

Mad Folk News

Tall Ships, Sea Shanties & Tall Tales

Tom Kastle will be leading a sea shanty workshop at Muso Madison on July 18th called "Tall Ships, Sea Shanties & Tall Tales". Tom has been a maritime music performer, collector, and tall ship sailor for decades performing throughout the US, Canada, Europe and New Zealand and captaining ships on the Great Lakes like *Windy* and *Red*

Witch out of Chicago and the schooner *Denis Sullivan* out of Milwaukee for years. He puts the music together with actual shipboard experiences to show how shanties were sung and used back in the heyday of sail and how those traditions continue today. The workshop will include videos of using shanties as tools to get work done aboard ships

like the Charles W. Morgan, at Mystic Seaport and the story of how Great Lakes scows ended up across the world in Auckland. The workshop is followed by a concert.

Workshop 5:30- 6:30 pm
Concert 7: 00 pm

More info at www.muso-madison.com

Gigs

Our House

Invitation & Advance RSVP required. (located in Madison)

For full details or to request an invitation, contact Dave & Anne at annedave@chorus.net - 608-256-2958 or 335-7909 - Admission for all concerts is \$20 entirely for musicians

- Saturday, August 15th @6:30pm - The Rough and Tumble / Flagship Romance - \$20

Kiki's Righteous House of Music

Invitation & Advance RSVP required. (located in Madison)

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

- Sunday, August 9th - @4pm (doors at 3) and @7pm (doors at 6) Robbie Fulks - \$25
- Wednesday, August 12th - @8pm (doors at 7) Eric Bachmann

Louka and Co

Featuring: John Christensen on bass, ModernArte on support vocals and Avedis Mangooian on keys

- Tuesday, July 14th - @6:30pm at Mansion Hill Inn - 424 N. Pickney St, Madison - \$20

BHFS's 38th Annual Festival

Black Hawk Folk Society's 38th day-long music festival will be held Saturday, July 11. The day kicks off with an open mic at 10:30; scheduled performers from noon - 6. Performer line-up: Del Weed & His Sweet Rollers; Steam Machine (2 sets); David Stoddard & Karen Mal; Patty & Craig. Other highlights include a curated artisan and crafters fair and a raffle fundraiser for Black Hawk Folk Society, a 501(c)3 non-profit. Food is available from the Mt. Morris Pioneers 4-H Club. Advance tickets are \$22; at the gate \$25 (18 years and younger are free). For info regarding the open mic sign-up, artisan fair registration, or advance ticket purchase how-to, visit Black Hawk Folk Society's website www.blackhawkfolk.org or FB page. This is an outdoor festival held at Mt. Morris Town Park, N3847 County Road G, just outside Mt. Morris near Wautoma. Bring lawn chairs and whatever else you need to enjoy a day outside. (Rain site: Mountain View Community Center).





• See madfolk.org or our facebook page for latest show postings

♪ Check back soon for upcoming events



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

On the Air



Simply Folk on Wisconsin Public Radio w/ Síle Shigley, Jeff Durkey & Steve Gotcher

Sun 5:00-9:00pm

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 visit <https://wortfm.org> for more info!

• Sun 3pm - 5pm - On the Horizon (international, world, ethnic music) w/ Ford Blackwell, Paul Novak, Gloria Hays & Helena White

• Mon 9am to noon - Global Revolutions (folk music from the world over) w/ Dan Talmo & Martin Alvarado & Helena White

• Tue 9am to noon - Green Morning Radio (indie, folk, rock, alt, country, acoustic blues & singer-songwriters) w/ Brian Hirsh - Except Last Tuesday of the month - One Fine Morning w/ P.C. Allen

• Wed 9am to noon - Back to the Country (country music on a theme) w/ Steven & Marianne, Nate Gibson, Art Stevenson & Bill Malone

• Thur 9am to noon - Hejira (folk and international) w/ Jeff Spitzer-Resnick

• Fri - Mud Acres (bluegrass and acoustic) w/ Chris Powers



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Stuart Stotts

Weekly new song Facebook Live event. Song Premiere on Tuesday (SPOT) at 11AM
facebook.com/stuart.stotts

Sea Shanty Sing @Roxy's Restobar -- 208 W. Main St, Stoughton

No experience necessary. Songbooks provided and songs taught. 7pm every second Tuesday.

Open Mic @Cargo Coffee -- 750 E. Washington Ave.

Brave the stage or enjoy the show every first and third Sunday, 5-7pm. Sign-up starts at 4:30pm

Open Mic @Java Cat -- 4221 Lien Rd.

