

Mad Folk News

Summer Sing-alongs are Back!

Following a decade-long tradition, Mad Folk will host Summer Sing-alongs at Blue Mounds State Park. The all-ages summer sings will be held at 7:30 pm the third Friday of June and August, and the fourth Friday in July at the main shelter at the top of the hill at the park. Tim Sharpe and Rex Loker will co-lead the first June 15th sing. The view of the setting sun is usually magnificent from that vantage point, and the company is great. All are welcome to come early (6:30 pm) and join in a potluck picnic at the tables in the shelter.

Copies of the song lyric books *Rise Up Singing* and *Rise Again* will be available so that everyone can participate. All are invited to bring their folk instruments, especially their voice boxes!

Although a state park daily or annual

sticker is required to enter the park, the Sing-alongs are free, thanks to the Madison Folk Music Society and Friends of Blue Mounds State Park's sponsorship, and the song leaders' generous contribution of their time and talent.

So mark your calendars for June 15th, July 27, and August 17.

In case of dangerous weather conditions, the sings will be moved to the indoor Friends of Blue Mounds shelter, to which the gatekeepers can direct you.

To get to Blue Mounds State Park from the Madison area, take 18-151 west from the Beltline. After passing turnoffs for Verona, Mount Horeb, and the Cave of the Mounds, turn right on Highway F, and then left on ID, following brown state park signs right through the village of Blue Mounds and on up the hill.

A Summer Series At A Charming Venue!

Ken Lonquist will be anchoring a summer-long series of folk shows at The School Grounds Coffee House in Cottage Grove on their outdoor deck. Each show will follow a Door-County-style Friday Fish Boil. Ken's shows will be focused on particular albums or themes. The Stellanovas, The Bindlestiffs and The Honey Pies, among others, will also be part of the summer series.


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Family music will also be part of the summer proceedings. In addition to the fish boil extravaganzas, an every-other-Saturday morning family brunch concert will run from 10 - 11:30 AM. I'll be following the same ALBUM or THEMATIC focus (*Welcome 2 Kenland*, *Earthy Songs*, *Lost Songs Of Kenland*, etc.).

Hope you'll come out and support this great new venue for acoustic music! And... come willing to sing!



Mad Folk Concert Tickets

When you see this symbol –  – you'll know that you're reading about a Mad Folk sponsored event. Advance tickets for Mad Folk shows are available online at www.madfolk.org and at these outlets:

- Orange Tree Imports, 1721 Monroe Street
- Spruce Tree Music, 851 East Johnson

Purchase tickets ONLINE for Mad Folk concerts via Brown Paper Tickets (with \$1.62 service charge):

<https://www.brownpapertickets.com/producer/10879>

You can also purchase advance tickets by mail. Send a stamped self-addressed envelope with your check payable to Mad Folk, PO Box 665, Madison, WI 53701. If all else fails, call 608-846-9214 for information.

A Taste of Bluegrass: Instrument Workshop

Instructor: Jonathan Peik

If you've ever wanted to try out bluegrass but weren't sure where to start, here's your chance. Learn about bluegrass fundamentals

and try your hand at playing banjo, guitar, mandolin, bass, and fiddle. All participants will get a chance to try out each instrument and even play some songs. Complete beginners welcome, instruments provided. Low pressure, big fun!

Tuesday, July 31, 6:30-9pm

Cost: \$45

Location: James Reeb Unitarian, 2146 E. Johnson St., Madison WI

Registration / information: <https://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/classes/bluegrass-instrument-workshop/>

Question? Jessica Courtier: 608-890-3626 /

jessica.courtier@wisc.edu

AMERICA'S FAVORITE FOLK SINGER - RAMBLIN' DEANO

SELF RELEASED - 2018



Review by Kiki Schueler

Dean Schlabowske picked a funny time for a solo record, and an unabashedly folk record at that. Not only has he spent his entire musical career as a member of a band, but it isn't exactly a lucrative move. He admits as much on "There's No Money in this Game," track two of America's Favorite Folk Singer. Schlabowske is probably best known as a member of the gloriously unhinged and high energy insurgent country band The Waco Brothers, the flagship band of Chicago's Bloodshot Records. Over the years he also fronted the similar leaning Dollar Store, and most recently TV White, formed while he was living in Austin as an "outlet for his noisier pop side." With Folk Singer, under the moniker Ramblin' Deano, he strips things down, way down, recording the guitar and vocals on his computer using one cheap microphone. Its lo-fi origins are pretty obvious, but that is just part of the charm. For now the songs the songs are available to stream or download for free, with the hopes that if you like it you'll consider hitting the "donate" button. If enough folks do, volume two just might be a high production affair.

