
THE COTTON PATCH RAG

**The Newsletter of the Houston
Folklore and Music Society**

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SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT

February 8, 2020 7:30 p.m.

West University Community Building, 6104 Auden at Rice Blvd.



Carrie Elkin and Danny Schmidt

It's a special treat when Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkin share the stage together. These two great songwriters from Austin, TX generally tour solo and separately, but if the chemistry seems especially amorous, they come by it honestly, as they are a rare breed: a romantic partnership in real life, as well as a musical partnership in artistic life. And the two together on stage makes for a classic case of the whole being greater than the sum of its parts.

Danny Schmidt is best known for his riveting poetic lyrics, which have drawn favorable comparisons to Leonard Cohen and Townes Van Zandt for their depth and complexity. And gypsy spirit Carrie Elkin is best known for her incredibly soulful and dynamic vocals, which have drawn favorable comparisons to Patty Griffin at her most powerful, and Nanci Griffith at her most intimate. Together, the respective strengths they each bring, individually, merge into a much greater whole, a performance of great energy and spirit, and one that audiences seem to be able to connect with on a multitude of levels, at once: Emotionally, Spiritually, and Intellectually.

Danny and Carrie are each gifted at writing and performing outstanding songs, and have successful solo careers. See <http://carrieelkin.com> and <http://www.dannyschmidt.com> to learn about them. We are very excited that they will be teaming up for this concert, adding their masterful harmonies to the performance.

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 for purchase. Tickets are sold at the door - adults \$18, senior citizens (65) and students \$14, and children under 12 free with adults. Concerts are held the second Saturdays of each month in the West University Community Building at 6104 Auden (intersection of Auden. and Rice Blvd.) Contact Carolyn Davis,(281-240-9797) or carolynadavis@aol.com for more concert information. Visit our website at: www.houstonfolkmusic.org

UPCOMING SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS

March 14, 2020: Karen Mal and Will Taylor AND Tom Tranchilla and Buddy Allen

April 11, 2020: Small Potatoes

May , 2020: C. Daniel Boling

September : TBA

October. : Paul Sachs

November. : Roy Book Binder



OTHER UPCOMING HFMS FEBRUARY EVENTS

*****HFMS MEETING/SONG CIRCLE—February 3, 7:30PM**

Our monthly song circle meeting is **Monday, February 3** from 7:30 to 9:45PM 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.

*****February PICKIN' PARTY — Sunday, February 16, 2:00PM**

The next Pickin' Party is from 2:00-6:00 PM, **Sunday, February 16** at JP Hops House. 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. Hops House will have alcoholic beverages available for purchase. Bob Felder has, again, generously offered to reimburse Hops House for soft drinks and water. Bring food to share, as well as an instrument, voice and/or ear.

Hops House is at 2317 Highway 6 South, Houston, in the shopping center with Shipley's Donuts, on the east side of Hwy 6 just north of Westheimer.

Phone: J.P. Hops House 281-496-0623

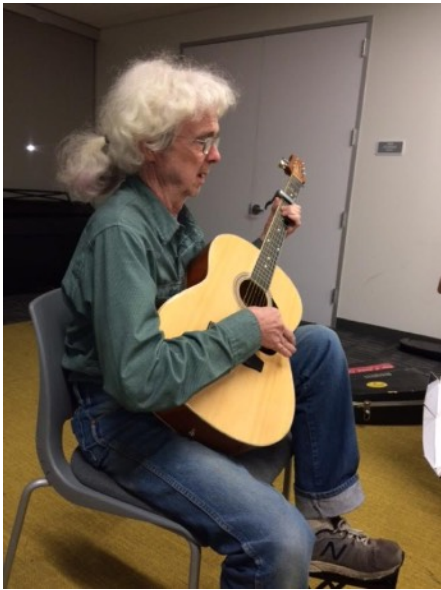
See: <http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/#pknpty>.

*****FUTURE PICKIN' PARTIES:** JP Hops House has kindly offered, and is now our regular venue for our Pickin' Parties. Alcoholic beverages may be purchased by attendees. Any members who would like to host a Pickin' Party at their home or other venue is encouraged to do so. Just contact Carolyn Davis, carolynadavis@aol.com at least one month prior to the Pickin' Party.



