

Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society

News and Notes for Society Folks

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November 2011 Meeting

Sunday, November 13, 2011

1:00 – 5:00 PM.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

526 E 52nd St. (52nd & Central), Indianapolis

1:00 – 2:00	Annual Meeting/Elections Slow Jam Session
2:00 – 3:00	Performance Hour
3:00 – 4:00	Big Band Practice
4:00 – 5:00	Sharing Circle



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A Message from our President

By Ruth Slates

For our Society, November means the election of officers for 2012. Our election committee is approaching members to come forward and become leaders of the Society for the upcoming year. Please don't be apprehensive about the responsibilities of being an officer.

As many members know, the Society is greatly supported by your officers, who take care of necessary business, finances, reporting to regulatory agencies, meetings, performances, festivals, and membership enrollments.

Please consider volunteering for a board position. The work of the Society requires that some step forward, to provide support and guidance. While it may seem to some to be a daunting task, a board position is both fun and rewarding. As the old saying (perhaps "folk saying") goes; "Many hands make quick work".

The Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukah and New Years holidays are fast approaching; you can already tell by the decorations in the department stores that began appearing before Halloween! Take this time to appreciate the gift of music with your friends and family.

My mother's family was vocally talented...with the exception of my mother. She loved music, but showed her love by playing an instrument (percussion – what a surprise!), and appreciating the talents of others who could sing. We always have something to learn from others, and we each

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By George McCord

Please welcome back Laura Mendelsohn.

Account status for October 2011 as of this writing (prior to reconciliation):

\$4052.32 checking balance (more than last month).

\$2696.06 savings balance (essentially the same as last month).

\$879.94 more in the treasury compared with last year at the same time.

\$473.78 operating gain this year to date.

\$1638.69 operating gain over the past rolling year.

Based on the past rolling year's experience, we have sufficient funds on hand to cover about 15 ½ months worth of expenses.

Membership Status: We had no new members, 10 renewals, 1 reinstatement, and lost 2 memberships in Oct. 2011. Family memberships are at 107 compared with 102 a year ago.

Membership Dues: Annual household membership dues remain at just \$20/year. If your membership is due or past due, please send a check to CIFM&MDS, P.O. Box 1503, Indianapolis, IN 46206-1503, or catch me at the next meeting. I'm always happy to take your money.

Songbooks: The Main Songbook is available to all members in good standing for \$25 each. Copies of the Main Songbook with Mountain Dulcimer Tabbing by Lew Mastin are available for \$35 each. Fiddle tunes are included in the Main Songbook, but a special "Fiddlers Edition" is also available as a separate supplement for \$5 each. See me at the meeting if you are in need of any of these songbooks.

In my absence, Jean Vance will be assisting with treasury services at the November meeting. It is a pleasure and privilege to serve you and our Central Indiana Folk Music & Mountain Dulcimer Society.

October Performance Theme
Hospitality



New Music Festival in Indiana

**THE RAIN TREE MUSIC HERITAGE
FESTIVAL!!**

Saturday, May 12.

Location: Spiceland, IN

**YOU ARE AMONG THE FIRST TO KNOW!!
SOME OF THE KEY
PERFORMERS/INSTRUCTORS WILL BE:**

Tull Glazener, Indianapolis: - mountain dulcimer
Ted Yoder, from Warsaw, IN: 2010 national
hammered dulcimer champion at Winfield
Guy George: - steel drums, pennywhistle,
hammered dulcimer
Brian Wallen: - 2011 Cincinnati guitar blues artist
champion

AND MORE STILL TO BE INVITED.

Would you like to share a workshop or a bit of your Musical Heritage? That would give you free admission and a free vendors spot!

The barebones festival plan is:

Friday night: Registration for early arrivals at 6:00. short guided "Playing music together" sessions, and then jamming.

Saturday: Registration at 8:00. two 75 minute morning workshops, lunch, two 75 minute afternoon workshops, dinner break (on your own), concert. Cost will be \$40, which includes workshops and concert. Or \$45 if you'd like lunch at the festival. At the door: \$50. Concert only, \$10. Sharon Day will be getting more information as the event draws nearer.

