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2020 SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS will resume when the Houston Folklore and Music Society AND West University Community Building both determine it will be safe from a public health perspective.

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 for more concert information. Visit our website at: www.houstonfolkmusic.org

SECOND SATURDAY CONCERTS ARE ALL **TENTATIVE** for the foreseeable future

September 12, 2020: No concert

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 ************

Seeking new editor for Cotton Patch Rag

Carolyn Davis, who has been co-editor for The Cotten Patch Rag, will be leaving that post July 1, 2020. This will be her last issue. Carolyn has recently taken over as the producer of our Second Saturday concerts and simply does not have time for both jobs, the two most demanding in the Houston Folklore and Music Society. She has done an amazing job with the Rag for many years and we appreciate and applicate her efforts.

A search is currently underway for a new co-editor. If you interested or know someone who might be, please contact neelyatk@gmail.com.

Neely Atkinson
President, Houston Folklore and Music Society

OTHER UPCOMING HFMS EVENTS

***HFMS MEETING/SONG CIRCLE—CANCELED for July

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

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

KEEP PRACTICING! WE WILL HAVE A GRAND REOPENING ONE OF THESE DAYS!!!

It has been another quiet month, with precautions due to COVID-19 risks silencing our live music venues and eliminating our gatherings for song circles and pickin' parties. Maybe you caught a live performance at one of our favorite Houston venues during their brief, socially distanced re-openings in June. 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, enjoying you-tube performances by your favorite and searching through your collections of CD's or LP's.

Remember, many opportunities exist to hear our favorite performers in virtual live or recorded performances online: — Check the websites and Facebook pages of your favorite musicians for links to their virtual concerts and other updates. - A quite extensive listing of folk and acoustic virtual concert links is posted by Folk Alliance International. See: https://folk.org/livestreams/month/2020-06/ *** Featured Song Paul Cooper WHO WILL WEAR THE ROBE AND CROWN? A lot of us may think of Valley to Pray as a folk song. In fact it was written by the great gospel composer Albert E. Brumley (1905-1977), who also composed I'll Fly Away, Turn Your Radio On, and many other gospel classics. The song is also widely known as Down in the River to Pray, as recorded by Allison Krauss and many others. To me, it is Valley to Pray because that is the version I first heard by Arlo Guthrie 50 years ago. The song has been recorded by a great many people, perhaps least notably by Across the Water on their a cappella CD, No Strings Attached, so that is the version I have transcribed here, and that you can hear on the HFMS Audio Archive page at http:// www.houstonfolkmusic.org/HFS Audio Archive.html. **VALLEY TO PRAY CHORUS:** G Am C I went down in the valley to pray, studying about the good old way C G Am D And who will wear the robe and crown, good Lord, show me the way. Am Am

Oh, brother, let's go down, let's go down, won't you come on down

Am

Oh, brother, let's go down, down in the valley to pray.

G

Am

CHORUS

Oh, sister let's go down, let's go down, won't you come on down Oh, sister let's go down, down in the valley to pray.

CHORUS

Oh, mother let's go down, let's go down, won't you come on down Oh, mother let's go down, down in the valley to pray.

CHORUS

Oh, father let's go down, let's go down, won't you come on down Oh, father let's go down, down in the valley to pray.

CHORUS:

Oh, sinners let's go down, let's go down won't you come on down Oh, sinners let's go down, down in the valley to pray.



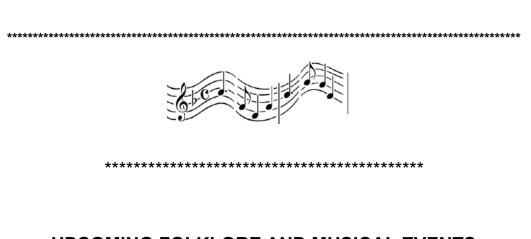
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UPCOMING FOLKLORE AND MUSICAL EVENTS CHANGED around Texas

The Kerrville Folk Festival has been rescheduled to October 8 - 18, 2020

See: https://www.kerrvillefolkfestival.org

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Woody Guthrie Folk Festival (Okemah, OK)

Changed to virtual festival

See: https://www.woodyfest.com

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Walnut Valley Music Festival (Winfield, KS)

Changed to virtual festival

See: https://www.wvfest.com/

******LOCAL CALENDAR******

Watch for updates on the web sites of live music venues to learn when they will present shows, and how to enjoy their virtual shows.

http://andersonfair.net

https://www.mcgonigels.com/#shows

http://www.jphopshouse.com

http://oldquarteracousticcafe.com/?page_id=1767

https://www.doseydoetickets.com

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PLEASE KEEP OUR HISTORIC ORGANIZATION ALIVE DURING THIS PANDEMIC. 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.

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