LAST MONTH'S HAPPENINGS***

***The January Song Circle / Meeting at the Jewish Community Center was a successful gathering of wonderful folks with diverse songs.





Another lovely Monday evening of warm and interesting musical sharing.



Our January **Second Saturday Concert** presented Illinois singer-songwriter Ben Bedford. Ben's performance measured up to his reputation for impeccably crafted songs expressed through his clear, powerful voice and masterful guitar accompaniment. This, Ben's second time to perform at our Second Saturday Concert, was another exceptional show. We hope he returns to Texas soon.

*****The January Pickin' Party** at J.P Hops House was a large gathering of pickers and singers performing traditional, original and beloved cover tunes. Good food, good music and good company! A lovely Pickin' Party to sing our way into 2020.!









*** Featured Song

Paul Cooper

SHE CHURNED THE BUTTER IN DAD'S OLD BOOT

This one was always a standard to do for kids – young or old. I learned it from Pete Seeger's record, *How to Play the Five String Banjo*, published around 1961. I wonder how many kids today would know what a churn was, or a dasher. Or butter, for that matter. You can hear how Pete did the song with audience participation at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7TIYfCTAqP8>, or on the HFMS Audio Archive page at http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS_Audio_Archive.html.

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G **C** **G D** **G**
I took me a wife in the month of June, *risselty rosselty now, now now.*

G **C** **G**
I carried her home by the light of the moon

CHORUS:

D
Risselty rosselty, hey bombossity nickety-nackety, rustico-quality, willaby-wallaby
G
Now, now now.

She swept the floor but once a year, *risselty rosselty now, now now.*
With every rake she gave a tear

CHORUS

She combed her hair but once a year, *risselty rosselty now, now now.*
She swore her comb was much too dear

CHORUS

She churned the butter in Dad's old boot, *risselty rosselty now, now now.*
And for a dasher she used her foot

CHORUS

The butter came out a grisly grey, *risselty rasselty now, now now*.
The cheese took legs and ran away

CHORUS

Now the cheese and molasses are on the shelf, *risselty rasselty now, now now*.
If you want any more you can sing it yourself

CHORUS

Review: Willie Nelson: The Hungry Years

By Eric Johnson

I have listened to Willie Nelson since my late teens and twenties, and I always have been amazed at his vocal adaptability to almost every contemporary music style. I received "The Hungry Years" CD as a prize on November's Second Saturday Concert, and as a token of my esteem, decided I would review it.

It contains some of Willie's recordings he made in the '70's, when his voice contained a soulful trill. His current vocals are half narrative, and lack a little vibrato. I'm not condemning him for his current style, because he still sings well. But upon listening to this CD, I became more aware of the power of his more youthful renditions when the Cosmic Cowboy movement was in full swing. He still plays Trigger well, and this CD shows the beginnings of his Reinhardt technique.

The songs range from George Jones' "Ragged But I'm Right" to a somewhat torch song technique on "Last Thing On My Mind." Paxton's song was recorded by Porter Wagoner and Dolly Parton as a duet, but they did it so fast, I think the original meaning was lost. Willie sings it slowly and soulfully. Two Bob Wills covers, "Time Changes Everything" and "Milk Cow Blues" are featured as well, and the latter is the best rendition I have ever heard, with the exception of the late Leon Rausch's version.

Rodney Crowell, Emmylou Harris, and Kimmie Rhodes help Willie in the singing of the Crowell classic "Til I Can Gain Control Again." The result is amazing.

I don't know if this CD is on Amazon, or any other commercial website, but if it is, I highly recommend getting it. You will be awestruck at its quality.

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**UPCOMING FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL EVENTS
around Texas**

SXSW — South by South West Music Festival

Austin, TX. March 16 to 22, 2020

<https://schedule.sxsw.com>

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*****LOCAL CALENDAR FOR February 2020*****

Compiled by Carolyn Davis

Confirm with venue for details and updates.

