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SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT

September 8, 2018 7:30 p.m.

John Flynn





John Flynn sings from the heart. His powerful songs of humanity and hope are deeply rooted in the traditions of **Woody Guthrie** and **Phil Ochs**. John paints vivid, lasting images with words and music, drawn from a palette of awareness, irony, humor, and compassion. John's artistic journey has taken him from Temple University, where he earned a degree in Political Science, to Nashville's Music Row as a songwriter, to award-winning children's recording artist and performer, to social justice activist. John is truly an American troubadour.

John has shared the stage with some of the greats of our time, **Willie Nelson, Arlo Guthrie**, **Kris Kristofferson**, to name a few. Arlo invited John to join his *Train to New Orleans* tour post-Hurricane Katrina, and Kris Kristofferson has not only sung on two of John's CDs, but has given John previously unrecorded material to use. **Sonny Ochs**, the sister of the late great songwriter, Phil Ochs, has made John one of the mainstays of her *Phil Ochs Song Nights* that tours nationally.

John walks his talk. When off the road, he leads a prison discussion group, is very involved with **Camp Dreamcatcher**, a safe haven for children living with and affected by HIV/AIDS, and is an advocate for wider understanding and treatment of PTSD suffered by our returning war veterans.

Second Saturday Concert is presented by the **Houston Folklore/Music Society**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of folklore and folk/acoustic music. Coffee, water, cookies and sandwiches are available. Tickets are sold at the door adults \$18, students (with ID), senior citizens (65) \$14, and children under 12 free with adults. Concerts are held the second Saturdays of each month in the <u>West University Community Building</u> 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**

Upcoming Second Saturday Concerts:

October 13, 2018: Bill and Kate Isles November 10, 2018: Mustard's Retreat January 12, 2019: Albert and Gage

OTHER UPCOMING HFMS SEPTEMBER EVENTS

***No HFMS Meeting/Song Circle this month, as the JCC is closed for holidays for the next few Mondays.

***SEPTEMBER PICKIN' PARTY

Remember the important change to Pickin' Party Potluck tradition: The potluck meal will now become a "true potluck". Host will no longer be responsible for providing the "main dish / meat. Participants should bring their choice of meat, side dish or desert. (We are putting the "luck" back in pot luck.)

The next Pickin' Party is from 2:00-6:00 PM, **Sunday, September 23** at the home of Sia Beaton. Sia will provide drinks, plates, utensils, etc. Bring a dish (meat, side or desert) for the pot luck meal, which is from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. The song circle will be from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Guests are always welcome at our Pickin' Parties! Bring food to share, as well as an instrument, voice and/or ear.

Directions: The address is 12815 Bonnywood Lane, Cypress. Take 290 to Telge exit and go north. Turn right on Cricket Hollow, then right on Enchanted Valley, then left on Bonnywood Lane. Sia's house is the 3rd house on the left.



It is always fun to host a Pickin' Party at your home, church hall, community center, etc. You provide the space drinks, plates and utensils. You can invite other members to help you co-host, to share the fun (and the effort). Please contact Carolyn Davis at carolynadavis@aol.com to volunteer to host in the future.



LAST MONTH'S HAPPENINGS***

August's Monday Song Circle met at the JCC on August 6.











A small, enthusiastic group of musicians gathered, along with a couple of delightful first time listeners, for a nice evening of sharing music. Music from voices, mandolins, guitar, and mountain dulcimer, as well as piano (thanks, Neely) filled the room.

*** August's Pickin' Party was hosted by Anderson Fair, continuing the long tradition of August Pickin' Parties in this historic music venue. A large crowd of members and a couple of first time visitors (hopefully, future members) enjoyed great food (thanks, Paul, for smoking the delicious brisket), with a particularly huge spread of delectable deserts, followed by music and stories. Guitars, mandolins, dulcimers, flutes, harmonicas and voices filled the room.





































