



Reels and Jigs and Hornpipes, Oh My!



In March we'll have two jam sessions held in Utah County to get your Irish blood flowing. The Provo jam will be held at the BYU Conference Center (directly east of the Marriott Center parking lot). The first hour is geared toward beginner/intermediate players and the second hour is for more advanced musicians. The focus song this month is Forked Deer. Looking ahead, April's focus song will be Cherokee Shuffle. Both of these are found in the 50 Tunes Book.

The Elk Ridge jam will be held at the home of Carol Morrell on the last Thursday of the month. Choose the location that works best for you, or come to both. Don't let the month of March pass by without playing some great Celtic music!

Jam Session Calendar

March 10th
BYU Harmon Building
Room 2295
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Focus Song: Forked Deer



March 31st
Carol Morrell Home
615 North Salem Hills Drive
Elk Ridge 7:00

Luck Awaits at March Workshop

Get your Irish eyes a smilin' by wearing some green and attending our March Workshop on St. Patrick's Day. Lisa Blaser, vocalist for the band Silver City Pink, will focus on how to reach your singing potential. She'll explain how to

recognize the negative elements which hinder vocal sound, as well as how to breathe and concentrate in order to produce the sound you desire.



Lisa grew up in Las Vegas, Nevada where she was highly involved in music. She began taking voice lessons in group settings then

studied professionally for 5 years with a variety of teachers, from classical instructors at the local university to a professional entertainer teaching belt methods. Lisa attended a performing arts high school for one year majoring in vocal music. While there she was introduced to the mix method (also called the Seth-Riggs method) which she currently uses herself and teaches to her vocal students.

For the past 3 years Lisa has been singing lead vocals with the bluegrass/folk band Silver City Pink. They have performed at festivals in California, Las Vegas area and Utah. She loves performing and teaching others about music and how to use their voice. For more information about Lisa and her band, check out their website:

www.silvercitypink.com

Bill Doolittle and the BYU Folk Singers will also present that night focusing on harmonizing and blending voices when singing in a group. We had the privilege of learning from these talented vocalists in November and are anxious to welcome them back.

Workshop Calendar

March 17th 7:00
Presenters: Lisa Blaser with Bill Doolittle & The BYU Folk Singers
Topic: Vocal Techniques
Provo Library Room 201

House Concerts are Contagious

House concerts, also called Music in the Home (MITH) are catching on throughout the valley. These informal gatherings are the perfect way to perform for others and enjoy the companionship of friends. Any instrument can be included at a MITH.



The Mitchell Family performs

Joyce Mitchell and family hosted a great afternoon of music with traditional bluegrass from two family bands, the Mitchells and the Bassetts. Fay Parker also played some great

harmonica tunes and told about playing his harmonica as a soldier during World War II. The music, conversation and personal stories combine



Fay Parker

to make MITHs a beautiful thing.

If you would like to host a MITH, just pick a date, invite some fellow

musicians to perform and friends and neighbors to come enjoy the music. If you need contact information for musicians, or would like to schedule a BYU folk music group to perform at your concert, please email Mark Geslison at

questions@instituteofamericanmusic.com

Our hope to have several of these concerts occur each month is happening. In March we have MITH concerts scheduled in American Fork, Provo, Orem, Springville, and Elk Ridge. Schedule your own House Concert today and spread the joy of music.

Performers Needed

We're now scheduling bands for the April 16th performance for the Orem Retirement and Rehabilitation Center. Groups should plan on performing for 15 minutes, with 2 or 3 groups combined to provide an hour long show beginning at 3:00. Bands should be well prepared to perform for an audience of around 50 people. If you have any questions or would like to reserve your performance spot, please call Sheri Cluff at 489-6836.



Spring Fiddle Fest

The Spring Fiddle Fest is shaping up to be a great day of music. The performance slots are full, the evening entertainment is booked and the venue is scheduled. This fun event will be held April 9th at the Provo Arts Center. The afternoon performances will run from 1:00- 5:00 with a \$1.00 admission fee for spectators. The audience will play an important role during the afternoon session since the band that generates the best crowd response will win a pizza party. So participants, gather all your friends and family to come support and cheer you on. That

evening at 6:30 an additional concert will be held at the same location featuring Bryan Bowers and winners of last fall's Fiddle Fest. Bryan Bowers is a multi-award winning auto-harp master who has recorded five albums. He tours throughout the United States to captivated audiences. To learn more about Bryan, read the bio on his website by clicking below

www.bryanbowers.com

Admission to the evening concert is \$5.00 per person or \$25.00 per family. Great door prizes will be awarded at the evening concert, so mark your calendar to attend this full day of folk music. **The performance schedule can be viewed by clicking on the following link:**

[Performance Schedule](#)

IAM "Want Ads" a Success!

We're happy to report some IAM musicians have taken advantage of our new service of advertising instruments to buy and sell. Already a mandolin and complete sound system have found new owners. If you're interested in buying or selling an instrument, music accessories, stands, etc. please email Amy Dayton at

amy@kdayton.com

with the information, and we'll post it in the next newsletter.

