



Delaware Friends of Folk

March 2005 Newsletter

March 19th Coffeehouse features Richard Browne – direct from Ireland

It's St. Patrick's season, the time when they say "everyone is Irish". The celebration commemorates the death of the Bishop of Ireland in 461 in Co. Down. Various listed as having been born in Wales, England, or Scotland, he was the slave of a shepherd in Co. Antrim for six years before finding his way to Gaul to study for the priesthood.

After a bit, Patrick was sent back to Ireland to convert the heathen Druids to Christianity. That worked, but about 1000 years later someone decided their version of Christianity was better than someone else's, and thus began the continuing "troubles", which lately have been quieting somewhat.

As with any revered figure, many rumors of St. Paddy's deeds swirl in the smoke of history. No snakes are known native to Ireland and he probably didn't raise anyone from the dead, but the celebration of his legend gives us an opportunity to pretend we're Irish, if we want, and few will question our motives. Oddly enough, St. Patrick's Day is a much bigger deal on this side of the Atlantic than on the Irish side. It's at least a partial explanation as to why you find all the Irish bands (from the Chieftains on down) touring the USA at this time of the year.

In an extension of the season, we are pleased to present an authentic Irishman, a Kerryman no less, at our March 19 coffee house. Richard Browne was born in Tralee, Co. Kerry in the southwest of Ireland in 1956. He grew up in a poor but rapidly modernizing Ireland and found respite from what he, at that time, considered a repressive and creativity-killing culture, in the music and poetry that came out of the sixties and early seventies USA.

He was early on much influenced by the poetry of TS Eliot and Rod McKuen and by the music of Joni Mitchell, Bob Dylan, Crosby Stills and Nash and perhaps his greatest guitar influence James Taylor. He found inspiration in and felt perhaps most close to the

emerging Irish singer-songwriters like Sonny Condell, Leo Kelly and was most strongly influenced by Freddy White.

If it were not for the emergence of Planxty he may never have developed an interest in Irish Traditional Music. As it was however, their introduction of harmony lines into the music and into the sung melodies caught his and many other ears and when Paul Brady joined the group the attraction was enhanced.

Richard now plays a mixture of some traditional songs and many modern songs from many genres. "It's the song that gets me" he says "and it really does not matter what family it belongs to. For me the pursuit of music, art and indeed pretty much anything, is becoming more and more about the feeling of joy that it evokes in me and the sense of rhythm and flow and freedom that I find in my creative self. If I am lucky enough to be able to share it, so much the better. In the end, its really about openness: physical, mental, emotional and spiritual."

He plays a number of venues in Ireland where he lives half of the year and an increasing number in the USA as his focus shifts to this side of the Atlantic. This is Richard's third appearance in Dover and the second at our coffee house.

Opening the evening will be the umpteenth appearance of our own Leilani Wall. Leilani is one of our charter members and was the FoF Secretary for many years. Bearing the mantle of the struggling bureaucrat, Leilani turns to music to escape the stresses of toiling in the coils of State government. Music has always been central in her life, and singing and playing guitar are what keep her compos mentis, more-or-less. Leilani plays a wide variety of music: modern and traditional folk, rock ballads, a smattering of country and Irish, and a few croonable tunes from the late '40s and early '50s. She can be heard on the Delaware Friends of Folk's A Delaware Christmas recording.

Aside from her many FoF gigs, Leilani has played extensively in the area. She has performed for First Night Dover, the Capital City Tour of the Arts, the

City of Dover Performing Arts Series, the Festival of Lights, and the Festival of Trees. And for the March, 2005 coffeehouse, she will be joined by her lovely and talented daughter, Katrina Lore. Katrina has a varied musical background, thanks to her upbringing. Raised on rock n' roll, she expanded into classical realms via piano lessons and singing in the Dover High School chorus and Select Ensemble, having also sung in church choirs since the tender age of four. She also sang with Leilani at a Fall Fling or two. They are delighted to share the evening with the Delaware Friends of Folk and the community, and we're glad they share their talents with us.

It all starts at 7:30 pm, March 19, 2005, in the Underground on the campus of Wesley College in Dover. Admission will be \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. We'll have plenty of hot coffee, cool drinks, and sweet snacks. Come out on an early spring night, bring a friend, and see it happen.

—John Kidd, President of Delaware Friends of Folk

Your Festival Needs You!

