternative to Port Fairy - relaxing and entertaining. Camping space available. Info: Andrew Pattison: 03 5425 5400. www.wineandmusic.net

11th – 14th March: First Goodtime Music Harvest, Old Newstead Racecourse, Newstead, Vic. Workshops, concerts, chalkboard spots and sessions. Featuring Jugband, Ukulele, Hawaiian, Bluegrass, Folk, Blues, Old-Timey, Cajun, Swing and more! Camping, kitchen, showers and loos, curry on Sat and Sun evenings. Three nights: \$40. Pro rata for shorter times. Enquiries: Tex and Fi: 5473 4098 / 0439 094 214. Email: tshirts@bigtreepromo.com.au.

11th – 14th March: Moomba Music Festival, Melbourne. Fabulous array of the sounds of the planet! Main Moomba

Stage, Engineers Lawn, Alexandra Gardens; Moomba Cultural Quarter, Birrarung Marr; Main Stage, Federation Square.
<http://www.thatsmelbourne.com.au/Whatson/Festivals/MoombaFestival/Pages/Moomba.aspx>

11th – 14th March: Womadelaide Festival, Botanic Park, Adelaide. Fabulous festival of the sounds of the planet! Hundreds of artists, six stages. 1300 30 40 72.
www.womadelaide.com.au

16th – 27th March: Brunswick Music Festival, Vic. A fabulous feast of music right here in inner suburban Melbourne. Bookings are open for all concerts and are selling fast! Phone: 03 9387 3376. Email: johnbmf@vicnet.net.au. Log on to: www.brunswickmusicfestival.com.au

18th – 20th March: Echuca Moama Celtic Festival, Murray River. Celtic bands, concerts, pipe bands, dancers, Gathering of the Clans dinner, heritage workshops, fine food & wines, Celtic religious service, and a spiritual pilgrimage along the Murray. Phone: 0400 563 399
Email: info@celticfestival.com.au
Web: www.celticfestival.com.au

18th – 20th March: The Basin Music Festival, Dandenong Ranges, Vic. A grass roots folksy and community festival. Contact: John: 0402 138 834. Ray: 0408 314 778.
www.thebasinmusic.org.au

18th – 20th March: Blue Mountains Folk Music Festival, NSW. Enquiries: 1800 651 322. Email: info@bmff.org.au
Website: www.bmff.org.au

Saturday 19th March: Mossvale Music Festival, Victoria. Mossvale Park Road, off the Strezlecki Highway between Leongatha and Mirboo North in Gippsland. \$70/\$60. Pre-bookings \$10 less. Under 14 free. 12.30 till 10.30 pm. A host of great performers. No dogs allowed.
Contact: Suzanne or Ian on 5664 9239 or via email: suzanne230@wideband.net.au
Website: www.lyrebirdartscouncil.com.au/mossvale.php

25th – 27th March: Yackandandah Folk Festival, Victoria. Friendly music festival in a historic village, featuring international, national and local artists. Email: folkfestival@yackandandah.com
Website: www.folkfestival.yackandandah.com

31st March – 3rd April: The Man From Snowy River Bush Festival, Corryong, Vic. Entertainment, horsemanship, re-enactments, poetry and music. Phone: 02 6076 1992. Email: info@bushfestival.com.au
Web: www.bushfestival.com.au

1st – 3rd April: Yarra Junction Fiddler's Convention, Vic. Camp Eureka, Tarrango Rd, Wesburn. Old-Timey, bluegrass, Cajun, blues, folk, swing, hillbilly, Hawaiian, jug band, etc. Enquiries: Ken McMaster: 03 9481 7662 or at kennithmcmaster@hotmail.com

8th – 10th April: Apollo Bay Music Festival, Vic. Phone: 03 5237 6761.
Email: info@apollobaymusicfestival.com
Website: www.apollobaymusicfestival.com

21st – 25th April: National Folk Festival, Exhibition Park, Canberra. Arguably the best folk festival in Australia! Hundreds of performers, great atmosphere, on-site camping. Pre-bookings are now open. Phone: 02 6262 4792, email: info@folkfestival.asn.au or check out: www.folkfestival.asn.au

29th April – 1st May: Fairbridge Festival, WA. WA's major folk festival. Phone: 08 9246 3311
Email: admin@fairbridgefestival.com.au
Website: www.fairbridgefestival.com.au