The trick this record pulls off so well is that it sounds like its inspiration, the folk revival records of the 50's and 60's (Bob Dylan is an obvious reference), but the lyrics are quite definitely of the moment. The afore-mentioned "There's No Money in this Game" bemoans the state of the music business, "I'm dying of exposure since they set the music free." It's a well known, well

worn, lament, but Schlabowske isn't whining, he's just pointing out the obvious. And it isn't just the music business, it's all the arts. "Long, long years in college in debt for my degree, I'm writing for the paper, the one nobody reads. I'm following the money but a ghost is hard to see. The truth you have to pay for, while the bullshit it is free." There's an obvious political bent, witness "The President is Out of His Goddamn Mind," but it is balanced with whimsy ("Danny Built a Spaceship"), humor ("The Racist Barber"), and clever twists on the traditional folk song. In the case of the former, he scores points for a great opening line, "I had to work on Labor Day, the irony is not lost on me. Kinda takes the joy out of getting drunk on Sunday." Despite the title, the song actually focuses more on the shortcomings of the narrator and his generation, especially when compared to the "greatest generation" of the 60's, than on the headlines proclaiming the song's title.

Ramblin' Deano's answer to "This Land is Your Land" is the grumpy old man complaint "Get Off My Land." He laments the plight of the working man and the shortage of good jobs in "Fulfillment Center," where he points out that it "is ironically named." Without naming any names, he makes it clear that working for Amazon ("anything you can dream of can be put in a box, made in the East by kids and robots") was not the future he was promised. It also signals the end of the traditional factory job, "At 6 am third shift bars open their doors. They fill up though there ain't a third shift no more." "The Corporate Band" details the one way a person can make money in the music business, as a band for hire. "Dressed to the nines, we play the tunes you should hear. We're easy on the eyes, we're easy on the ears." The a capella "Racist Barber" gives you a choice between paying too much at "the salon, or the retro hipster barber with the indie soundtrack on," or getting a haircut

that may come with unwanted opinions.

Schlabowske claims that the songs are built around simple chord progressions, but they sure don't sound simple to me. He also claims he doesn't know why at 52 he decided to become a solo artist, but I think I do. We needed these songs, we just didn't know it.

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Appalachian Singing in Sacred Spaces



Saturday, July 7
1-4 pm Workshop
7 pm Concert

Michael & Carrie Kline

Michael and Carrie Kline spent decades in the mountains of West Virginia, documenting the music and stories of the area's residents. They have recorded thousands of interviews and spoken testimonials that give voice to people normally excluded from public conversations. As a performing duet, the Klines mingle stirring harmonies with interweaving guitar runs and cross-chording to produce an authentic sound that captures and conveys the spirit of the people and mountains they love to sing about. They address mountain music as social history expressing a level of truth seldom available on the printed page.

Singing Workshop

- Learn to sing traditional songs of Appalachian families
- New & experienced singers welcome
- Gain insight into the complexity that is Appalachia
- Delve into ancient ballads with deep connections to the culture, landscapes and history of the Allegheny Highlands and the coalfields of Appalachia

1 - 4 pm Singing Workshop in the Plum Grove Chapel

\$60 adults / \$30 ages 10-17 ~ includes admission to the evening concert.