Check out local talent at the cafe's new location on the last two Sundays of each month.

Old Time Jam

Monthly - 3rd Saturday of every month, 2 to 5pm

Location: Brix Cider, Mt Horeb

Coodinator: Greg Jones, 7771jones@gmail.com

Al Wilson, adwilson@pediatrics.wisc.edu

Madison Area Ukulele Initiative -- Singalongs

3rd Sunday 11am - 1:30pm

- for location visit www.MAUImadison.com

Fox / Coyote - JEREMY MESSERSMITH 2026



Review by Kiki Schueler

The fox and the coyote are often depicted as charlatans and crafty con artists in myths, folk tales and fables. The fox often outwits larger animals in Celtic lore and Aesop's stories. While the coyote in Native American lore is often the hero, bringing fire, medicine and knowledge to humans, the coyote of Looney Tunes doesn't fare as well, his greed and hunger usually getting the better of him in his run-ins with the roadrunner. On his sixth full length release *Fox/Coyote*, Minneapolis Jeremy Messersmith gives these complicated characters a narrative voice, fox on side one, coyote on side two. He describes the duality like this, "Fox is a little more urban sounding, and Coyote is a little more "in the garage or out in a desert landscape" kind of a sound. Each side starts with a few trickster tunes that then give way to something a little more earnest, the heart of gold that exists inside the scoundrel." On the scale of concept records, this one definitely leans toward the abstruse side of the dial, but it does make for a good listen.

The "trickster tunes" that lead off each side are undeniable, inescapably catchy and accessible. The dreamy opening track "Billionaires" opens with a wish list that could be human as easily as vulpine, "I want to sing, I want to crow till dawn. I

want to howl, I want to walk through walls." The firmly Gen X Messersmith, who was born in 1978, calls the piano forward "Boomers" "a survival guide for the 21st century and an anthem for a generation" on TikTok. His tongue in cheek advice? "Don't be discouraged, time's on our side. I'll tell you the secret, how to get by. Just relax. Sip your wine. Stay alive. And wait for all the boomers to die." Since the record has eleven tracks, and I bought the streaming version, it's hard to know where canid A ends and the other begins. The tipping point is "I Don't Trust That Boy," which at first appears to have a love 'em and leave 'em callousness ("I don't trust that boy to break your heart, I wanna break your heart"), but turns out to be a hopeless romantic ("I would spend a lifetime loving you, then die and leave you first"). "Spiral Bound" definitely lands on the coyote side, as jangly guitar and propulsive beat hide the literal spiraling that's taking place. "I'm a hit at parties, got a lot of friends. Or would if I'd stop talking 'bout how the world will end. Or the flowers in Antarctica. Or the current genocide." He may think these characters are scoundrels, but he can't help making them likeable.

"Rainy Day Boyfriend" is another. He may sound like a commitment-phobe, but he's the one who actually understands, "You don't need a reason to cry, you can be blue and that's all right." There's a crushing honesty to "Lucky Number" that lies in stark contrast to every online dating profile ever posted. There are echoes of ELO's "Can't Get It Out of My Head" in the self-sabotage of "I Can't Get Out of My Own Way," with

trumpet replacing the 70's strings. The record closes with the piano ballad "The View," which could easily find its way onto a hipster wedding playlist. *Fox/Coyote* may not make it into the canon of best concept albums ever, but it's going to be on my list of favorite records this year.

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Contact us at madfolk@charter.net. Learn about concerts, membership, scholarships, and volunteer opportunities at www.madfolk.org.

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IT IS FESTIVAL SEASON!

We will be updating this each month, so please mark your calendar and keep checking back. These are all in Madison, unless noted. If you know of a festival not on this list, please feel free to send it to Darlene@blettner.com and we will add it. Get out there and enjoy the music!