Thank you, Anderson Fair!!!

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DON'T TELL A SOUL

Paul Sachs is an alumnus of Jack Hardy's Monday night songwriting gatherings in Greenwich Village. In 2010, he ventured from his life-long home of New York City for a road trip to Kerrville, Texas with Jack. He returned to Texas as a finalist in the Kerrville Folk Festival New Folk Competition in 2012 and as a winner in 2013. Paul loves coming to Texas, and is playing at Carolyn's Cottonwood Concerts October 20.

Paul's maternal grandparents met in New York City after they emigrated from Ireland. This Irish heritage is subtly evident in some of his songwriting, including *Family Secrets*. You can hear this song on his excellent just-released CD, *Full Detroit*, or on the Audio Archive page of our HFMS website at http://houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS Audio Archive.html.

FAMILY SECRETS

By Paul Sachs

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Off the co	oast of	Ireland my	moth	ner's p	arent	ts came.	
D		Bm		Em		A	
Landed in Hell's Kitchen long before I had a name.							
Bm	Bm [*]	7 G		Gm	1		
"Don't tell a soul what I've said to you,"							
D	G				A	D	
My father whispered – I don't know if it was true.							
G	Α		D	Bm	G	Α7	D
_		d is blowin			_		remain untold
My uncle	was in	Rikers – I	nad a	sham	rock	tattoo.	

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Ran with the Westies back in nineteen eighty-two. He told me how to steal – how to cheat and lie:

To this day I don't know how that man died.

Outside the wind is blowin' co--o--old — -- family secrets remain untold...

Grandma would take me into chu	rch every day.					
G A						
We'd go to the Blarney Cove afte	r we'd prayed.					
Bm Bm7	E7					
Sawdust on the floor - whiskey o	n our lips.					
G Em	A7					
Burnt-out Chesterfield between her fingertips.						
They're all gone now – into the lig	aht of day.					
Into the Irish silence where there's nothing left to say.						
To the quiet meaning of blood tie	_	, , -				
Where unanswered questions are		ırave.				
4						
G A D	Bm G	A7	D			
Still outside the wind is blowin' co)—oold –far	mily secrets rema	ain untold.			
G A D						
Down the line, down the road –						
G A Bm E7 G	Gm					
Family secrets, family secrets						
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ATTENTION! FUNDRAISING ANNOUNCEMENT!						

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Please help Houston Folklore and Music Society continue to bring excellent performers to Houston for our Second Saturday Concerts. You can help at no cost if you ever make purchases from Amazon. Simply go to smile.amazon.com, sign into your Amazon account and select "Houston Folklore and Music Society" as your charitable organization. After that, go to smile.amazon.com each time you shop at Amazon, and Amazon will automatically donate 0.5% of the amount of your purchase to HFMS.

Every little bit helps! These funds will help us continue the long tradition of HFMS activities, particularly Second Saturday Concerts. Please send this information to anyone you know who might help support our organization in this way. It just takes a minute and will help us continue the HFMS tradition.

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The Way We Were: Robert K.

by Andrew Longo

Over the years, there have been some rather unique visitors to our song circles. One such was a young fellow named Robert. He would take the bus from his place of work to visit with us at the Unitarian Church in downtown Houston. He would accompany himself on a guitar borrowed from within the circle as he often sang television themes from western television shows. He also sang French and German folk songs during his visits. One might refer to his personality as socially awkward. Will Damewood and I took turns driving Robert home after the meetings. Thus we got to know him a little better. He worked at several odd jobs. One of which he was proud to be hired for was that of a census taker for the US government. In 1994, the movie "Ed Wood" was released in theaters. Ed Wood was an eccentric cross-dressing individual who dreamed that he could make movies in Hollywood. It starred Johnny Depp and Martin Landau. Martin Landau won an Oscar for best supporting actor in his role of Bela Lugosi. Robert was delighted by this movie. So much so, that he wrote "The Ballad of Ed Wood". His ballad does a fine job in covering all of the key elements of the film. Robert left Houston to care for his aging mother. After her death, he visited us once again on a return trip to the Houston area.

