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## **SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT**

**May 12, 2018 7:30 p.m.**

**Amanda Pascali and The Family**

**The Houston Balalaika Society Orchestra**



Second Saturday is going international big-time for our May show!

Renaissance woman and singer/songwriter, Amanda Pascali was born in Queens, New York and is based in Houston. Amanda's 'Immigrant American Folk Music' showcases her traditional influences, but she is no copy of anyone. As the daughter of an Eastern European refugee, Amanda writes with a sincerity which shows us that home is truly where the heart is. Accompanied by accordion player Felix Lyons and violinist Addison Freeman, she has released music and performed internationally, carrying with her the revolutionary passion and poetry of a young girl growing up in the United States. Her style is recognizably that of the American singer-songwriter, but sprinkled bountifully with European flavors. She is also a premier vocalist with the Houston Balalaika Society Orchestra.

The Houston Balalaika Society Orchestra was founded in 1976. Currently under the direction of Pam Bingham, they perform throughout the Houston area an impressive repertoire of folk and semi-classical music from Russia and Eastern Europe, as well as the occasional popular or secular tune. The fire & grace of this unique music is always impressive, and leaves many audiences wondering how they missed being a fan of this incredible music for so long. This will be an extraordinary musical evening. Be sure to put this one on your calendars and join us Saturday, May 12!

Second Saturday Concert is presented by the Houston Folklore and Music Society, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of folklore and acoustic music. Homemade refreshments are available. Tickets are sold at the door - adults \$15, senior citizens (65) \$11, and children under 12 free with adults. Concerts are held the second Saturdays of each month in the West University Community Center at 6104 Auden (intersection of Auden. and Rice Blvd.) Phone Paul Cooper at 713-204-1207 (cell) for more concert information. Visit our website at: [www.houstonfolkmusic.org](http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org)

Second Saturday Concerts take a summer break during the summer. Go out to hear other live music and festivals, and join us again in September.

**Upcoming Second Saturday Concerts:**

September 8, 2018: John Flynn

October 13, 2018: Bill and Kate Isles

November 10, 2018: Mustard's Retreat

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## OTHER UPCOMING HFMS MAY EVENTS

### **\*\*\*HFMS May Meeting/Song Circle.**

Our monthly song circle meeting is **Monday, May 7**, from 7:30 to 10:00PM at the Jewish Community Center. The JCC is located at 5601 South Braeswood Boulevard, Houston, TX 77096-3999. Ask the front desk for the room number of the Houston Folklore and Music Society meeting.

Meetings consist of a "song circle", allowing each attendee an opportunity to share a song, story, announcement, or other item which he or she may wish to share with the group. Non-performers are just as welcome as performers. After all, musicians, singers, and storytellers all need an audience.



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### **\*\*\*May Pickin' Party**

The next Pickin' Party is from 2:00 TO 6:00 PM, Sunday, May 20, at the home of Terry and Bill Pinkston, 4014 Essex Lane, Houston, and cohosted by Terry, Bill, Steve Blyskal and Segrid Stewart. The hosts will provide a main dish, soft drinks, plates, utensils, etc. Bring a side dish or dessert for the pot luck, which is from 2 to 3 PM. Song circle will be from 3 to 6 PM. Guests are welcome.

#### **DIRECTIONS TO 4014 Essex Lane.**

Terry's home is near Central Market, Highland Village Apple Store & Williams Sonoma. It is literally half way between the Westheimer/Weslayan and Alabama/Weslayan intersections (and 1 1/2 blocks to the west) for reference purposes.

Access from the West Loop: take Westheimer exit, head east (toward town), cross the RR tracks and turn right either on Suffolk (which is easy to miss) or Drexel (stoplight/Apple Store is a good landmark). Proceed down Drexel to 2<sup>nd</sup> street, turn right on Essex Ln. Or, if on Suffolk, turn left on Essex Ln.

Access from I59/I69 (Southwest Frwy): take Weslayan exit, head north (toward Edwards Theater). Can turn left at either the Alabama light or take the 2<sup>nd</sup> median break past Alabama (Essex Ln). If on Alabama, go to stop sign, turn right on Drexel,

and turn left on 2<sup>nd</sup> street (Essex Ln). If on Essex Ln, proceed to stop sign, then go straight 1/2 block more.

Call Terry's cell phone, 713-501-9752 if you need help with directions.



It is always fun to host a Pickin' Party at your home, church hall, community center, etc. Please contact Carolyn Davis at [carolynadavis@aol.com](mailto:carolynadavis@aol.com) to volunteer to host in June or July, 2018.

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## LAST MONTH'S HAPPENINGS

\*\*\* **April Monday Song Circle** met at the JCC on April .