- July 2nd – 5th – National Women’s Music Festival @ Marriott West
<https://nwmf.info/>
- July 3rd – 6th Catfish River Festival – Stoughton, WI
<https://www.catfishrivermusicfest.com/>
- July 9h – 12th La Fete De Marquette – Celebrating 20 years!
<https://www.facebook.com/lafetedemarquette/>
- July 11th -Black Hawk Folk Festival - Mt. Morris, WI
<https://www.blackhawkfolk.org/festival>
- July 19th Woodstock Folk Festival – Woodstock, IL
<https://woodstockfolkfestival.org/>
- July 25th -26th AtwoodFest
<https://www.atwoodfest.com/>
- July 31st and August 1st Sugar Maple Festival -
<https://sugarmaplefest.org/>
- August 7th – 9th – Shawano Folk Music Festival -Shawano, WI
<https://www.shawanofestival.org/>
- August 14th – 15th – Schenks Corners Block Party
<https://www.facebook.com/schenksblockparty/>
- August 15th - Ekin Park Festival
<https://www.facebook.com/ekenparkfest/>
- August 16th – Gandy Dancer Bluegrass Festival – Mazomanie, WI
<https://gandydancerfestival.org/>
- August 28nd – 30th – Great River Folk Festival – LaCrosse, WI
<https://www.greatriverfolkfest.org/>
- August 28th – 30st Orton Park Festival
<https://www.marquette-neighborhood.org/events/orton-park-festival>
- September 6th & 7th – Fox Valley Folk Festival – Geneva, IL (50TH anniversary!)
<https://www.fvfs.org/>
- September 12th – GreekFest
<https://madison-greekfest.org/>
- September 19th-20th -Willy Street Fair -Watch for the MadFolk Stage
<https://willystreetfair.org/>
- September 26th – The True North Food & Music Festival
<https://www.truenorthfest.com/>

Venues

muso
2040 Winnebago Street
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musomadison.com

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- Wednesdays 5 pm Madison Song Circle
- 2nd & 4th Saturdays, June 13 & 27, 2-4 pm Muso Bluegrass Jam with Davey Harrison
- 3rd Tuesdays, June 16, 7pm Sea Shanty Sing
- Friday July, 24th - @7pm Dark Gazebo in Concert (Steve Sanborn, Valerie Stromquist, Mac Robertson & Tim Sharpe)

The Bur Oak
2262 Winnebago Street
Madison, WI
theburoakmadison.com

The Bur Oak All shows @8pm (doors at 7)

- Friday, July 2nd, Seanie Vaughan
- Wednesday, July 3rd, Dylan LeBlanc w/ Carlyle Griffin
- Thursday, July 8th, The Steel Wheels
- Tuesday, July 10th, Colin Bracewell, Jacob Slade, Carly Cooper

The Malt House
2609 E. Washington Ave
Madison, WI
malthousetavern.com

The Malt House

- 1st Monday - Grandpa's Elixir
- 2nd Monday - The Kissers
- 3rd Monday - Material boys
- 4th Monday - Barley Brothers
- 1st Tuesday - Cajun Strangers
- 2nd Tuesday- Birds, Birds, Birds
- 3rd Tuesday - Onadara
- 4th Tuesday - Dollar Bill and The Bucks
- 1st Wednesday - The North Westerners
- 3rd Wednesday - Don't spook the horse

The Atwood Music Hall
1925 Winnebago Street
Madison, WI
theatwoodmusichall.com

The Atwood Music Hall

- Sat, July 25th - Big Mountain (acoustic) - @8pm (doors at 7)
- Fri, Aug. 28th - John McCutcheon - @8pm (doors at 7)



'More Barn!'

The Bridle Barn
9736 Blue Valley Rd
Mount Horeb, WI
bridlebarnandgardens.com

The Bridle Barn

- Sat, July 11th - Down From The Hills - @7pm (doors at 6)
- Sat, July 18th - Strangebyrds w/ Josh Harty - @7pm (doors at 6)
- Sat, July 25th - Strings To Roam - @7pm (doors at 6)



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

Cafe Carpe

- Wednesday, July 15th - @6:30pm - Round Robin w/ Tricia Alexander
- Thursday, July 16th - @8pm - Aaron Nathans & Michael Ronstadt / Tish Hinojosa
- Friday, July 17th - @8pm - Todd Albright / Diana Darby
- Saturday, July 18th - @8pm - Dave Rudolf
- Thursday, July 23rd - @8pm - Joe Pug

Black Hawk Folk Society

Mt. Morris Town Park
N3847 County Rd G
Wautoma

- Sat, July 11th - 38th annual Black Hawk Folk Music Festival - 10:30am to 6pm
- Sat, Aug. 8th - Krause Family Trio - @2pm
- Sat, Sept. 12th - Mean Mary - @2pm

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The date shown on the mailing label is NOT your membership expiration date!

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The date is just the date the labels were printed, as new cost-saving postal

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At that point you will be able to either mail a check or renew online at www.madfolk.org.

If you have questions about your membership in the meantime, send email to info@madfolk.org. Thanks for your membership and support of Mad Folk!

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