The 2005 Delmarva Folk Festival is set for October 1st. We need help from DeFF members to make this event a success. Festival volunteers receive free entrance into the Festival and experience the pride associated with organizing this wonderful event. We continue to seek volunteer chairpersons for the following committees –

Security/Parking – This job involves parking cars and directing campers on Friday night prior to the Festival from about 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. The job involves directing traffic and parking cars the day of the Festival from about 8:00 a.m. – midnight. The chairperson gathers a crew of about 12 people to work in shifts to get everyone in and out of the Festival site and parked safely. As an added bonus, you get to wear an orange vest and drive around in a golf cart!

Site Clean-Up – This job involves making arrangements for a dumpster to be delivered to the Festival site on Friday before the Fest and removed on Monday after the Festival. This chairperson will also ensure all trash is removed from the Festival site and in the dumpster on Sunday.

Vendor Coordinator – This chairperson works with potential vendors to make certain we have a good mix of vendors. This includes directing vendor parking and coordination on Festival morning. Most of the work for this chairperson happens from April – August.

Volunteer Coordinator – This chairperson ensures we have enough general volunteers (about 50) for the

Festival. Most of the work for this job happens about a month prior to the Festival. The Volunteer coordinator provides a list of volunteers for the program and entrance gate.

The next Delmarva Folk Festival meeting will take place on April 6th at 6:30 p.m. at WT Smithers in downtown Dover. Everyone is welcome to attend.

14th Annual Delmarva Folk Festival Line-Up Announced

We are pleased to announce most of the acts for our 14th annual Delmarva Folk Festival. The performance times haven't been quite set, so this is in no particular order: Full Frontal Folk, Philadelphia Jug Band, Andy Cohen, Sam Shaber, John Flynn (kids show and grown-ups show), Mollie Raley, Leilani Wall, 3/4 Ton Band, and John and Vicky LeCroy. There are still a few to confirm yet, but this is a lineup packed with talent. We'll be announcing performance times and ticket purchase information next month.

—John Kidd, President of Delaware Friends of Folk

Upcoming Coffeehouses

Mark these dates on your calendar – the Delaware Friends of Folk have arranged some wonderful Coffeehouses for 2005 – mark your calendar now so you don't miss them. They are held at the Underground at Wesley College, 120 N. State St., Dover. Very reasonable prices soft drinks, coffee, tea and snacks are available for sale, and the music starts at 7:30pm. Call 302-736-5585 for more information. Of course, we're always looking for volunteers to help us out: set-up, clean-up, and sales.

Date	Headliner	Opener	Price *
Mar. 19	Richard Browne	Leilani Wall	\$5 / \$7
Apr. 16	Judith Kay	George & Ossi	\$5 / \$7
May 21	Tracy Grammer	Justin McNatt	\$10 / \$15
June 11	Greg Shrader Songwriter Circle, led by Deloy Moore		\$5 / \$7
July 16	Open Mic – Rick & Tish Schuman host		\$3 / \$5
Sept.	TBD		TBD
Oct. 22	TBD		TBD
Nov. 19	Garnet Rogers	TBD	\$10 / \$15
Dec. 17	Open Mic		\$3 / \$5

* Pricing is for Members / Non Members. Half price for ages 13-18; Free for Wesley students and children 12 and under