Wanted: Instrument Stands

Looking to buy mandolin & guitar stands in good condition. Please email Amy at

amy@kdayton.com

For Sale

Half size acoustic bass in good condition. Will sell for \$900. Contact Mark Geslison (375-1188) or Linda Duncan (375-6270).

Upcoming Musical Events

March 3rd

Vocal Jazz
Madsen Recital Hall BYU 7:30
FREE

March 4th

Idlewild (Celtic) & Stacey Board
6876 South Highland Drive
\$5.00 Children under 12 free
7:30

March 8th

The Pat Metheny Group
Pat's won 17 Grammy Awards with his Jazz-Blues guitar style
Kingsbury Hall U of U 7:30
Call 355-2787 for tickets

March 10th

Jazz Legacy Dixieland Band
Madsen Recital Hall BYU 7:30
Tickets \$9.00 (\$3 off w student ID)

March 11 & 12

Synthesis (Jazz)
De Jong Concert Hall BYU 7:30
Tickets \$9.00 (\$3 off w student ID)

March 12th

Keith Taylor
International Finger Style Guitar
Champion (2004)
995 N 700 E Mapleton 7:00
House Concert w /limited seating
RSVP 491-8071 Will pass the hat
Eclectic program to suit all tastes

March 12th

Enoch Train
Culture Fest 2005 7:00
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
1355 West 3100 South

March 12th

Los Lobos
Latin, Folk, R&B, Blues, Rock mix
Eccles Performing Center
1750 Kearns Blvd. Park City
7:30 Tickets at ARTIX

March 12th

Salt Lake Scots Pipe Band
17th Annual St. Patrick's Day

Concert 7:30 \$9 or \$40 per family
Highland High School
2100 South 1700 East SLC

March 14th

Evening of Celtic Music & Dance
Fiddlesticks, Galloway Pipe Band
& Celtic Beat Irish Dancers
Perry's Egyptian Theater Ogden
7:30 FREE

March 18th

Vocal Point (Ac capella)
De Jong Concert Hall BYU 7:30
Tickets \$9.00 (\$3 off w student ID)

March 18th

Folk Music Ensemble
Madsen Recital Hall BYU 7:30
Tickets \$9.00 (\$3 off w student ID)

March 19th

Contra Dance
Dance to live trad American music
Columbus Center
2531 S 400 E SLC
Beginners Workshop at 7:30
dancing from 8-11 \$5.00

March 22nd

Invitational Songwriters Showcase
Madsen Recital Hall BYU 7:30
FREE

March 23rd

Jazz Ensemble
Madsen Recital Hall BYU 7:30
FREE

March 24th

Songwriters' Showcase
Madsen Recital Hall BYU 7:30
FREE

March 25th

Panoramic Steel & Percussion
Madsen Recital Hall BYU 7:30
Tickets \$9.00 (\$3 off w student ID)

March 26th

Kathy Mattea (Grammy-Winner)
Folk, Country & Gospel
Eccles Performing Center
1750 Kearns Blvd. Park City
7:30 Tickets at ARTIX

March 26th

Founding Fathers, Just Warming
Up & BYU Folk Singers
(Old-Time, Gospel & Bluegrass)
Little Brown Theater 139 S Main
Springville 7:30
\$3.00 per person or \$5.00 for two

March 29th

Guitar Ensemble
151 Tanner Building BYU 7:30
FREE

April 1st

Backwoods (Cowboy) &
Eric Wagner (folk & originals)
6876 South Highland Drive
\$5.00 Children under 12 free

April 2nd

Celtic Stew Music Festival
Performance acts, art booths, food
& drink, jamming
Rose Wagner Performing Arts
Center 138 West 300 South SLC
2-11pm tickets at ARTIX

April 7th

Bryan Bowers
Singer/Songwriter, Rounder
Recording Artist & Wizard of the
Autoharp See his bio under
Spring Fiddle Fest, Guest Artist
995 N 700 E Mapleton 7:00
House Concert w/limited seating
RSVP 491-8071

Radio Programs



KRCL 90.9 FM Radio
"The Bluegrass Express"
every Sunday 2:00- 5:00
p.m.

KRCL 90.9 FM Radio
"Fret 'N Fiddle"
every Sunday 5:00- 7:00 p.m.

KUER 90 FM Radio
"A Prairie Home Companion"
Garrison Keillor hosts this long
running variety show with lots of
humor and great music.
Saturday 6:00-7:00

KUER 90 FM Radio
"Thistle and Shamrock"
every Saturday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
You'll love the Celtic music along
with host Fiona Ritchie's beautiful
Scottish accent.

The Institute of American Music was
founded in 1993 for the purpose of
providing individuals and groups the
opportunity to study traditional
American and Bluegrass music. It
provides a forum for students at all
skill levels whereby they may learn
from one another through means of
individual lessons, group
performances and informal
workshops. The Institute provides a
well-rounded musical experience for
those desiring to develop their talents
in acoustic music.
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