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| <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrating folk arts     | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership          |                                       |
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# Folk Talk

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## Matt Hammer: Then and Now

Saturday, 20 February, 7:30 PM

If you remember Matt Hammer you are probably over 50 years old and lived in the Tri-Cities back in the 1970s. Matt used to perform at a place called "Chapter 11," which was located on Clearwater in the building that is now the home of the Department of Motor Vehicles. Now there's a claim to fame!

Music has always been Matt's lifetime passion. At eighteen (1970) he started entertaining and hitchhiking his way through the American countryside, from Chicago to San Francisco. Arriving in Alaska in 1976, he fell in love with her rugged, intrinsic beauty and spent decades there, only recently moving "outside" to the Lower 48, where he and his wife Lona resettled in Kennewick, to be closer to family.

Mark opened for many acts playing the Alaska circuit: Emmylou Harris, Bonnie Raitt, Hoyt Axton, Jerry Jeff

Walker, Steve Goodman, and Air Supply. Wherever there is music in the air, you'll find Matt: Talkeetna Bluegrass Festival, Alaska State Fair, and more recently Tumbleweed Music Festival, to name just a few.

Matt established The Great Alaskan Opry in 1990, creating an expressive forum for some of Alaska's finest musical talent. He also performed for many years at fund-raising events in support of Colonel Norman Vaughn's Iditarod efforts. He helped produce and record the 1994 "It's Marvelous Adventure" music video in support of Colonel Vaughn's climb up Mt. Vaughan in Antarctica at age 89. In the mid-1990s Matt joined forces with longtime friend Loren Arment to form the Arment/Hammer Band. The CD "Alaskasongs" was released in 1998 to critical acclaim. In 2005 Matt formed The Matt Hammer Band and performed throughout south-central

Alaska. Since then, Matt performed with his wife Lona in Alaska and on trips to Seattle, Nashville, and New Orleans. His performances still contain many songs and stories about his life in the last frontier.

After returning to Kennewick, Matt attended the 2014 Tumbleweed Music Festival, joined the Band Scramble, and won the trophy! He had so much fun, he played an entire set at the 2015 festival. After that show he could be heard saying, "Well... now I'm hooked!" Now Matt is kindly playing this show as a benefit for our 2016 Tumbleweed Music Festival!

Come hear Matt Hammer (and support Tumbleweed) at the Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., in Pasco. Tickets are \$14 general admission and \$12 for seniors, students, and 3RFS members, either in advance at The Bookworm and Octopus Garden, or at the door.

## Jami Cooper at Coffeehouse

Friday, 12 February, 7:30 PM

Jami Cooper is a Richland singer/songwriter who has been writing and performing locally for most of her young life. Borrowing from blues, folk, jazz, country and rock, she often weaves Christian themes into her songs, such as "Honest Scales:"

Weigh my heart on honest scales  
Know my integrity  
And when my heart within me fails  
Lead me to the Rock that is higher than me

Other songs, like "Snake Bit," evoke a strong local feel:

I been snake-bit  
I been hard-hit  
And this desert weather  
Never calls for rain  
You said the rebels dwell  
In a dry land  
I been sifting sand  
Ever since that day

The evening starts with an open mic session. Come early to sign up to perform, as slots are limited. The coffeehouse is held at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1312 Kimball Ave., Richland (drive to the back parking lot.) Suggested donations are \$8 general admission or \$6 teens/seniors at the door.

## Singtime Frolics Singing Camp

Friday - Sunday, 25 - 27, March

The Portland Folk Music Society (formerly the Portland Folklore Society) presents its 32nd annual singing camp, held near Corbett, Oregon, at the Menucha Retreat and Conference Center in the Columbia Gorge. If you love folk singing this is the place for you with song circles and workshops available. Deadline for early registration is February 22. You can get more information and register on-line at portlandfolkmusicsociety.org

## Tumbleweed - Apply Now!

Applications for performers, songwriting contest, food vendors and arts and craft vendors are now all available at the 3RFS website <http://3rfs.org/TMF16/tmfAppls16.htm>. The due date for receiving performer and songwriting applications has been moved up this year by a month to April 16. This will allow us to complete the selection and notification process by early June, giving performers more advance notice. The next festival planning meeting will be Tuesday, February 16, 7:00 PM, at Gene Carbaugh's home, 803 Birch, Richland.