<<HFMS EVENTS>>

Guests are welcome at all HFMS events!

Monday, 2/03_____

- HFMS Meeting/Song Circle (7:30PM to 9:45 PM) J C C , Houston www.houstonfolkmusic.org

Saturday, 2/08_____

- Second Saturday Concert presents Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkin, (7:30PM), West University Community Center, 6104 Auden (at Rice Blvd.) www.houstonfolkmusic.org

Sunday, 2/16_____

- HFMS Pickin' Party, (2:00PM to 6:00PM) J.P. Hops House, 2317 Highway 6 S, Houston. www.houstonfolkmusic.org

<<<EVENTS AROUND TOWN>>>

Saturday, 2/01_____

- Michael Fracasso (open 7:30PM, music 8:45PM) Anderson Fair <http://andersonfair.net>
- Jeff Plankenhorn & Scrappy Jud Newcomb (7:00PM) Mucky Duck
- Kevin Galloway Band (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Sherri and Jim Going-Away Party ... w/ Rick Anthony, Chris Stiteler, Willie B, Annie Benjamin, Tom Tranchilla, Buddy Allen, Jim Kam, Brian Kalinec & The Hanshaws ... Potluck buffet. JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Wilde Mead and the Sisters. EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>
- HATDS Contradance (7:30PM) West U Community Center. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>

Sunday, 2/02-----

- Super Bowl Open Mic. (6:00PM) JP Hops House. JP Hops House. 281-496-0623. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Monday, 2/03-----

- Open mic (6:30PM) Mucky Duck <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance Class (7:30PM) South County Community Center, The Woodlands, <http://www.houstonrscds.org>

Tuesday, 2/04-----

- Scottish Country Dance Class (7:30PM) Immanuel Lutheran Church gymnasium in the Heights, <http://www.houstonrscds.org>
- HSPVA Jazz Combo (7:30 PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

Wednesday, 2/05-----

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Songwriter open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Thursday, 2/06-----

- Ken Gaines & Wayne Wilkerson. (open 7:30PM, music 8:45). Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Bob Schneider (7:00PM), 9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Song Prompt Showcase. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>
- HATDS English Country Dance (7:15PM) First UU Church. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>

Friday, 2/07-----

- Kimberly M'Carver. (open 7:30PM, music 8:45PM) Anderson Fair <http://andersonfair.net>
- Bill Kirchen (7PM) Mucky Duck.
- Trace Bundy (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

- Jeannine Higgin, Angie Goeke and Howard Namkin. JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Nicolette Good / Joe Reyes. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 2/08-----

- Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkin, (7:30PM), Second Saturday Concert. West University Community Center. www.houstonfolkmusic.org
- Rebecca Folsom. (open 7:30PM, music 8:45PM) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- HSPVA Big Band (2:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- What's Opera Duck? (7:00PM & 9:30PM). Mucky Duck <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Nick Rawson. EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>
- Alex Coba. JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Lisa Morales Band. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Sunday, 2/09-----

- Houston Songwriters Association Meeting (2:00PM)JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Open Mic. (6:00PM) JP Hops House. 2317 S. Hwy 6. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Monday, 2/10-----

- Open mic (6:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance Class (7:30PM) South County Community Center, The Woodlands, <http://www.houstonrscds.org>

Tuesday, 2/11-----

- Scottish Country Dance Class (7:30PM) at Immanuel Lutheran Church gym in the Heights, <http://www.houstonrscds.org>
- Austin Lounge Lizards (7:30PM) Mucky Duck <http://mcgonigels.com>

- Fowler Brothers. JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Wednesday, 2/12-----

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston.