As usual, a wonderful group of old and new friends — pickers, singers, storytellers and listeners attended the April song circle. A good time was had by all.



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\*\*\* **The Byrd and Street Second Saturday Concert** treated the appreciative audience



to original songs with beautiful vocal harmonies. Many of the songs relayed stories of Tommy Byrd's personal past. Kathy Street accompanied Tommy's guitar on autoharp and melodion. It was a lovely evening of music.

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### \*\*\* April Pickin' Party



Steve Blyskal and Sigrid Stewart hosted the April Pickin' Party at their lovely home, along with the help of co-hosts, Gary and JoAn Lust. After the wonderful pot luck meal, the large circle of participants played music and told stories.

Most of our "pickin' party regulars" attended, sharing new and old songs and stories. Bob shared a story I had never heard before, and Gay even shared a story about an interesting past musical experience in Oklahoma.



Additionally, Bob and Sue's granddaughter, Quinn performed again. Buddy Allen and his lovely wife, Sherry wowed us with amazing guitar and beautiful vocals, and guitar wizard, Tom Tranchilla treated us to jaw-dropping instrumentals.



What a delightful afternoon!



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\*\*\* Featured Song

### **WHE STOLE THE CUDDY?**

This one is a shout-out to my wonderful friends from the North of England. Geordie Ridley was not the original Geordie, but a much revered one among these folks who love their music and their musicians. Blaydon is about 4 miles from Newcastle. And yes, interurban bus service (horse-drawn) did exist in England in 1862. Some of the events in the song are real, it seems. Coffy Johnny was an actual historical figure. Ridley sang this song at Balmbra's Music Hall on June 5, 1862. "Blaydon Races" has become an anthem for **Newcastle United**, and they sing it at all the games. Indeed,





Noo when we gat to Paradise thor wes bonny gam begun;  
Thor was fower-an-twenty on the 'bus, man, hoo they danced an' sung;  
They called on me to sing a sang, aa sung them "Paddy Fagan",  
Aa danced a jig an' swung my twig that day aa went to Blaydon.

(chorus)

We flew across the Chain Bridge reet into Blaydon toon,  
The bellman he was callin' there, they call him Jackie Broon;  
Aa saw him talkin' to sum cheps, an' them he was persuadin'  
To gan an' see Geordy Ridley's concert in the Mechanics' Hall at Blaydon.

(chorus)

The rain it poor'd aall the day an' mayed the groons quite muddy,  
Coffy Johnny had a white hat on – they war shootin' "Whe stole the cuddy."  
There wis spice stalls an' munkey shows an' aud wives selling ciders,  
An' a chep wiv a hapenny roond aboot, shootin' "Noo, me lads, for riders."

(chorus)

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John Prine's *The Tree of Forgiveness*

Review by Eric Johnson

As John Prine comes of age, his lyrical talent seems to grow and grow. This is demonstrated on his latest project, "The Tree of Forgiveness," a compilation of co-written and solo efforts.

Most of the songs are co-written with such songwriters as Keith Sykes, Pat Mclsughlin, and Phil Spector, just to name a few.

"Knockin' On Your Screen Door" tells of a somewhat forgotten man who doesn't seem to mind his semi-anonymous life, because, for example, "Under the dashboard/got some sweet potato wine," He "can see your back porch/If I close my eyes now..." On "I Have Met My Love Today," "It doesn't really matter/What we had to say/I have met my love today."

One of my favorite selections is "The Lonesome Friends Of Science, on which I sense a hint of Townes Van Zandt lyricism: The friends say that "the world will end in any day/ Well, if it does, then that's OK/'Cause I don't live here, anyway...'

My other favorite, "When I Get To Heaven," He says when he gets there he's "...gonna get a cocktail Vodka and Ginger Ale,...I'm gonna smoke a cigarette that's nine miles long...this old man is going to town..."

These are just a few masterpieces contained on this great CD. It is a great view of Prine's jaded, but often humorous philosophy. Buy it and see if you don't agree.

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### UPCOMING CONCERTS AT "NOT FOR PROFIT" VENUES

**Amanda Pascali AND Houston Balalaika Society Orchestra**, Saturday, May 12, 7:30 PM at Second Saturday Concerts. Information: [www.houstonfolkmusic.org](http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org)

**Jaimie Harris** (with Earl Sanders, Jr. Band ) -- Sunday, May 20, 5:00 PM, at Fulshear House Concerts. Reservations: <https://www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org>

*The above venues provide opportunities for artists to perform for appreciative audiences, and all profits go to the artists. Thank you for supporting these endeavors.  
Thank you for supporting live music!*

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### UPCOMING FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL EVENTS ACROSS TEXAS AND BEYOND

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*Wildflower Art and Music Festival*

Dallas, TX, May 18, 19 and 20

<http://www.wildflowerfestival.com>

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<http://www.kerrvillefolkfestival.org>

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Celebrating the life, spirit and music of Woody Guthrie, in his birthplace,  
Okemah Oklahoma!