Delmarva Folk Calendar

When	What	Where	More What
Mar 19, 7:30	Friends of Folk Coffeeshouse	The Underground, Wesley College	Richard Browne, singer/songwriter from Co. Kerry, Ireland. \$5 members, \$7 non-members, free for Wesley Students. with Leilani Wall opening
Mar 19, 7pm	Sally Barris	2nd Story Live!	Caroline County Public Library, Denton, MD local artist to open at 7, featured artist begins at 7:30. \$8 adults, \$4 student. Call 410.479.1009 for more info.
Mar 26, 1pm	Friends of Folk Pick-In	W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover	All are welcome - bring an instrument or just your ears. Call (302) 465-0805 for more info
April 3, 6pm	Full Frontal Folk	Wachovia Spectrum, Philadelphia, PA	Before a Philadelphia Phantoms hockey game, come hear Full Frontal Folk perform! A fundraiser for the Philadelphia Folksong Society (which puts on the Philly Folk Fest), \$5 from each ticket sold through PFS will be donated to PFS.
April 6, 6:30pm	Friends of Folk Festival Committee Meeting	W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover	All are welcome - volunteers always needed to help make a successful festival. Email the committee for more info.
April 6, 7:30pm	Friends of Folk Board Meeting	W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover	All are welcome to observe.
April 9, 1pm	Friends of Folk Celtic Session	W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover	All are welcome - bring an instrument or just your ears. Call (302) 465-0805 for more info
April 10, 1-5pm	Shiloh Ridge	Marydel Fire Hall, Marydel DE	Presented by Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assoc. \$5 member, \$7 nonmember. call 674-3149 or 492-1048 for info
April 10	John Flynn - kid's concert	Cooldog Concert Series, Kenton, DE	Delaware's Own John Flynn writes the songs kids would write if they were eloquent and poetic. Our fav's include "A Manatee Sneezed on Me", and "I like bugs"... RSVP houseconcerts@cooldog.com
April 10	John Flynn - all ages concert	Cooldog Concert Series, Kenton, DE	RSVP houseconcerts@cooldog.com
Apr. 11, 8pm	Jez Lowe	Green Willow Folk Club, 4W5 Cafe, Wilmington	English singer-songwriter, whose song "Dover, Delaware" has its origin in Dover Air Force Base being where the bodies come home.
Apr 16, 7:30	Friends of Folk Coffeeshouse	The Underground, Wesley College	Judith Kay - Brazilian Bossa Nova and American Swing-era Jazz. With George & Ossi opening
Apr 16 8pm	Hawaiian Slack-Key Guitar Virtuosi	Arden Gild Hall, Arden	
April 23, 1pm	Friends of Folk Pick-In	W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover	All are welcome - bring an instrument or just your ears. Call (302) 465-0805 for more info
April 25, 8pm	Flook	Green Willow Folk Club, 4W5 Cafe, Wilmington	Irish band with two flautists
May 1, 1-5pm	Caroll County Ramblers	Marydel Fire Hall, Marydel DE	Presented by Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assoc. \$5 member, \$7 nonmember. call 674-3149 or 492-1048 for info
May 4, 6:30pm	Friends of Folk Festival Committee Meeting	W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover	All are welcome - volunteers always needed to help make a successful festival. Email the committee for more info.
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May 6	Friends of Folk Fundraiser	Smyrna Opera House	More Details to follow... watch this space.
May 7, 8pm	Acoustic Eidolon, with Vickie Russell opening	Cooldog Concert Series, Kenton, DE	Duo from Colorado - she plays cello, he plays a double neck 14 string "guitjo" that at times sounds like a dulcimer or harp. They do a blend of genres - folk, bluegrass, etc. \$15 donation, RSVP houseconcerts@cooldog.com
May 13,	David Bromberg Quartet, w/ Arlo Guthrie	The Grand Opera House, Wilmington	This show is part of the "David Bromberg's My Own House" Series. Adults \$35, \$37, \$39
May 14, 1pm	Friends of Folk Celtic Session	W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover	All are welcome - bring an instrument or just your ears. Call (302) 465-0805 for more info
May 14	Liz Carroll & John Doyle	4W5 Cafe, Wilmington	Celtic Fiddle & guitar. Call 302-798-4811 for more info.
May 21, 7:30	Friends of Folk Coffeehouse	The Underground, Wesley College	Tracy Grammer, with Justin McNatt opening
May 28, 1pm	Friends of Folk Pick-In	W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover	All are welcome - bring an instrument or just your ears. Call (302) 465-0805 for more info
May 29	Full Frontal Folk & More!	Cooldog Concerts	Cooldog hosts a benefit for the Delaware Friends of Folk. Stay Tuned for Details
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June 12, 1-5pm	Mike Dillard Band	Marydel Fire Hall, Marydel DE	Presented by Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assoc. \$5 member, \$7 nonmember. call 674-3149 or 492-1048 for info
June 12, 3pm	Cliff Eberhardt w/ Nik Everett opening	Cooldog Concert Series, Kenton, DE	Cliff is a songwriter's songwriter, and a dynamic performer. Nik is a Delaware native who easily moves from ballads to old-time rock. RSVP houseconcerts@cooldog.com
June 11, 7:30pm	Friends of Folk Coffeehouse	The Underground, Wesley College	Greg Shrader Songwriter Circle, led by Deloy Moore. To participate, email rockinpet@yahoo.com
June 25, 1pm	Friends of Folk Pick-In	W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover	All are welcome - bring an instrument or just your ears. Call (302) 465-0805 for more info
July 3, 3pm	IKE, and Cliff Hillis & the Forward Thinkers	Cooldog Concert Series, Kenton, DE	Dynamic pop/rock. RSVP houseconcerts@cooldog.com
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Full Calendar available at <http://www.delfolk.org/calendar.html>

Friends of Folk Membership

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