Workshop only: \$50 adults / \$25 ages 10-17 *Registration required*

Tickets: 608-924-4000 or <https://appalachiansingingatfv.brownpapertickets.com>

7 pm Concert ~ Michael & Carrie Kline

\$15 general admission Tickets: 608-924-4000 or available at the door
or at <https://appalachiansingingatfv.brownpapertickets.com>

Folklore Village

www.folklorevillage.org

at 3210 County BB, Dodgeville



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Please visit our website for Hwy 18/151 & County BB updates and any detour information

The Mad Folk Refrigerator Cover

June 2018

Mad Folk Events



2018 Summer Sings!

Free! Family friendly. *Rise Up Singing* books provided!
At the Blue Mounds State Park - Main Shelter

- June 15th @ 8pm (potluck @6:30pm)
- July 27th @ 8pm (potluck @6:30pm)
- August 27th @ 8pm (potluck @6:30pm)

Garnet Rogers & Archie Fisher

Saturday September 22nd



Don't forget!
Non-perishable donations of food are collected for local food banks at all Mad Folk shows!

Gigs

Middleton Fairyland

Potluck at 6:00pm, music 7:30ish to 10pm Suggested donation \$15-20, less for children. For full details or to request an invitation, send an email to middletonhouseconcerts@yahoo.com

- Saturday, June 16th - Mel Parsons
- Saturday, July 7th - Joe Jencks

Kiki's Righteous House of Music

Invitation & Advance RSVP required.

For full details or to request an invitation, contact Kiki at righteousmusicmgmt@gmail.com

- Saturday, June 23rd @ 8pm (doors at 7) Curtis McMurtry -- \$10
- Friday, July 6th @ 8pm (doors at 7) Jon Dee Graham & the Fighting Cocks -- \$15

Southern Wisconsin Dulcimer Club

34 S. Main St, Janesville, WI - 608-752-6514 for more details

- Saturday, June 2nd @ 4:45pm (doors at 4:15) Bing Futch, Stephen Seifert & Rick Thum - \$8

The School Grounds Coffee House

4691 County Hwy N - Cottage Grove, WI - 608-228-9488

- Friday, June 1st @ 6pm - O'Darby - "Sea Chanties & Fish Tales"
- Saturday, June 2nd @ 10am - Ken Lonquist & Doug Brown
- Friday, June 15th @ 6pm - KG & The Ranger
- Saturday, June 16th @ 10am - Corinne Rockow
- Friday, June 22nd @ 6pm - "Stella Novas" - Mary Gaines & Chris Waggoner
- Friday, June 29th @ 6pm - "Junestruck" - Ken Lonquist & Dave Adler
- Saturday, June 30th @ 10am - "The Circus Kenlando" - Ken Lonquist & Doug Brown

Venues



18 S. Water St.
Ft. Atkinson, WI
cafecarpe.com
920-563-9391

Cafe Carpe

All shows at 8:30pm unless indicated otherwise.
Please call 920-563-9391 to reserve.

- Fri, June 1st, Open Stage - @7:30pm
- Sat, June 2nd, Rick Thum w/ Steve Seifert - \$15
- Sat, June 9th, Sam Llanas - @7pm - \$20
- Sun, June 10th, Bill Miller - @7:30pm - \$20
- Thu, June 14th, New Pioneers - @7pm - \$10
- Fri, June 15th, Mel Parsons
- Fri, June 22nd, Shawn Butzin
- Sat, June 23rd, John Stano / Kaia Fowler - \$10
- Wed, June 27th, Marie Miller - @8pm
- Thu, June 28th, Song Circle w/ Tricia Alexander - @7pm - \$5
- Fri, June 29th, Dave Ramont
- Sat, June 30th, Paul Sanchez - \$10

FOLKLORE VILLAGE

3210 Cty Hwy BB
Dodgeville, WI
folklorevillage.org
608-924-4000

Folklore Village

- Sat, June 2nd - @6pm - Healthy Hoedown
- Tue, June 5th @ 7pm - First Tuesday Open Mic
- Mon-Fri, June 25-29 - Nalbinding: Folk School Class
- Mon-Fri, June 25-29 - Log Cabin Building: Folk School Class
- Sat, June 30 - Viking Spinner for a Day: Folk School Class



Wil-Mar Center
953 Jenifer St.
wildhuginthewoods.org
608-233-5687

Wild Hog in the Woods

- Mon, June 4th - Co-ordinators Meeting for 40th Anniversary Planning @7pm
- Sat, July 21st - Barn Dance - @5pm Potluck @ Olin Park Barn
Dance starts @7pm
- Sat, Aug 18th - Gandy Dancer Festival
- All Day @ Mazomanie, WI
- Fri, May Nov 8 - 40th Birthday Concert Jam - @6pm