<https://www.woodyfest.com/>

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# The 47th Annual Walnut Valley Festival

September 12-16, 2018

Winfield, Kansas

<https://wvfest.com>

The Walnut Valley Festival, sometimes referred to as “Picker’s Paradise”, features four simultaneous stages of performers from across America and around the world, as well as national and international championship competitions, including International Finger Style Guitar, International Autoharp, National Hammer Dulcimer,, National Mountain Dulcimer, and more.

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\*\*\*\*\*CALENDAR FOR MAY 2018\*\*\*\*\*

Compiled by Carolyn Davis  
Confirm with venue for details and updates.

<<HFMS EVENTS>>

Monday, 5/7 \_\_\_\_\_

- **HFMS Song Circle**, (7:30 PM), Jewish Community Center, 5601 South Braeswood Boulevard, Houston

Saturday, 5/12 \_\_\_\_\_

- **Second Saturday Concert presents Amanda Pascali AND Houston Balalaika Society Orchestra** (7:30 PM) at West University Community Center, 6104 Auden

Sunday, 5/20 \_\_\_\_\_

- **Picking Party** (2:00 - 6:00 PM). Home of Terry and Bill Pinkston, Houston, TX. Cohosted by Steve Blyskal and Sigrid Stewart

<<<EVENTS AROUND TOWN>>>

Tuesday, 5/1 \_\_\_\_\_

- [LIBBY KOCH & MARY BRAGG](#) (7:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30 PM) Heights. <http://www.houstonrscds.org>

Wednesday, 5/2 \_\_\_\_\_

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen (7:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Bluegrass jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Open Mic Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

#### Thursday, 5/3

- Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson host Songwriters in the Round (8:30 PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Lady Parts (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Nora Jane Struthers (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

#### Friday, 5/4

- Thomas Csorba (8:45 PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Bill Kirchen (7 PM) Mucky Duck
- Lloyd Cole (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Bluegrass Solution (7:00 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Leslie Krafka and Wayne Wilkerson (9:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Los Mighty Hooks / David Touchton . Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

#### Saturday, 5/5

- Pat Byrne (8:45 PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Piper Jones (7:00 PM); Mucky Duck.
- Here and Now (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Tom Tranchilla and Buddy Allen - - Cinco de Mayo Party/Potluck (8:00 PM). JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Constant Billy (6:30 PM) EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>
- Tunasin\_(5:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Ryanhood (7:30 PM) Unitunes. <https://www.unitunescoffeehouse.org>
- AUTHOR YORIA. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

#### Sunday, 5/6

- Houston Songwriter Association Meeting (2:00PM) JP Hops House
- Open Mic. (6:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

#### Monday, 5/7

- HFMS Song Circle, [www.houstonfolkmusic.org](http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org)
- Open mic (6:30 PM) Mucky Duck, <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30 PM) Woodlands. <http://www.houstonrscds.org>

#### Tuesday, 5/8

- "Band Together For Laura" fundraiser (6:00 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30 PM) Heights. <http://www.houstonrscds.org>

#### Wednesday, 5/9

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen (7:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Bluegrass jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Open Mic Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

#### Thursday, 5/10

- Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson host Songwriters in the Round (8:30 PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Mulligan Brothers (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Allison Iraheto & Halo Circus (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Open Mic (7:00 PM) Friends Uncorked Wine Bar. Friendswood, TX. <https://www.friends-uncorked.com>
- Open Mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

#### Friday, 5/11

- Rebecca Folsom (8:45 PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Webb Wilder (7 PM) Mucky Duck
- Allison Iraheto & Halo Circus (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Hank Woji (6:00PM), The Midnight Peddlers (9:00 PM) Americana Houston. <http://www.theamericanahouston.com>

- Lonestar Bluegrass Band (7:00 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Wylde Meade (11:00AM) The Filling Stop. 11050 W Little York, A2 Houston 713-856-0561
- Texas Songwriter Showcase (9:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Trout Fishing in America. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

#### Saturday, 5/12

- Amanda Pascali AND Houston Balalaika Society Orchestra (7:30 PM) Second Saturday Concert. <http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/secsat.html>
- Curtis McMurtry (8:45 PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Lisa Morales (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Jeff Plankenhorn (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- The Hanshaws (8:00 PM). JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Constant Billy (6:30 PM) EQ Heights
- Cypress Creek Band (5:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- **STAEHELY BROTHERS** . Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

