



# Delaware Friends of Folk

August 2005 Newsletter

## Phyllis Chapell at September 17 Coffeehouse

After taking a break during August, we are back with a plate-full of things in the next month. Heading into fall means the Delmarva Folk Festival can't be too far away, but we've got a fabulous coffee house planned before that happens.

Phyllis Chapell plays and sings great songs from all over the world. Her repertoire features songs in 11 languages from Brazil, Latin America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and the USA. Her stunning 3-octave vocal range is supported and complemented by her acoustic guitar play, capturing the essence of musical styles from percussive Brazilian sambas and explosive flamenco rumbas to elegant classical arias, folk, jazz and original ballads.

Phyllis has performed as a solo artist in concert in the U.S., Mexico, Brazil and, recently, at the famed Victoria Hall in Geneva, Switzerland. Her debut solo CD, "World Songs" (Illumination Records) was released in 1999. She has also recorded several CDs with her group SIORA. Their new (2004) release called "Vis-à-Vis" collaboration with Grammy-nominated producer Paul Wickliffe--is a multi-cultural jazz journey in 7 languages, including 3 provocative original selections in English. Guest artists include Howard Levy (Bela Fleck) on harmonica, John Swana (Criss Cross) on trumpet, Ralph Bowen (Criss Cross) on sax and flute, and Grammy-nominated percussionist Raphael Cruz. The CD reached #48 on national jazz radio charts, and is being played in over 30 cities in the U.S. and in Europe as well. Ms. Chapell also recorded the CD "Celebrate Life: Psalms from the Heart", a collection of original Jewish songs written by Esta Cassway, in collaboration with Dan Kleiman (Klimatic Studios).

She won 2nd place in the 2001 "Just Plain Folks Competition" for her song "Soul in Flight" and she has recently been chosen for inclusion in a book about the top 500 jazz vocalists of all time.

Comments from other critics may help convince you that this is one coffee house you don't want to miss. Songwriter's Monthly notes that "It doesn't matter what language this woman sings in, (and she sings in quite a few), it's captivating. Even when she scats, it's beautiful." And the Philadelphia Inquirer calls her "an elegant singer who will steal your heart away if you let her. Her music is tasteful, eclectic, and real. She eludes all labels."

Opening the evening is Trisha Benton. For several years she has fronted her own three-piece band that has regular gigs at a number of beach locations in Delaware and Maryland. Described as "alternative folk-rock", Trisha's energetic style and lively approach to performance make this a perfect complement to the rest of the evening. Trisha will be doing a rare solo set, so the support (and constraints) of a rhythm section won't be there. It promises to be a most liberating evening for her.

It all starts at 7:30 pm, September 17, in The Underground on the Wesley College campus in Dover. Admission will be \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. Kids 12 and under get in free. A great evening of music, hot & cold drinks, and sweet treats await. Don't let it happen without you. There's nothing else like it in Dover.

—John Kidd, President of Delaware Friends of Folk

## Festival Work Parties Continue!

We're closing in on festival time, and we have just 2 weekends left for Work Parties. We will be burying cable at the festival site on the weekend of the 17th and 18th. We could use additional help in the form of raking, weed eating, cleaning up, some painting, and other miscellaneous things. Then on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> we do any remaining work. Any help we can get on these days would be much appreciated. I am generally at the site by 10:00AM and anyone can show up to help any time there after. If you have any additional questions, just ask. Thanks!

—Bob Hamel, Festival Site Committee chair

## 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.

Coffeehouses are held at the Underground at Wesley College, 120 N. State St., Dover. Very reasonably priced 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	Performers	Price *
Sept. 17	<b>Phyllis Chapell</b> – world musician who sings in 8 languages, with <b>Trisha Benton</b> opening	\$5 / \$7
Oct. 22	<b>Dave Potts</b> – Alabama based singer/songwriter; <b>Pinkgrass</b> to open	\$5 / \$7
Nov. 19	<b>Garnet Rogers</b> – Canadian Singer / Songwriter (and Stan's little brother). <b>Crabmeat Thompson</b> opens.	\$12 / \$15
Dec. 17	Open Mic – host Rick Hudson	\$3 / \$5
Apr. 15, 2006	<b>Travis Wetzel</b> duo (w/Frank Whalen)	\$5 / \$7

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

## The Festival Is Coming!

By now you surely know that the Delmarva Folk Festival happens on October 1st beginning at 11:00 a.m. I'm sure you also know that we have an amazing line-up for this year's event.

11 am	Leilani Wall
Noon	Vickie and John LeCroy with Friends
1pm	Mollie Raley
2pm	Bruce Anthony
3pm	Salli & Jimi
4pm	Kid's Stage – John Flynn
5pm	Sam Shaber
6pm	John Flynn
7pm	¾ Ton Band
8pm	Andy Cohen & Jack Radcliffe
9pm	Philadelphia Jug Band
10pm	Full Frontal Folk

You can read more about the preparations, ticket sales, volunteer opportunities and more elsewhere in this newsletter. And you can learn a lot about the artists by visiting our web site that links to sites maintained by most of the artists.