Common Chord / Tracy Jane Comer & Friends

- Sat, Jun 2 @ 7:00 pm - Common Chord - Chocolaterian Middleton, Middleton
- Fri, June, 15, 2018 @ 6:00 pm - Common Chord - The Hop Garden Tap Room/ Paoli Terrace and Park, Paoli
- Thu, Jun 21 @ 7:00 pm - Common Chord - The Brink Lounge, Madison
- Thu, Jul 19 @ 7:00 pm - Tracy Jane Comer w/Alan Maslowski with special guest singer-songwriter John Jacobs - The Brink Lounge, Madison
- Fri, August, 17, 2018 @ 6:00 pm - Common Chord - The Hop Garden Tap Room/ Paoli Terrace
- Sat, Oct 13 @ 7:00 pm - Common Chord - Lakeside St. Coffee House, Madison and Park, Paoli

Misc

Old Time Jam

Monthly - 3rd Sunday of every month, 4 to 6pm

EVP West 3809 Mineral Point Road

Coodinator: Al Wilson

cell: 608-572-0634

adwilson@pediatrics.wisc.edu

Madison Area Ukulele Initiative -- Singalongs 3rd Sunday 11am - 1:30pm
- for location visit www.MAUImadison.com

On the Air



Simply Folk on Wisconsin Public Radio w/ Dan Robinson, Host

Sun 5:00-8:00pm

Concerts recorded in Wisconsin, music and dance of people the world over. For playlists, calendars, station listings, and more, visit www.wpr.org/simplyfolk.



WORT 89.9 FM community radio

Sun -- 3:00-5:00pm

• "On the Horizon" w/ Ford Blackwell, Paul Novak, Gloria Hays & Helena White

Weekdays 9:00am-noon

- Mon - Global Revolutions (folk from the world over) w/ Dan Talmo & Martin Alvarado
- Tue -- Another Green World with Katie & Tessa
- Wed -- Back to the Country (country music on a theme) w/Bill Malone
- Thur -- Diaspora (folk and international) w/Terry O'
- Fri -- Mud Acres (bluegrass and acoustic) w/Chris Powers



WVMO The Voice of Monona - Promoting the best in Good Music - Roots Music - Americana Music Plus Community Members Hosted Shows Streaming Live and on your mobile device through tunein radio

• African/African-American Dance classes with live drumming -- Sun, 7:00-9:00pm -- Metro Dance, 3009 University Ave. -- 255-3677 / 251-4311

• SpiritMoves Ecstatic Dance 2nd and 4th Weds, 7:00-9:00 pm -- The Center for Conscious Living, 849 East Washington Ave. -- \$7 min. donation

• English Country Dance taught-1st, 3rd (and 5th) Mon7:30-9:30pm -- Wil-Mar Center, 953 Jenifer St. -- 238-9951 or 231-1040

• International Dancing -- Wed; classes 7:30-8:30pm, request dancing 8:30-11:00pm -- The Crossing, 1127 University Ave. -- 241-3655 and Sun, 8-10pm

• Irish Dancing -- Monthly Ceili and set dance events are posted at celticmadison.org/dance

• Italian Dancing -- Tue, 7:00-9:00pm, no experience or partner necessary -- 838-9403 (Philana)

• Madison Contra Dance Cooperative -- Tue; 7:30 jam band practice, intermediate level dancing 7:45-9:40pm -- \$5 for non-members -- Gates of Heaven, 302 E. Gorham -- 238-3394 (Steve)

• Morris Dancing -- Wed, 7:00pm - Neighborhood House 29 S Mills St. - casey.garhart@tds.net or John at 238-3847

• Scottish Country Dancing -- Sun, 7:00pm -- Wil-Mar Center, 953 Jenifer St. -- 358-4478

• Israeli Folk Dancing -- Tues, 7:00pm -- Will-Mar Center, 953 Jenifer St. Melissa Marver -- mdmarver@gmail.com

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