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# THE COTTON PATCH RAG

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## MAY SECOND SATURDAY CONCERT

### CANCELED

Sadly, our May Second Saturday Concert is canceled due to health risks. ***Daniel Boling*** is rescheduled for May 8, 2021.

**Second Saturday Concert** is presented by the **Houston Folklore and Music Society**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of folklore and folk/acoustic music. Concerts are held 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](mailto:carolynadavis@aol.com) for more concert information. Visit our website at: [www.houstonfolkmusic.org](http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org)

#### UPCOMING SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS

May 9, 2020: - - - Canceled - - -

September 12, 2020 : TBA

October 10, 2020: Tom Tranchilla and Buddy Allen & TBA song swap

November 14, 2020: Roy Book Binder

January 9, 2021: Albert and Gage

February 13, 2021: Small Potatoes

March 13, 2021: Paul Sachs

April 10, 2021: Anne Hills

May 8, 2021: C. Daniel Boling

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## OTHER UPCOMING HFMS EVENTS

### **\*\*\*HFMS MEETING/SONG CIRCLE—CANCELED for May**

Our monthly song circle meeting for May at the Jewish Community Center is canceled for public health reasons.

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**\*\*\*MAY PICKIN' PARTY — CANCELED.** Watch our web site, <http://www.houstonfolkmusic.org/#pknpty> and emails for updates.

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It has been a quiet month, with precautions due to COVID-19 risks silencing our live music venues and eliminating our gatherings for song circles and pickin' parties. We hope music has continued to be part of your lives — picking up an instrument on quiet afternoons, humming while you walk on sunny days, writing a song of your own, tuning in to live stream concerts online, searching you-tube for performances by your favorite and searching through your collections of CD's or LP's. Meanwhile, below are a few photos from HFMS musical gathering of the past year.

























And the world is a poorer place now that he's flown  
 Somewhere else to make music his own.

So it's time, gentlemen please  
 Last orders taken, it seems  
 The old rope that held you has given up the ghost –

**CHORUS**



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**Guide To String Gauge**

by Andrew Longo

Pitch	Gauge Range	My Choice
A	.009 to .011	.010
G#/Ab	.010 to .011	.011
G	.011 to .012	.012
F#/Gb	.012 to .013	.013
F	.013 to .015	.013
E	.013 to .015	.014

**GUITAR HIGH E**



F	.052w to .056w	.054w
E	.054w to .058w	.056w
D#/Eb	.056w to .060w	.058w
D	.060w to .064w	.060w
C#/Db	.060w to .068w	.064w
C	.064w to .068w	.068w
B	.064w to .068w	.068w
Bb/A#	.068w to .072w	.072w
A	.068w to .072w	.072w

**GUITAR LOW E**

Choosing strings for a guitar can be rather easy for guitars of common scale lengths and design. It becomes more a matter of taste. As one wanders into different tunings on a standard guitar or on a guitar played as a slide, it is helpful to review a chart such as the one made available by John Ely. I found it first in a book for slide players, "Slide Rules" by Andy Volk. It can also be found on [John Ely's homepage](#).

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## A SISTER ACT WITH A STRONG FOUNDATION

by Andrew Longo



I recently came aware of Larkin Poe, two sisters who have a broad repertoire of Rock and Roll and Blues. They can do a broad range of covers while writing their own lyrics and melodies. A visit to YouTube will give an indication of the breadth of their songs which they cover from those of Skip James, Robert Johnson, Chuck Berry, The Beatles, Mommas and Poppas just to name a few. A summary from their webpage states it well: "Rebecca & Megan Lovell of Larkin Poe are singer/songwriter, multi-instrumentalist sisters creating their own brand of Roots Rock 'n' Roll: gritty, soulful, and flavored by their southern heritage. Originally from Atlanta and currently living in Nashville, they are descendants of tortured artist and creative genius Edgar Allan Poe." Their homepage

[LARKIN POE](#)

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### **Please help Support Houston Folklore and Music Society**

**Have you enrolled in [SMILE.AMAZON.COM](https://smile.amazon.com)?** Amazon shoppers can help support HFMS in the mission to continue to promote folk and acoustic music and similar folklore traditions in the greater Houston area. 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 to you** if you ever make purchases from Amazon. Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://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](https://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.





\*\*\*\*\*LOCAL CALENDAR\*\*\*\*\*

by Carolyn Davis

No scheduled live events for the month.

Check with venues for updates.

**IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC HEALTH, LIVE SHOWS, DANCES, AND OTHER GATHERINGS ARE CANCELED THROUGHOUT THE GREATER HOUSTON AREA, AND MUCH OF THE WORLD. KEEP SINGING, PLAYING AND USING TECHNOLOGY TO ENJOY MUSIC AND GOOD COMPANY. SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE PERFORMERS BY ORDERING THEIR CD'S (SEE THEIR WEB SITES SO THEY BENEFIT MOST FROM YOUR PURCHASE), AND WATCH LIVE CONCERTS ONLINE.**



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**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO JOIN HOUSTON FOLKLORE AND MUSIC SOCIETY  
OR BUY THEM A GIFT MEMBERSHIP!**

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 \$20 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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Is this a new address? Yes [  ] No [  ] Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Enclosed is: \$ 20 Annual Dues

Enclosed is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Additional tax deductible donation to nonprofit organization.

Thank you!

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