#### Sunday, 5/13

- Open Mic. (6:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

#### Monday, 5/14

- Open mic (6:30 PM) Mucky Duck, <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30 PM) Woodlands. <http://www.houstonrscds.org>

#### Tuesday, 5/15

- Joe Pug (7:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30 PM) Heights. <http://www.houstonrscds.org>

#### Wednesday, 5/16

- Hard Times Soup & Music Kitchen (7:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

- Bluegrass jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Open Mic Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

#### Thursday, 5/17

- Hayes Carl (7 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Jeffrey Foucault (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Open Mic (7:00) Friends Uncorked Wine Bar. <https://www.friends-uncorked.com>
- Open Mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

#### Friday, 5/18

- Verlon Thompson (8:45 PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Sue Foley (7 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Lights on Main Street (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck.. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Kimberly M'Carver (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Ken Gaines (7:00PM) City Centre, Houston. <http://citycentrehouston.com>
- Texas Songwriter Showcase, host, Willie B (9:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Working Girlz (A tribute to Kevin Bones). Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

#### Saturday, 5/19

- Mandy Rowden (8:45 PM) Anderson Fair, <http://andersonfair.net>
- Kelly Willis (7:00 PM & 9:30 PM) Mucky Duck, <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Melody Makers (8:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Wylde Meade (6:30PM) EQ Heights, <http://eqheights.com>
- Ken Gaines (6:45PM) Off the Vine Bistro, Missouri City. <http://www.offthevinebistro.com>
- The Blenders (5:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Lisa Morales Band). Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

### Sunday, 5/20\_\_\_\_\_

- Open Mic. (6:00 PM) JP Hops House. 2317 S. Hwy 6. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Jaimie Harris (with Earl Sanders, Jr. Band (5:00PM) Fulshear House Concerts <https://www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org>

### Monday, 5/21\_\_\_\_\_

- Open mic (6:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

### Tuesday, 5/22\_\_\_\_\_

- Houston Storytellers Guild Meeting (7:00 - 8:30 PM) Temple Emanuel 1500 Sunset Boulevard. <http://www.houstonstorytellers.org>
- Campfire Soul (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

### Wednesday, 5/23\_\_\_\_\_

- Bluegrass jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Open Mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen with Claude Bourbon (7:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

### Thursday, 5/24\_\_\_\_\_

- Bob Schneider (7:00PM & 9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Open Mic (7:00 PM) Friends Uncorked Wine Bar. Friendswood, TX. <https://www.friends-uncorked.com>
- Open Mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

### Friday, 5/25\_\_\_\_\_

- Radney Foster (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- BUENOS DIAZ (9:30 pm) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Mike Stroup Band (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>
- Grifters & Shills; Brad Fielder; Sean Lucy (7:00 PM) Americana Houston. <http://www.theamericanahouston.com/events.html>

- Rachel Laven / Ben De La Cour / Nicole Wagner. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

### Saturday, 5/26\_\_\_\_\_

- Dawn and Hawkes (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Mike Stinson (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Bentwood Rockers (8:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Teri Hendrix / Lloyd Maines. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- Pat Gavin and the Buckaroo Band (5:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com>

### Sunday, 5/27\_\_\_\_\_

- NSAI Song Swap (4:00 PM) JP Hops House.
- Open Mic (6:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Monday 5/28 \_\_\_\_\_ Memorial Day

### Tuesday, 5/29\_\_\_\_\_

- Pat Byrne (7:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

### Wednesday, 5/30\_\_\_\_\_

- The Hard Times Soup & Music Kitchen (7:00 PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Bluegrass jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) <http://hickoryhollow.com/index.php/live-music>
- Open Mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

### Thursday, 5/31\_\_\_\_\_

- Lex Land (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Open Mic (7:00 PM) Friends Uncorked Wine Bar. Friendswood, TX. <https://www.friends-uncorked.com>
- Radney Foster, Old Quarter Galveston.

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OUR NEXT SONG CIRCLE will be on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 7:30 PM See [www.houstonfolkmusic.org](http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org)

JOIN HOUSTON FOLKLORE AND MUSIC SOCIETY!

HFMS is a non-profit, membership organization dedicated to the preservation and promotion of folklore and folk/acoustic music. Activities include monthly SECOND Saturday CONCERT, monthly Pickin' Parties and monthly Monday night song circle/meeting. Dues are \$15 a year for a membership. Members receive our monthly digital newsletter, The Cotton Patch Rag, and the satisfaction of supporting and promoting live folk/acoustic music and other folklore activities in the greater Houston area. Make checks payable to the Houston Folklore and Music Society and mail to P.O. Box 542348 Houston, TX 77254 , **OR visit our website and pay on-line.** [www.houstonfolkmusic.org](http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org)

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