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I want to help 3RFS and Festival Roll on!
The Tumblweed Music Festival, but to honor the support and encouragement the community has given us for the last 24 years, this year’s event will be a much better experience. And this year it’s FREE! Do you know some friends who are Covid-safe that you’d like to have join you in your home for the dance? Having two or three couples over to dance would make for a lovely evening! And if you’d be willing to be part of our direct Zoom audience, you can be part of the entertainment too!

Being watched by others, not appealing?! No Problem! You can watch the live stream on our festival website or Facebook, dance in the privacy of your home, and still feel part of the community!

Our Virtual Tumbleweed Contra Dance will be Sunday, September 5, at 8:00 PM. Our band again this year is Contraversatile and, as an added bonus, we will have dancers performing live with the band! We hope to see you there! Questions? For more information, email Terri Widergren at twidgal@gmail.com.

The Tumbleweed Music Festival is sponsored by Three Rivers Folklife Society, and co-sponsored by the City of Richland.

Festival: tumbleweedmusicevent.org
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When planning for this year’s 25th annual Tumbleweed Music Festival began, the COVID-19 pandemic was in full force. Because we could not know how events would unfold over the course of the year, it was again planned to be a virtual, online festival, with as the 24th annual rendition in 2020. The 2021 festival will open on Friday, September 3rd at https://tumbleweedmusicfestival.org and will feature nearly 100 prerecorded performances from five countries, 14 live workshops, a live Zoom Shanty Sing, and a live Zoom Contra Dance.

FREE LIVE Concert

However, due to the tremendous progress towards reopening through efforts to beat back the pandemic, we are very happy to announce that there will be a LIVE concert in Richland’s Howard Amon Park, behind the Community Center, on Saturday, August 21st, beginning at 7:30 pm! This concert will feature three headliner acts, and will be recorded live to become the traditional Saturday night concert in this year’s virtual festival. The Saturday Concert is traditionally a fundraiser for the Tumbleweed Festival, but to honor the support and appreciation that the community has given us for the last 24 years, this year’s concert is FREE!

Our headline performers are:

1. Badger Mountain Dry Band, the Tri-Cities’ own long-lived Progressive Bluegrass band.
2. Cecilia Eng, a Portland, Oregon-based singer who specializes in “Filk” music, folk music which takes its inspiration from imaginative works of film and literature (Cecilia was inducted into the Filk Hall of Fame in 2013); and
3. Hank Cramer and Friends, featuring the long-time folk singer and Tumbleweed regular Hank Cramer with Matt Rotchford on string bass and Griff Bear on fiddle and mandolin. They have played on nearly all of Hank’s albums over the last 15 years, but have never been to Tumbleweed! Be ready for a wide-ranging set that’s sure to include nautical, cowboy, traditional, and sing-along songs!

Workshops

We have arranged 14 workshops and two special events (a sea song singalong and a contra dance), all of which will be presented live via Zoom on Saturday, September 4 and Sunday, September 5. If you would like to participate in person, you’ll need to sign up in advance to receive the Zoom login information.

You’ll also be able to watch, but not participate, via the Tumbleweedmusicfestival.org website or Facebook as the workshops are presented live. To sign up for any of the workshops or special events, drop a line to Jim Honeymon at tumbleweedworkshops@gmail.com. Please include the workshop number and name (see below) in the message title. We will get you signed up and send you the Zoom login and supplementary materials that the host will use in the workshop.

You’ll find the virtual “Stages” lineup of performers (as currently scheduled) and the list of workshops as an insert in this issue.
Live Music Returns to 3RFS in Sept.

Now that Washington state is again “open for business,” 3RFS is following suit with plans to resume in-person events. Our Second Saturday Sea Song Singalong resumed in-person singing in June at Richland’s Round Table Pizza. The Tumbleweed Music Festival Celebration Concert will be Saturday, August 21, on St. Richland Community Center Patio, as free gift to the community in appreciation of 25 years of support. In-person concerts, coffeehouses, and hopefully contrada dances, are to resume in September.

