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South Florida folk and acoustic music

May 5, 2018

ACOUSTIC UNDERGROUND CONCERT SERIES *presents*



Jim Wurster
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About the artists

Jim Wurster is a man of many moods and any number of unlikely scenarios. As a teacher and musician, he works hard to attain success for both himself and others nearly every single day, and the fact that he dares to dabble in Americana, a genre that's mostly out of sync with nearly everything else the South Florida music scene has to offer, makes those twin challenges all the more daunting.

Nevertheless, Wurster is looking toward the future. After 33 years in the classroom, he plans to retire at the end of this school year, allowing him to focus entirely on making music, something he's done for the better of the past 30 years — first, at the helm of the band Black Janet, later along with his band the Atomic Cowboys, and sometimes, entirely on his own.

-- Broward New Times

OPENING ACT - Karen Feldner



Take a listen to Miami favorite Karen Feldner, she has a lot to say. Her songs grab and twist heartstrings with their connection to the human condition—the oft ephemeral joy, and life's pain and darkness suffused with redeeming light. From laugh out loud lyrics with jubilant infectious melodies, to real-life revelations of the grittiness of day-to-day existence, to the songs of hope that sooth the disenfranchised, Karen's music resonates in today's world. Karen has just released her debut album "Take My Heart and Run".

"The Love We're
After" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sd_m2pA5rhE

Also appearing **Wendy Whitton**

LUNA STAR CAFÉ SATURDAY – May 5, 2018 - 8:00 PM

775 NE 125TH Street, North Miami, FL 33161 305-799-7123

Requested Contribution: \$10, members of any folk club \$8

The Folk Club of South Florida

is a 501c3 nonprofit organization

Luna Star Café is across from The Museum of Contemporary Art

Easy free parking in front or back

<http://lunastarcafe.com>

Please remember, Luna Star Cafe is a cash-only establishment.

Acoustic Sundays at JohnMartin's –

The multi-talented Gabriel Menesal opened last Sunday's show with his puppet "Little Miguel," then played harmonica. Outstanding! Mario Vuksanovic played guitar on the last song.

David Deruelle performed a great set of popular music. He'll soon be moving to the west coast of Florida, and this coming Sunday may be his last at AS@JM's. David had Chuck Ellis play harmonica on a few songs.

Mario Vuksanovic made a return visit to our stage. He is a wonderful guitarist, and played a set of Irish classics.

Singer/songwriter Chuck Ellis treated us to a fun set of his original music, accompanied by one of his many 12 string guitars and also playing harmonica.

What a great pleasure it was to have Michael Weiskopf with us before he departs on a European tour. He is a wonderful singer/songwriter, and look forward to his eventual return.

Lewis Chisholm played a mix of his own material and some covers. Following his set of classic folk and blues songs, Phil Cole was encouraged by the audience to perform one of his own songs, which was very well received.

Special thanks to all of our performers, who came out to play on a rainy night, to the audience who braved the rain to be with us, and to the management and staff of JohnMartin's Irish Pub for all of their support.

Hope to see you this coming Sunday!

- Dave Cohen

The Folk Club of South Florida
Monthly SONG SWAP
Sunday, May 13, 5 - 9 PM

The April Song Swap was hosted by Philip and Grey Stoddard. **Thank You** for welcoming the small but enthusiastic group into your lovely home!

Celebrate Mother's Day with us! The Kirchner-Malones welcome you to Song Swap on Sunday, May 13th from 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm., at their home at [6741 S. W. 68th Terrace, Miami 33143](#) Home phone is: 305 662 4003.

From our host/ess - "We're a half block off Ludlam Road (67th Avenue) and two blocks north of Sunset Drive. Please do not park on the grass, but instead on the road (68th Terrace) in front of the house and/or driveway. "

We need a host/ess for the July Song Swap (July 8th). Can you volunteer your home? Speak to me at Song Swap or email me at hollybw@bellsouth.net

Folk Club Format for the song circle:

All performers (poets, dancers, singers, musicians) will enter their names on the signup sheet as they arrive. Those who are not going to perform, but who wish to hear a song, may write the name of the song on a separate signup sheet. The performers, at their sole discretion, may select the requested song(s) to play during their turns. Performers will take turns in the order on the sign up sheet.