The November Redbud Tree House Concert
welcomes SMALL POTATOES, Sunday,
November 20th at 6:00pm.

The Chicago based folk duo of Jacquie Manning and Rich Prezioso say it has taken them years of careful indecision to develop a repertoire they describe as "Celtic to Cowboy", combining superb musicianship, showmanship, and award-winning songwriting. Suggested donation: \$10
Please RSVP ASAP to the NEW e-mail address:
redbudtreehouseconcerts@gmail.com

You'll receive a confirmation letter on November 18th which includes directions to the concert, near 86th and Ditch Road in Indianapolis

Mike's Musical Musings

By Mike Raab
Music Coordinator

Greetings and hello,

We are scheduled to be a part of the 23rd Annual Victorian Christmas Celebration, Saturday, December 3rd at 11:30 am-12:30 pm in the Mooresville Public Library. We've enjoyed a fairly venerable history at the place. It is one of the few places we get to perform our limited repertoire of Christmas tunes as the Big Band. Unofficially, there will be some unofficial copies of the aforementioned standard Christmas tunes available at the November meeting, for those who have holes in their gig bags.

We had a blast at the James Whitcomb Riley Festival in Greenfield last month! One is never too sure why the tent in which one is playing fills-up with listeners; but, it wasn't raining, we weren't making ice cream, and wasn't any cooler under the big top! So, I figure it must've been the band! Thanks to all the players who participated.

I look forward to seeing y'all at the meeting.

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Happy Harpers Happenings

By Christine Reneau

Our autumn seems to have been quite colorful this year, and in November the Happy Harpers are going to be enjoying the wonderful colors of sound that our autoharps can produce. We'll rest our vocal chords and let our instruments sing for us.

We meet at the home of Cathy and John Platt at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 20. Cathy and John live at 13132 Cresswell Place in Fishers. They can be reached at cpplatt@comcast.net or (317) 485-5010 for directions. Come join us as we appreciate all the colorful nuances of sound that can Fall from multiple autoharps.

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contribute our own special talents.

I look forward to seeing you all in November!

Open-Mic Night at Indy Folk Series

Open Mic Night is always a highlight of the Indy Folk Series season, and always the Saturday after Thanksgiving (Nov. 26).

This one is special--a benefit for Indiana Youth Group, www.indianayouthgroup.org IYG serves LGBT youth using research-based and "best practice" programs. Remember your own adolescence, factor in today's added pressures, and add an extra measure of discrimination and harassment. That's why we're helping IYG through the unique magic of Open Mic Night.

Bring your friends and enjoy an array of acoustic artists from central Indiana. Musicians present 10-minute sets, allowing pros to try out new material and the rest of us to revisit past glories or gain a little stage time. As always, food, wine and coffee are conveniently located next to the donation baskets. NOTE: If you can bring a snack or drink to share, that will allow more funding for the cause. Net proceeds from donation baskets go to IYG, in addition to everybody's \$10 admission. If you play or sing, how about working up a 10-minute set to share with an appreciative audience?

Indy Folk Series , www.indyfolkseries.org
presents Open Mic Night
Saturday Nov. 26 (7-9 p.m.)
Artists sign up at 6:00

UUI (Unitarian Universalist Church of Indianapolis 615 W. 43rd St.)
www.uui.org
\$10 (12 and under free)
See you there, music lovers!
Dan Henkel

Dulcimer News from Lew

By Lew Mastin

The Dulcimer Only Group (DOGs) will have a modified schedule for the holiday season. We will meet the 2nd Wednesday of November (9th) and the 2nd Wednesday of December (14th.) No Meetings on the 4th Wednesday of November and December. Regular schedule will resume in January. Anyone with an interest in dulcimers is welcome to the meetings at Robin Run Community on West 62nd St., Indianapolis.

See those names to the right? Those are this year's Board of Directors. We thank them for the time and efforts they have made to make our Society function.

You too (not U2) could be one of those fine folks. Look over the job titles, and think about what area you can lend your expertise!

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