

Jutta & the Hi-Dukes™ comes to the Plank Road!

Experience a musical melting pot when Plank Road presents Jutta & the Hi-Dukes™ on **Saturday, May 2 at 8:00 PM** at the **Two Way Street Coffee House** in Downers Grove

When you mix three musicians; ten instruments (including violin, mandolin, guitar, kaval, dumbec, ocarina, penny whistle, sipsi, bass guitar and saxophone); music from twenty countries and vocals in sixteen languages, with energy and lots of audience interaction, things naturally start cooking! Jutta & the Hi-Dukes™ are chefs in the world-music kitchen. Their unique recipes for a good time contain spicy ingredients like hot Greek, Balkan, Klezmer and Gypsy pieces as well as bittersweet Yiddish and Ladino songs and dashes of Scandinavian salt. For dessert, they serve up some of their own compositions. With an international menu like this, it is safe to say that Jutta & the Hi-Dukes™ has something for every taste.

Since 1990 the group has been invited to present their special blend of music across the US, Canada and Europe, including the Winnipeg and the Earthsong festivals in Canada; the Bliss Fest, the Shawano Old Time Music Fest, the Spirits of the Woods Music Fest and the Fox Valley Folk Music and Storytelling Festival in America. They have toured Denmark three times. Other performances have been at clubs, dance parties, schools, business expositions and private events. In addition to being recording artists on the Flying Fish and Modal Music labels, Jutta & the Hi-Dukes™ members have performed on TV and radio. The Illinois Arts Council also accepted the group to be Illinois Artists in residence from 1994 through 1998.

Jutta & the Hi-Dukes™ will be presenting a concert for the first part of the evening, followed by a dance featuring Eastern European style music for the second half. *Admission is \$10, general; \$8 for PRFMS members.* Join us for this very special evening of music and dance!

Downer's Grove honors one of Plank Road's own!

A hearty congratulations goes out to Dave Humphreys, Plank Road board member and director of the Two Way Street Coffee House! Dave was awarded the 1997 Citizen of the Year by the Downers Grove Area Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

We all know how much we benefit from Dave's enthusiasm and encouragement at Plank Road. However, many of you may not be aware that he is currently a member of the Community Events Commission, the Downers Grove Library Board and the Downers Grove Visitors Bureau board. In the past, he has served on the Hotel Tax Advisory Board, the Economic Development Task Force, the DuPage County Mental Health Advisory Committee and was president of the DuPage County Board of Health. In addition to being founder and director of the Two Way Street Coffee House, and member of the board of directors of Plank Road Folk Music Society, Dave is also on the board of directors and serves as treasurer for North American Folk Music & Dance Alliance. Dave is also the current moderator (in effect the head officer) of the First Congregational Church of Downers Grove UCC.

In all, Dave Humphreys devotes more than 30 hours a week to his various activities, which are all volunteer positions. On those rare moments when he is not in touch with his community, or freelancing on the local music scene as a stand-up bassist, Dave is in touch with nature, backpacking through the Canadian Rockies. What has made all of his volunteer work possible is that he was offered early retirement from IBM, where he sold mainframe computers to corporations for 27 years.

"I have more time available now, so I'm doing more things," he said. "Now I am able to do a lot of volunteer stuff and supplement it with music." Dave stresses the importance of people donating time to good causes. "Volunteerism is a very important thing in our society. Our heritage was built on volunteerism. There's an awful lot of very important work that if it weren't for volunteers, it wouldn't get done." In response to this award, Dave said "I'm very honored and humbled. I'm grateful to receive this honor from my peers, people I know and consider my friends and associates. They're doing the same thing I'm doing—volunteering."

Plank Road Notes

Last January, Plank Roaders gathered at the Lombard Park District's Log Cabin for our Annual Meeting. We gathered around the fireplace and after conducting a brief business meeting, spent the rest of the evening playing music, visiting with friends old and new and sampling goodies at the snack table! We congratulated Dave Humphreys on receiving the 1997 Citizen of the Year award, announced earlier that day (see page 2 for details!). We had a great turn out, and, for a change, some pretty decent weather for the end of January!

The current board members are Marianne Mohrhusen, Cathy Jones, Charlie Lewis, Dave Humphreys, Tim Kendall and Jerry Burke. Marianne Mohrhusen will continue this year as president; Cathy Jones is secretary, and Charlie Lewis is treasurer. Despite the smaller than usual board, we are continuing with Plank Road activities, including Barn Dances, occasional concerts, Sing-a-Rounds, and other special events.

It was suggested that the Quarter Notes should include more review of Plank Road events and membership news. The editor would love to include this kind of information, but needs your help. If you have especially enjoyed a concert or activity, or think that there is a piece of news that needs to be shared with the membership at large, give the editor (Cathy Jones) a call at 630/889-9121 (feel free to leave a message) or drop me a line at: 36 E. Hickory St., Lombard, IL 60148. [Editor's Note: I am willing to edit and/or write the article. Just include the pertinent information, or the suggestion and I will do what I can to include it.]