## You Belong With Us!

3RFS is a non-profit organization. We have no paid staff and rely on membership dues to cover expenses such as printing, postage, insurance, storage, and phone. Have you paid your dues for 2016? If you paid at or after Tumbleweed last fall, you're golden. If not, please fill out your membership form and mail it in with your check. We need you! Dues are now \$20 for an individual and \$25 for a couple or family.

Members will receive \$2.00 off on concert tickets. While we no longer offer double discounts for senior members, the main incentives for being members are supporting 3RFS and being able to vote at the annual meeting helping set 3RFS policy.

## Music at Emerald of Siam

Live music thrives at our local Thai treasure, The Emerald of Siam, located at 1314 Jadwin Ave., in Richland. They feature live music six nights a week, including a jam night on Mondays. A couple of folk-ish acts are coming up in February: **Fruition** - February 5, 9:00 PM - Rock, Folk, R&B/Soul. Fruition has

been showcasing their captivating brand of folk, soul, grass and rock along the West Coast since 2008. **Humphrey, Hartman & Cameron** - February 20, 5:00 PM. Richland's favorite cello/banjo/guitar trio pleases listeners with songs ranging from sweet to silly. Check their website for a complete schedule: <http://emerald-ofsiam.com>.

## Acoustic Music Now In Prosser

A new producer, The Roots Cellar, has been bringing acoustic music to Prosser in the past year. They've used several different venues, and have two concerts planned in February that should be of interest to 3RFS folk.

**Mr and Mrs Something** - February 12, 7:00 PM -

Weaving the soulful passion of blues and rock with the honesty of folk, Mr and Mrs Something offer a refreshing taste of hope that feels like coming home. Mr & Mrs Something are husband and wife Benjamin "Bino" and Chelsea Peck. The blending of two voices is a wondrous thing. The joining of two lives is even more beautiful. How rare and wonderful when the same two voices and the same two lives sing together in harmony.

**The Brothers Comatose** - February 28, 7:00 PM

Ben and Alex Morrison, guitar and banjo and lead vocalists, front this rocking string band that has become a West coast headliner and national touring act in a mere five years. With stellar accompanists Phil Brezina on fiddle, Ryan Avellone on mandolin and founding member Gio Benedetti on upright bass and harmony vocal, their high energy, audience engaging shows have caught fire with a quickly growing fan base.

These all-ages shows will be at Brewminatti, 713 6th St. in Prosser. Admission is \$15. Beer, wine, and a light menu are available. For more information, call 509 786-2269 or visit [www.therootscellar.com](http://www.therootscellar.com).

## David Crosby In Yakima

Sunday, 13 March, 7:30 PM

Legendary singer/songwriter and social justice activist, David Crosby, will play a solo acoustic concert in Yakima in March. Crosby is a two-time Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, inducted as a member of both the iconic folk-rock band The Byrds - with whom he first rose to stardom - and the iconic Woodstock era-defining group Crosby, Stills & Nash.