Lyrics: Ballad of Ed Wood

Abridged Audio as sung by Andy Longo

PICKIN'

We had a fine pickin party at Anderson Fair Sunday, and thanks to Tim Leatherwood and the volunteers for hosting us. It was unfortunate that we didn't even get around the circle twice, and some folks only got to do one song. In part, that's the price of having a successful program: We had a lot of people there. It's also a good occasion for thinking about how we can be considerate of one another and make the circles work as smoothly and as user-friendly as possible.

Obviously, when we're time-limited, the more we talk the less we're going to be able to play. If we average spending as much time talking about the songs as playing them, then 50% of our time is going into talking. Also, to reiterate a few suggestions we've circulated in the past (but not lately): 1) Tasteful playing of fills, background accompaniment, harmony singing, is fine, as long as the singer is the principal thing we hear. Don't forget that the song belongs to the person doing it – we will each have our turn in the spotlight. One can always request no playing along if it's a new song, or they feel the playing would be distracting to them. 2) We need to be ready to go when our turn comes. The less time spent tuning, borrowing somebody's stand, finding our lead sheets – the more time for singing.

Generally, it's a "do unto others..." thing. If we have to tune, then we need to tune. If we want to talk about how this song relates to the story of our life, keep in mind that we can save that for some time when we have a small group.

UPCOMING CONCERTS AT "NOT FOR PROFIT" VENUES

Whitney Rose, Sunday, September 2, 5:00 PM, at <u>Fulshear House Concerts</u>. Reservations: https://www.fulshearhouseconcerts.org

John Flynn Saturday, September 8, 7:30 PM at Second Saturday Concerts. Information: www.houstonfolkmusic.org

Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson. September 15, 6:30 PM at Nancy Brand's House Concert, Sugar Land. Reservations: 832-276-7683

Paul Sachs, Saturday, October 20, 3:00PM at Carolyn's Cottonwood Concerts, Sugar Land. Reservations: carolynscottonwoodconcerts@aol.com

Jim Malcom, Scottish Singer/Songwriter, November 3, 2:00PM at Newman's Castle, Bellville, Texas. Reservations: sia_beaton@yahoo.com or call: 832-659-5501.

Kevin Welch and Dustin Welch, November 17 at Barnes House Concert, Houston. Reservations: bildeann@swbell.net

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!



The 47th Annual Walnut Valley Festival

September 12-16, 2018

Winfield, Kansas

https://wvfest.com

The Walnut Valley Festival, 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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Save The Date! January 4-6, 2019

Annual Acoustic Music Retreat

Returning To: Sam Houston State University Huntsville, Texas

Details will follow later this year

North Harris County Dulcimer Society https://www.facebook.com/houstendulcimer/ society www.houstendulcimer.com



*******CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2018*******

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

<< HFMS EVENTS >>

Saturday, 9/8———

 Second Saturday Concert presents John Flynn (7:30 PM) West University Community Place Building, 6104 Auden http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/secsat.html

Sunday, 9/ 23———

HFMS Pickin' Party, (2PM), Home of Sia
 Beaton, Cypress, TX www.houstonfolkmusic.org

<<< EVENTS AROUND TOWN>>>

Saturday, 9/1

- Sarah Grace and the Soul (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Nick Diaz (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. http://mcgonigels.com
- Constant Billy (6:30 PM) EQ Heights. http://eqheights.com
- Tacocat BIG Band (9:00PM) JP Hops House. http://www.jphopshouse.com
- Tunasin. (5:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) http://hickoryhollow.com
- Ken Gaines (8:00 PM) Americana Houston.
- Bob Livingston / Marina Rocks. Old Quarter, Galveston. http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com