Swap Etiquette:

If you are playing a song, you may tell the group whether you wish for others to join in or not. If you are singing or playing while another person is taking his/her turn, sing or play softer than the lead performer.

Keep your selection to 5 minutes or less.

Be prepared when it's your turn so we can keep the circle moving.

Please allow others to perform without interruption.

Pot Luck Supper:

A great part of the Song Swaps, so please bring enough food for six to eight people. The food is always wonderful! See you there!

Song Books:

Rise Up Singing songbooks are available for purchase at Song Swap. See Camille Grace.

See you May 13!

- Holly White.

Miami Dance Update

The BAD NEWS IS

The Barnacle State Park's outdoor pavilion sustained serious damage from Hurricane Irma and will be out of commission for some time. Because many of our Dade dancers are still recovering from the storm, with another storm possible next weekend, we will put our *Sunday afternoon Old Time Dances on hold for September and October*, and evaluate the situation again in November.

THE GOOD NEWS IS

The Park has offered us use of the porch or office parking lot. In addition we have the upstairs room at John Martin's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 253 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables, as an alternate site if the Park pavilion remains unavailable.

Look for emails on dances at either Park or the Pub *for November* and beyond.

If you have alternate sites, please contact us.

TO CONTINUE

We need get 20-plus dancers/ RSVP to make group dancing the quality experience it should be. We need to form a support group of people who will help putting on our Contra/Barn dances in Miami.

The Boca dance has a core group of volunteers that take turns with running monthly dances. Help us keep the wonderful tradition of American group folk dancing alive in Miami! We need to connect on something besides the internet.

YOU CAN HELP by

Bringing more than yourself to a dance. By getting the word out to friends and day-to-day contacts, to build our number of dancers back up to sustainable levels. Marketing, promotion, whatever you can think of.

Let us know how you might be of assistance, in whatever small way. A few people making phone calls can add up to a dance floor full of smiles.

Anita and I remain committed and passionate about the good-energy-vibe of group dancing, and love creating a fun, joyful good-time experience with only people and music. We look forward to sharing that with you again as soon as possible.

Pat Mason [954-431-0690](tel:954-431-0690) Cornbread dance band

Anita Mason [954-260-0938](tel:954-260-0938) Caller

Email: customsports@bellsouth.net

Links for more contra dance info

<http://www.customsports.biz/dadecontradance.html>

Dance Schedules

<http://www.customsports.biz/browardcontradance.html>

<http://www.southfloridacontradance.com/home>

<https://www.facebook.com/cornbreaddanceband>

Prez Sez

Before I tell you about our Musical Weekend in the Woods (Membership Drive and Concert) on April 8 and 9 at Camp Greynolds, I hope you caught Michael Stock's interview with Jim Wurster on Folk & Acoustic Music on WLRN-FM this past Sunday. It's a treat to hear artists who perform such great music at Luna Star Café (hosted by the Folk Club of South Florida) talk about their music.

Sorry if this goes on a bit, but wow! The weekend turned out even better that I could have imagined.

They say a picture is worth a thousand words – I'll tell you about the weekend after you see some of them



Valerie C. Wisecracker introducing Mike Barra



One of the cabins at Camp Greynolds



Wagner, Hand and Pflug



Firepit at the drum circle

Mike Barra was our first performer of the night. He filled in for Eric King, who had a family emergency, at the last moment. We couldn't have had a better "substitute" than Mike. I personally enjoyed his "darker" songs, and hope to hear him again soon.

My wife Kathy and I stayed overnight in one of the cabins (Camp Greynolds was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 30s). The setting was fantastic – oak trees, Oleta River, and we barely noticed the traffic on nearby Miami Gardens Drive (hidden from view). For the true camping experience, we slept in sleeping bags (atop cots). A breeze kept the cabin cool.

Other overnights stayed in tents plus one VW van camper.

Wagner, Hand and Pflug were great performers and singers. I'll be looking for them at Luna Star Café! Rod Macdonald, Diane Ward and Jack Shawde and Periphyton rounded out the excellent entertainment.

I didn't make it, but my wife Kathy stayed up for the drum circle, which started at 11 PM after the last performance. Sean Dibble, percussionist with the New World School Dancers, led the circle. Her "drum" was an empty, small cooler. This was Kathy's first drum circle, and I know that it won't be her last.