Without getting into too much detail, this Festival will be different from all others. Why you say? Well to begin with, we only have two artists back from last year. The smoothness of Bruce Anthony almost demanded a return, and the outrageous authenticity of the Philadelphia Jug band did likewise.

And then there are the artists who have never before played our Festival. The list is long and impressive: Salli & Jimi, John Flynn (doing double duty on the kid's stage and the grown-up stage), Sam Shaber, Andy Cohen & Jack Radcliffe, and Full Frontal Folk. And then we have some old (sorry-perennial) friends who haven't played at the farm for several years. In that category we find Leilani Wall, Mollie Raley, 3/4 Ton Band, and after too too many years away we will welcome John and Vickie LeCroy back to Delaware.

So don't delay—get your tickets in advance and save some money. The music runs from 11 am to 11 pm on Saturday, October 1 at the usual spot on Lonnie and Sonja's beautiful farm. Weekend camping is available, and you know there will be plenty of food and craft vendors too.

—John Kidd, President, Delaware Friends of Folk



## Festival Volunteers Needed

There is still an opportunity to get involved and offer your volunteer time in exchange for free admittance to this year's Delmarva Folk Festival. To qualify you would work one complete shift on Friday, September 30th, Saturday, October 1st, or Sunday, October 2nd. Please advise your interest by emailing [duponts1@comcast.net](mailto:duponts1@comcast.net) (Amy M. Dupont, Volunteer Coordinator) with your complete contact information. We are still in need of several people on the following shifts:

Ticket Sales - 1 - Friday 4-10 pm

2 - Saturday 8am to 1pm

1 - Saturday 6:00 pm to 10 pm

Security/Parking - 4 - Friday 4-10 pm

3 - Saturday 8- 1 pm

4 - Saturday 1- 6 pm

4 - Saturday 6:00 pm to midnight

Clean Up - 3 to 4 - Sunday from 10:00 am until finished

We could also use someone with medical experience to administer first aid, if needed.

We hope to hear from you. Thank you for your interest.

—Amy Dupont, Volunteer Coordinator

## Our Friends at Fordham

I want to mention our friends at **Fordham Brewery**. They started brewing beer in Dover about two years ago and are trying to make connections in the local music scene. This isn't new for them, as Fordham has grown up with the famed Ram's Head Tavern in Annapolis. The Fordham folks are helping us with publicity and marketing for the Festival and will be at the Festival sampling and selling their great beers. We welcome them and thank them for all of their help.

In addition, a week after our Festival, they will have their own event, their 2nd annual Pig Roast. There will be lots of food, soft drinks, and obviously the fermented mixture of malt, hops, and water fresh from the tanks. This great day of fun and food will happen at the brewery on Horsepond Road in Dover. Friends of Folk is also providing the music in the guise of SandCreek, Celtic Harvest, and the Squawgm Possums. We'll have tickets for this occasion for sale at the Festival.

—John Kidd, President, Delaware Friends of Folk

## A Friend in Need

A brief comment: the unreal tragedy that has fallen on Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana has touched so many people in so many ways that it's hard to know what to do or even what to talk about. The immediate needs of rescue, food, and water are finally being met (mostly), but there are scars that will take years to heal, if they ever do. The Mississippi delta region spawned countless artists of many genres, and even served as the creative home of jazz and the blues, the two uniquely American musical forms. On the Friends of Folk home page (<http://www.delfolk.org>), there are links to Red Cross contributions, as well as to a page on CDBaby where you can purchase music and have the profits go to the victims of this tragedy.

At all of our events we will be collecting canned goods and other non-perishable food items for the **Food Bank of Delaware**. This organization is helping distribute food in the hurricane regions and also needs to maintain its usual services in Delaware. Please donate cash or food items to this or other worthy charities. Since our government failed when it was needed most, we need to depend on each other more than ever.