Sunday, 9/2—

- Open Mic. (6:00 PM) JP Hops House. http://www.jphopshouse.com
- Old Quarter, Galveston. http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com

Monday, 9/3-----

 Open mic (6:30 PM) Mucky Duck, http:// mcgonigels.com

Tuesday, 9/4——

- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30 PM) Heights. http://www.houstonrscds.org
- Wednesday, 9/5
 The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen (7:00 PM) JP Hops House. http://www.jphopshouse.com
- Bluegrass Jam (6:30 PM) (7:00 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) http://hickoryhollow.com
- Open Mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com

Thursday, 9/6————

- Sons of Bill and Leon III(7:30 PM) Mucky Duck. http://mcgonigels.com
- Darnell & Aspinwall (7:30PM) Americana Houston. http://www.theamericanahouston.com
- Open Mic Old Quarter, Galveston. http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com

Friday, 9/7 _____

- Charlie Faye and the Fayettes (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck
- Graham Wilkinson (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. http://mcgonigels.com
- Bluegrass Solution (7:00 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) http://hickoryhollow.com
- Big Wide Grin (9:00 PM) JP Hops House. http://www.iphopshouse.com
- Kevin Galloway / Doug Strahan. Old Quarter, Galveston. http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com

Saturday, 9/8 —

- John Flynn (7:30PM) Second Saturday Concert http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/secsat.html
- Sam Baker (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Pecos Hank (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. http://mcgonigels.com
- Sarah Pierce Band (9:00PM) JP Hops House. http://www.jphopshouse.com
- Cypress Creek Band. (5:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) http://hickoryhollow.com
- B-Day Bash hosted by Bruce Ross (8:00PM)
 AThe Brush Poppers. Old Quarter, Galveston.
 http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com

Sunday, 9/9-

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

Monday, 9/10———

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

Tuesday, 9/11—

- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30 PM) Heights. http://www.houstonrscds.org
- Eric Sommer (7:30 PM) Mucky Duck. http://mcgonigels.com

Wednesday, 9/12———

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

- Bob Schneider (7:oo PM & 9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. http://mcgonigels.com
- Open Mic Old Quarter, Galveston. http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com

Friday, 9/14----

- Scott Miller (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck
- Rachel Stacy Jerfferson Thomas (9:30 PM)
 Mucky Duck. http://mcgonigels.com
- Lonestar Bluegrass Band (7:00 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) http://hickoryhollow.com
- Brian Kalinec presents Nicolette Good (6:30 PM)
 EQ Heights, http://egheights.com
- Texas Songwriter Showcase (9:00 PM) JP Hops House. http://www.jphopshouse.com
- Mystery Loves Company (8:00 PM) Americana Houston. http://www.theamericanahouston.com

- Kristin Coyle and the Black Swans(7:00 PM)
 Mucky Duck. http://mcgonigels.com
- Ken Gaines (7:30PM) Millbend Coffee House. http://millbend.org
- The Blenders (5:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) http://hickoryhollow.com
- Wylde Meade (6:30PM) EQ Heights, http://eqheights.com
- Ali Holder / Bob Simpson / Nicolette Good / GabeWootton. Old Quarter, Galveston. http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com
- North Harris County Dulcimer Society meeting. http://houstondulcimer.com

Sunday, 9/16————

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

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

Tuesday, 9/18—

 Scottish Country Dance class (7:30 PM) Heights. http://www.houstonrscds.org

Wednesday, 9/19—————

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen (7:00 PM) JP Hops House. http://www.iphopshouse.com
- Bluegrass jam (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) http://hickoryhollow.com
- Bri Bagel Sara Petite. Old Quarter, Galveston. http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com

Thursday, 9/20

- Three Women and the Truth (7:00 & 9:30 PM)
 Mucky Duck. http://mcgonigels.com
- Open Mic (7:00 PM) Friends Uncorked Wine Bar. Friendswood, TX. https://www.friends-uncorked.com
- Trout Fishing in America. Old Quarter, Galveston. http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com