Food was provided by Alexis Canfield, her husband and Luna Star Café staff. We were well-fed at dinner and breakfast the next morning (I love scones, but eating them warm with jam at Camp Greynolds made them that much better).

This weekend was a labor of love by many people (Mary Larrick, Karen Goldstein, Barry White, Kathy Teas), but we could not have done it without Valerie C. Wisecracker. As I told her, "this is your baby – we're just here to help with the delivery". Thanks, Valerie, for seeing what we could do and making it happen!

Thanks to everyone who came! Fourteen new members joined us during the weekend.

I'm looking forward to next year's event! Hope you will join us – it's not fair to keep all the fun to ourselves!

- Jim Teas,
President and director

HAPPENINGS

*The Folk Club of South Florida is a member of the Folk Alliance International.
For the latest news, visit [Folk Alliance International](#)*

*For what is going on in folk and acoustic
music in South Florida visit: gotfolk.com*

Rise Again Singing songbooks available for purchase.
See Camille Grace at a Song Swap or send us an email

Listen to Michael Stock's
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SUNDAY EVENINGS: Dave Cohen hosts at John Martin's Pub in Coral Gables, 253 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables, FL 33134 305-445-377 8-10 PM

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS: Robert Is Here - Homestead - 2 PM to 6 PM

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Folk Club of South Florida
Membership and Benefits, Club Mission Statement
PLEASE JOIN US OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Who we are: The Folk Club of South Florida (FCSF) exists to foster and promote traditional, contemporary and multicultural folk music and other folk arts in the South Florida community by supporting and encouraging local folk talent and showcasing local and national folk performers. FCSF endeavors to increase understanding of the rich variety, artistic value, cultural and historical significance, and continuing relevance of folk music to the general public. FCSF is a non-profit organization (501-C) and member of The North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance, and a proud supporter of Friends of Florida Folk and Miami radio station WLRN.

- Monthly Concerts, Live venue, Underground Café Series at Luna Star Café, South Florida's longest running acoustic series.
- Monthly song swap, held in different private homes once a month.
- Musical Gatherings.

Benefits to membership:

- \$2.00 discount on cover charge for the monthly Acoustic Underground Concert Series featuring live local and national performers at the Luna Star Café, 775 NE 125 St., North Miami, held on the first Saturday of each month except for holidays (That's a savings of \$20.00 a year just on admissions alone)
- Complementary restaurant meal, valued up to \$15.00 at the FCSF Annual Meeting.
- Folk Notes Newsletter with the latest folk community happenings in our South Florida community and ways to participate.
- Opportunity to participate in monthly song swaps.
- Meeting other people who share the love of folk and acoustic music at FCSF events.

FCSF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND RENEWAL FORM

NAME(S): _____
TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: INDIVIDUAL \$20___ FAMILY \$35___ SUPPORTING \$50___
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Address: _____
Apt.: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phones: Home: _____ Mobile: _____
E-Mail: _____
Volunteer: _____

Make check payable to The Folk Club of South Florida, Inc. and mail to:
James Teas 8445 SW 181 Terrace, Miami, FL 33157

CAN ALSO BE GIVEN IN PERSON, BY CHECK OR CASH, THE NIGHT OF ACOUSTIC UNDERGROUND CONCERTS - 1ST SAT AT LUNA STAR CAFÉ- 8 PM - 775 NE 125 ST- NORTH MIAMI, FL.

IF WILLING TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE STATE HOW YOU WISH TO ASSIST AND SPECIFY ANY AREAS OF EXPERTISE: WE NEED MEMBERSHIP VOLUNTEERS, HOSTS, FACEBOOK AND SOCIAL MEDIA FACILITATOR, PR PERSON, ETC.

Thanking you in advance for your support!
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WEBSITE LINKS

Local folk music resources: www.gotfolk.com

Friends of Florida Folk: www.foff.org

North American Folk Music and Dance Alliance: www.folk.org

Broward Folk Club: browardfolkclub.com

South Florida Folk Festival: www.southfloridafolkfest.com

Palm Beach Folk Club: groups.yahoo.com/group/pbfcchat