—John Kidd, President, Delaware Friends of Folk

# Delmarva Folk Calendar

The complete calendar is at <http://www.delfolk.org/calendar.html>

When	What	Where	More What
Sept 13, 7:30pm	Old Blind Dogs	Kennett American Legion Hall 206 State Street, Kennett Square, PA	Presented by Green Willow Folk Club - Scottish Music, from Scotland
<b>Sept 17, 7:30pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Coffeehouse</b>	<b>The Underground, Wesley College</b>	<b>Phyllis Chapell, world music performer, sings in 8 languages. Trisha Benton opens.</b>
<b>Sept 24, 1pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Pick-In – cancelled</b>	<b>W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover</b>	<b>Cancelled for this month – come help us out at the festival site instead!</b>
Sept 28, 6pm	Judith Kay	Bellefonte Cafe, 804 Brandywine Blvd, Bellefonte, DE	Very limited seating!! Tickets \$23 (includes Judith's new CD); and \$15 ea for additional tickets per party. At the cafe there will be a \$10 minimum for food and beverages. Advanced ticket sale only, with payment by credit card, check or money order. Send ticket request to: <a href="mailto:mail@judithkay.com">mail@judithkay.com</a> please by September 5th
Sept. 29 - Oct. 2	Dewey Beach Fest	Dewey Beach, DE	Various Locations
Sept 30	Chris Smither	Avalon Theatre, Easton, MD	Contemporary Folk hero
<b>Oct 1, 11am - 11pm</b>	<b>Delmarva Folk Festival</b>	<b>Field's Farm, Hartly, DE</b>	<b>12 hours of music!</b>
<b>Oct 5, 6:30pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Festival Committee Meeting</b>	<b>W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover</b>	<b>All are welcome - volunteers always needed to help make a successful festival. Email the committee for more info.</b>
<b>Oct 5, 7:30pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Board Meeting</b>	<b>W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover</b>	<b>All are welcome to observe.</b>
<b>Oct 8, 1pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Celtic Session</b>	<b>W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover</b>	<b>All are welcome - bring an instrument or just your ears. Call (302) 465-0805 for more info</b>
Oct 8	Fordham Brewery 2nd Annual Pig Roast	Fordham Brewery, Dover	Fordham holds this event to introduce themselves to their neighbors. We understand there will be good music there too ;-) Stay tuned for details.
Oct 9, 1-5pm	David Davis & The Warrior River Boys	Marydel Fire Hall, Marydel DE	Presented by Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assoc. \$5 member, \$7 nonmember. Call 674-3149 or 492-1048 for info
Oct 15	Saffire the Uppity Blues Women	Avalon Theatre, Easton, MD	Needs to be seen & heard!
<b>Oct 22, 1pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Pick-In</b>	<b>W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover</b>	<b>All are welcome - bring an instrument or just your ears. Call (302) 465-0805</b>

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<b>Oct 22, 7:30pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Coffeehouse</b>	<b>The Underground, Wesley College</b>	<b>Alabama Singer/Songwriter Dave Potts opener is Pinkgrass - all female Bluegrass band</b>
Oct 29-30	Seawitch Halloween Festival	Rehoboth Beach	Various locations. 9am - 10pm Saturday, 9am - 5pm Sunday.
<b>Nov 2, 7:30pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Board Meeting</b>	<b>W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover</b>	<b>All are welcome to observe.</b>
<b>Nov 12, 1pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Celtic Session</b>	<b>W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover</b>	<b>All are welcome - bring an instrument or just your ears. Call (302) 465-0805 for more info</b>
Nov. 13, 1-5pm	Summit Hill	Marydel Fire Hall, Marydel DE	Presented by Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assoc. \$5 member, \$7 nonmember. Call 674-3149 or 492-1048 for info
<b>Nov 19, 7:30pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Coffeehouse</b>	<b>The Underground, Wesley College</b>	<b>Canadian Singer/songwriter (and Stan's younger brother), Garnet Rogers. Crabmeat Thompson opens.</b>
Nov 20, 3pm	Lowen & Navarro, with Cliff Hillis opening	Cooldog Concert Series, Kenton, DE	Master Songwriters, their songs have been recorded far and wide (they even penned Pat Benatar's "We Belong", but we like Eric & Dan's version better...). RSVP 302-659-3855 or email houseconcerts@cooldog.com
<b>Nov 26, 1pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Pick-In</b>	<b>W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover</b>	<b>All are welcome - bring an instrument or just your ears. Call (302) 465-0805 for more info</b>
Dec 4, 3pm	Songwriter Circle: Christine Havrilla, <a href="#">Dulcie Taylor</a> , Greg Tannen	Cooldog Concert Series, Kenton, DE	RSVP 302-659-3855 or email houseconcerts@cooldog.com
<b>Dec. 7, 7:30pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Board Meeting</b>	<b>W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover</b>	<b>All are welcome to observe.</b>
<b>Dec 10, 1pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Celtic Session</b>	<b>W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover</b>	<b>All are welcome - bring an instrument or just your ears. Call (302) 465-0805 for more info</b>
Dec 11, 1-5pm	Ken Cox	Marydel Fire Hall, Marydel DE	Presented by Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assoc. \$5 member, \$7 nonmember. Call 674-3149 or 492-1048 for info

## Friends of Folk Membership

Delaware Friends of Folk is supported by you, the members and made possible, in part, by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency committed to promoting and supporting the arts in Delaware. If you haven't already, join up! Memberships and gift certificates for memberships are also available. (For those friends of yours that just can't make a commitment.) Don't miss out on the fun and excitement of a great organization. Show your support and keep good music and entertainment happening.

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