## Judy Collins In Walla Walla

Friday, 12 February

Judy Collins hit stardom in 1967 gaining international recognition and a Grammy award. The talented artist has recorded 25 studio albums and appeared at venues from Wolftrap to Sesame Street. In February you can find her at the Power House Theatre, in Walla Walla. Contact the theater for ticket information

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**Deadline for the March newsletter is February 15th.**

## Out of Town

### February

- 12** Mr & Mrs Something  
7:00 PM Fri Brewminatti,  
713 6th St. Prosser
- 20** Walla Walla contra dance  
7:30 PM Sat 810 C Street
- 28** The Brothers Comatose  
7:00 PM Sun Brewminatti,  
713 6th St. Prosser

### March

- 13** David Crosby  
7:30 PM Sun Capitol Theater,  
Yakima

## SSSSS - Proven Health Benefits!

Saturday, 13 February, 7:00 PM

Those of us who sing in choirs, or in friendly groups like Three Rivers Folklife Society know that something fabulous happens when we raise our voices with others. Our spirits lift. Stress and anxiety fade. Our breathing becomes calmer. We laugh easily. We feel contented, yet energized. Scientists and psychologists think this is due to chemical changes triggered by the experience of singing in a group. And - wonderful news! - it doesn't have to be a particularly good singing group! In an article for *Psychology of Music*, U.K. authors Betty Bailey and Jane Davidson, published "Effects of group singing and performance for marginalized and middle-class singers." They report on an investigation with members of a choir for homeless men, which indicated that group singing at the most amateur levels of musical ability still yielded considerable emotional, social and cognitive benefits. Similarly, in her book, *Imperfect Harmony: Finding Happiness Singing with Others*, Stacy Horn reports on her own experience as a less-than-stellar singer in a community choir.

## Local Folk Events

### February

- 5** First Friday Folkie Free-For-All 7:30 PM Fri Micki Perry's  
Kennewick
- 8** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon Gene Carbaugh's  
Richland
- 12** Jamie Cooper Coffeehouse 7:30 PM Fri All Saints',  
Richland
- 13** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza,  
Richland
- 16** Tumbleweed 2016 Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Tue Gene Carbaugh's  
Richland
- 20** Matt Hammer Concert 7:30 PM Sat CUUC  
Pasco
- 20** Humphrey, Hartman & Cameron 5 - 8 PM Sat Emerald of Siam  
Richland

### March

- 4** First Friday Folkie Free-For-All 7:30 PM Fri Micki Perry's  
Kennewick
- 11** Coffeehouse - Performer TBD 7:30 PM Fri All Saints',  
Richland
- 12** 2nd Saturday Sea Song Singalong 7:00 PM Sat Round Table Pizza,  
Richland
- 14** 3RFS Board Meeting 7:00 PM Mon Gene Carbaugh's  
Richland
- 15** Tumbleweed 2016 Planning Meeting 7:00 PM Tue Gene Carbaugh's  
Richland
- 19** Dan Maher and the Drunken 7:30 PM Sat CUUC  
Maidens Tumbleweed Benefit Concert Pasco

All Saints' = All Saints' Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Ave., Richland  
 CUUC = Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 2819 W. Sylvester St., Pasco  
 Emerald of Siam = 1314 Jadwin Ave., Richland, 946-9328  
 Gene Carbaugh's = 803 Birch St., Richland  
 Micki Perry's = 1011 S. Dawes St., Kennewick  
 Round Table Pizza = Corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St., Richland

For information, call 509 528-2215

What makes the magic? Horn writes, "I'm convinced the answer will be found in the study of harmony. Because the world doesn't open up into a million shimmering dimensions of hope and possibility when I sing alone, or even with other people in unison. It happens when I'm surrounded by my fellow choristers, and all the different sounds we're making combine to leave us thrumming in harmony—lit up together like fireflies flashing in synchrony by whatever masterpiece is currently racing through our brains, bodies, and hearts."

You know you need some of this harmony! It's good for what ails you

(and we wouldn't scoff at what "ales" us either!) If you would like to prove the studies right and get this "medicine" for free join us for Second Saturday Sea Song Singalongs. (SSSSS) We meet the second Saturday of each month at 7:00PM to sing sea chanteys and other group songs at Richland's Round Table Pizza on the corner of George Washington Way and Torbett St. It's fun and informal. All are welcome and there is no cost except for the food and beverages.