Thursday, 2/13-----

- Mare Wakefield & Nomad. (open 7:30PM, music 8:45) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Jordy Baizan, Alex Coba, Scott Duncan (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Andrew Duhon Trio (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Ordinary Elephant / Chuck Hawthorne / Libby Koch. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 2/14-----

- James Steinle. (open 7:30PM, music 8:45PM) Anderson Fair <http://andersonfair.net>
- Kelly Willis (7:00PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- The Hanshaws and Willie B (9:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Saturday, 2/15-----

- Mike and Annie Blakely (open 7:30PM, music 8:45PM). Anderson Fair, <http://andersonfair.net>
- Eric Sommer. JP Hops House. 2317 S Hwy 6. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Terri Hendrix (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Clandestine (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- N. Harris County Dulcimer Society. Advent Lutheran Church, 5820 Pinemont Dr, Houston, Lessons 2:00PM, slow jam 3:00 PM, business meeting 4:00PM. Jam 5:00PM. <https://houstondulcimer.com>

- Bay Area Bluegrass Association monthly meeting and concert League City. <http://www.bayareabluegrass.org>
- HATDS Contradance (7:30PM) West U Community Center. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>

Sunday, 2/16-----

- HFMS Pickin' Party (2:00PM to 6:00PM) HopsHouse www.houstonfolkmusic.org
- Open Mic. (6:30PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

Monday, 2/17-----

- Open mic (6:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance Class (7:30PM) South County Community Center, The Woodlands, <http://www.houstonrscds.org>

Tuesday, 2/18-----

- Scottish Country Dance Class (7:30PM) at Immanuel Lutheran Church gym in the Heights, see <http://www.houstonrscds.org>
- Ken Gaines, Wayne Wilkerson, Susan Elliot, David Starr (7:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

Wednesday, 2/19-----

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Songwriter open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Thursday, 2/20-----

- Amelia Earhart Returns (open 7:30PM, music 8:40) Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Vance Gilbert (7:00PM). Mucky Duck.
- India Ramey (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Puching Chain (8:00PM) JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>

- Gabe Wooton Songwriter Series w/ Jimmiy Pizzatola. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com> H
- HATDS English Country Dance (7:15PM) First UU Church. <https://www.hatds.org/schedules#HATDS>

Friday, 2//21_____

- Jeff Black (open 7:30PM, music 8:45PM). Anderson Fair <http://andersonfair.net>
- Seth Walker (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- Jessie Dayton (9:30PM). Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

Saturday, 2//22 _____

- Jamie Lin Wilson. (open 7:30PM, music 8:45PM) Anderson Fair <http://andersonfair.net>
- Guy Forsyth (7:00PM). Mucky Duck.
- Buenos Dias (9:30PM). Mucky Duck <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Steve and Donna Bing. EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>

Sunday, 2//23_____

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

Monday, 2//24_____

- Open Mic(6:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Scottish Country Dance Class (7:30PM) South County Community Center, The Wooldlands <http://www.houstonrscds.org>

Tuesday 4//25_____

- Scottish Country Dance Class (7:30PM) at Immanuel Lutheran Church gymnasium in the Heights, <http://www.houstonrscds.org>
- HSPVA Mardi Gras (7:30) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>

- Houston Storyteller's Guild, (7:00-8:30PM) Temple Emanuel 1500 Sunset Boulevard, <http://www.houstonstorytellers.org>

Wednesday, 2//26_____

- The Hard Times Soup and Music Kitchen JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Songwriter open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Thursday, 2//27_____

- Anna Larson. (open 7:30PM, music 8:40). Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Adam Hood (7:00PM), Mucky Duck.
- Piper Jones (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Songwriter open mic. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Friday, 2//28_____

- Anna Larson (open 7:30PM, music 8:45PM). Anderson Fair <http://andersonfair.net>
- Sisters Morales (7:00PM) Mucky Duck.
- South Austin Moonlighters (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Ben Balmer / Charles Bryant. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

Saturday, 2//29_____

- The Vicky Emerson and Sarah Morris aka The Home Fires. (open 7:30PM, music 8:40). Anderson Fair. <http://andersonfair.net>
- Mike Stinson (9:30PM) Mucky Duck. <http://mcgonigels.com>
- Women in Folk Music - Jeanine Higgins. EQ Heights. <http://eqheights.com>
- Amelia Earhart Returns. JP Hops House. <http://www.jphopshouse.com>
- Adam Hood. Old Quarter, Galveston. <http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com>

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