<u>Friday, 9/21</u>———

- Grace Pettis (8:45 PM) Anderson Fair. http://andersonfair.net
- Dan Penn (7 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Sugarcane Jane (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. http://mcgonigels.com
- The Henshaws (5:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) http://hickoryhollow.com
- Brian Kalinec (9:00 PM) JP Hops House. http://www.iphopshouse.com
- James Stienle. Old Quarter, Galveston. http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com

Saturday, 9/22———

- Scottish Country Dance Ceilidh (Party) (7:00 PM) http://www.houstonrscds.org
- Brian Pounds (8:45 PM) Anderson Fair. http://andersonfair.net
- Terri Hendrix (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Mike Stinson (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. http://mcgonigels.com
- Grifters & Shills and Hogan & Moss (9:00 PM).
 JP Hops House. http://www.iphopshouse.com
- Angela Coeke (8:00PM) Americana Houston.http://www.theamericanahouston.com
- Pat Gavin and the Buckaroo Band (5:30 PM)
 Hickory Hollow (Heights) http://hickoryhollow.com
- Brad Boyer Charlie Harrisonl. Old Quarter, Galveston. http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com

<u>Sunday, 9/23</u>

- Song Swap (4:00PM) JP Hops House
- Open Mic. (6:00 PM) JP Hops House. http://www.iphopshouse.com

Monday, 9/24 _____

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

<u>Tuesday, 9/25</u>_____

- Scottish Country Dance class (7:30 PM) Heights. http://www.houstonrscds.org
- Ryan Scott Travis Thomas Csorba (7:30 PM)
 Mucky Duck, http://mcgonigels.com
- Houston Storytellers Guild Meeting (7:00 8:30 PM) Temple Emanuel 1500 Sunset Boulevard. http://www.houstonstorytellers.org

Wednesday, 9/26

- 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
- Travis Meadows Jimmy Pizzitola. Old Quarter, Galveston. http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com

Thursday, 9/27———

- Ken Gaines and Wayne Wilkerson host Songwriters in the Round (8:45 PM) Anderson Fair. http://andersonfair.net
- Darden Smith (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Amy Lavere (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck. http://mcgonigels.com
- Open Mic (7:00 PM) Friends Uncorked Wine Bar. https://www.friends-uncorked.com
- Open Mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com

Friday, 9/28_----

- Curtis McMurtry (8:45 PM) Anderson Fair. http://andersonfair.net
- Nobody's Girl (7 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Shane Alexander (9:30 PM) Mucky Duck.. http://mcgonigels.com
- Mike Stroup Band (6:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) http://hickoryhollow.com
- Leslie Krafka and Wayne Wilkerson (9:00 PM) JP Hops House. http://www.iphopshouse.com
- Marc Turner Chris Olsen Theron Pfeiffer. Old Quarter, Galveston. http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com

Saturday, 9/29 ———

- Nathan Hamilton (8:45 PM) Anderson Fair. http://andersonfair.net
- Freddie Steady KRC Presents Tucson (2:00 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Darcy Malone & the Tangle (7:00 PM) Mucky Duck.
- Kevin Gordon (9:30PM) Mucky Duck, http://mcgonigels.com
- Josh Newcom (9:00 PM) JP Hops House. http://www.jphopshouse.com
- Charles Bryant (8:30PM) Americana Houston.http://www.theamericanahouston.com
- Rockin Randy (5:30 PM) Hickory Hollow (Heights) http://hickoryhollow.com
- Freddie Steady KRC presents TUCSON. Old Quarter, Galveston. http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com

Sunday, 9/30 ———

- NSAI (4:00 PM) JP Hops House. http://www.jphopshouse.com
- Open Mic. (6:00 PM) JP Hops House. 2317 S. Hwy 6. http://www.jphopshouse.com

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