Let’s not ever again take for granted the ability to gather communally and enjoy music, theater, etc. Let’s not get used to “live music” looking like doordell security footage and sound like it’s coming from an AM radio.

We should all be hungry for the sense of community that live music provides, whether that’s a singer/songwriter in a coffeehouse or ear-shredding rock and roll at a stadium, let’s find and keep that passion. There is nothing like the energy and life-affirming atmosphere of live music.

### 3RFS Coffeehouse Richland

#### September 21

**First Friday Folkie Free-For-All Back on Fridays**

Friday, 6 August, 7:00 pm
First Friday Folkie Free-For-All happened outdoors during the summer, and more recently indoors during the heat wave, sometimes on Friday or Saturday or Sunday. In October we will move back to Fridays and we have moved the time to 7:00 pm. We will not meet in September because of the start of virtual Tumbleweed.

**Folk Talk** is published monthly August through May by the Three Rivers Folklore Society’s first live concert in a year and a half! This concert will be held Saturday, September 18th, 7:30 pm, in the sanctuary at All Saints’ Episcopal Church, 1322 Kimball Avenue, Richland, where we usually hold our Coffeehouse. This should just be a one-time location until our usual venue is available.

SeaStar is a Seattle-based folk band which made their way down to 3RFS as members of “Fae’s originals called “Fishing” which should be ready for their album release concert tour this fall.

SeaStar Live in Concert!

Saturday, 18 September, 7:30 pm
The eclectic Seattle band SeaStar will return to the Tri-Cities for Three Rivers Folklore Society’s first live concert in a year and a half! This concert will be held Saturday, September 18th, 7:30 pm. The concert is known for her passionate originals, vocals, Captain Chambers on bass, Wiedenhoeft on guitar, uke, and main vocals, Captain Chambers on bass, and Mark Falcone on percussion, keyboards, and vocals. Fae is also the primary songwriter in the group which is known for her passionate originals, and their energetic renditions of Celtic anthems and standards as well as Americana classics with a hint of old-time and bluegrass.

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**Who Does What**

Do you know who to contact about specific 3RFS programs or information? You can now go to our “Specific 3RFS Contacts” webpage http://3rfs.org/contact/where.htm for a list of emails to contact appropriate volunteers. The volunteers will be thrilled to hear from you.

**Folkie Free-For-All**

Friday, 1 October, 7:00 pm

First Friday Folkie Free-For-All happened outdoors during the summer, and more recently indoors during the heat wave, sometimes on Friday or Saturday or Sunday. In October we will move back to Fridays and we have moved the time to 7:00 pm. We will not meet in September because of the start of virtual Tumbleweed. This song circle is misnamed. We like the alliteration, but it has a pretty structured format. Participants take turns singing songs for the group to sing, many are from the Rise Up Singing or Rise Again songbooks, but any song from any genre is welcome. Bring songs to sing, your instrument if you play one, and a snack to share. Call Micki Perry at 783-9937 for directions or with any questions.

**Important 3RFS Miscellanea**

What should 3RFS and our programs of music, dance, and Tumbleweed look like in five years? Or even next year? It’s one thing to dream but, as Bob Dylan wrote, “To dream you have to be asleep.” Developing a long-range vision and plan is key to keeping 3RFS alive and well. A one-day workshop is being planned for the fall to kick off this process of strategic planning. Let us know your ideas and willingness to participate in the workshop by contacting president@3rfs.net.

Election Results
The annual election was held by mail in May. See the Board of Directors’ list in the masthead to the left for the results. Newsletter Changes:
We may be moving to an electronic newsletter in 2022. If you want to continue to receive all the information about upcoming concerts and other folk events monthly send your email address to us at communications@3rfs.net. We are thinking of mailing only two newsletters each year, one with membership renewal and annual meeting information, and the other with all you need to know about our Tumbleweed Music Festival. Let us know what you think.