All in all, the state of Plank Road is pretty good! We have a great concert coming up **May 2nd** with **JUTTA & THE HI-DUKES™** (see article on page 2 for details). They have played at the Fox Valley Folk Music and Storytelling Festival for the past several years, and we are looking forward to having them on the Plank Road schedule. They will be providing a concert and a dance, featuring their eastern European style music. We'll finish out the season with a **Barn Dance Party** on **May 30th** at Two Way Street Coffee House (see page 1 for details). Our Barn Dance last February was a lot of fun, with a great turn out! We look forward to seeing you all again on May 30th! See you down the old Plank Road!



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Cassette: "Songs We've Shared"		\$10	
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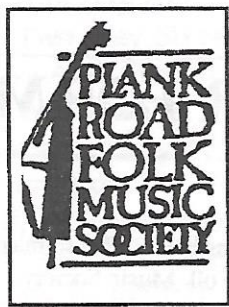
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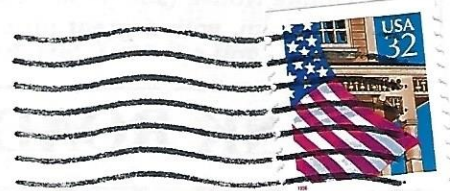
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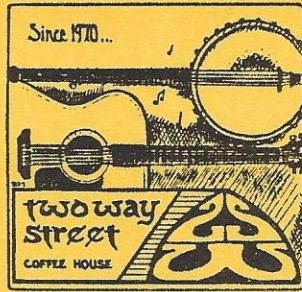


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ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

- Friday March 27 **JAMES McCANDLESS & JULIANNE MACARUS** — Two great *Waterbug* recording artists return! Outstanding songs are topical, romantic, poignant, sometimes gritty, always engaging. With guitars and fiddle.
- Friday April 3 **JIM GARY** — From the Kerrville Festival stage to Nashville's Bluebird Cafe to the here and now, Jim's charm, wit, and great songwriting makes a believer out of you. Vivid imagery, moving ballads, upbeat humor. Guitar.
- Friday April 10 **LARRY SWENSON** — A mix of contemporary Canadian and American folksongs, featuring the music of Stan Rogers and other great songwriters. A big and sensitive voice together with excellent 6- and 12-string guitars.
- Friday April 17 **** OPEN MIKE **** Anyone is welcome to perform, and we always have a great variety of acoustic performers. So popular that we often must limit the number of acts. 1-3 songs, 10 minutes max. **Open at 7:30 for signups** — first come, first served. For more information, phone 630-968-5526.
- Friday April 24 **JAMIE ANDERSON** — Tucson singer-songwriter, touring North America since 1987. Excellent songs: a blend of folk with a touch of country, rock and world beat. Beautiful guitar work, and a wacko sense of humor!
- Friday May 1 **MARGO HENNEBACH** — From Connecticut, she tours the US, returning here with award-winning songwriting, wide-ranging vocals, and strong piano and guitar. "Amazing creativity." (*SingOut!*) Two excellent CD's!
- Friday May 8 **KAT EGGLESTON** — Compelling lyrics and intricate guitar styles touch listeners with honesty, power, imagination and great musicianship! Great *Waterbug* CD's—her latest: *Outside Eden*. Guitar, hammered dulcimer.
- Friday May 15 **TOM DUNDEE** — A true "folk legend," this Chicago native now lives and records in Nashville, touring the US and Europe with fresh, honest, and witty songs, warm performing style, and expert guitar. A new CD, too!
- Friday May 22 **PAULA JOY WELTER** — Prize-winning California songwriter brings nostalgic, moving songs and intriguing fingerpicked guitar style. Her CD, *Morning Light*: "jewel of a voice...in a spectacular setting." (*SingOut!*)
- Friday May 29 **TERRY MACNAMARA** — A songwriter whose lyrics are strongly visual, like "little movies." A strong instrumentalist also, he performed in *Grapes of Wrath* with Michael Smith on Broadway. Folk, country and blues styles.
- Friday June 5 **** OPEN MIKE **** (see April 17 listing above)
- Friday June 12 **RICK NEELEY** — Songs of Bob Gibson, Gordon Lightfoot and others, plus originals. Veteran of coffee houses and concerts since the 60's with a big voice and excellent guitar and banjo, he also performs with *Acoustic Prism*.
- Friday June 19 **MICHAEL McNEVIN** — From California, he crisscrosses the country playing major festivals and tiny cafes, meeting interesting people, and writing it all down in great songs! Kerrville winner, terrific guitar skills.

Saturday May 16 8:00 pm	Lee Murdock in Concert! — A special concert in our big room featuring Lee and his band. Noted for his songs of the Great Lakes, he also presents other songs, from ancient Celtic music to Scott Joplin rags to contemporary. Outstanding guitar, too! \$10 advance, \$12 at the door.
Sunday May 24 3:00-6:00 pm	Our Mothers, Ourselves: Music, Poetry and Lunacy — A very special afternoon concert featuring two greats: <i>Tricia Alexander</i> and <i>Diana Laffey</i> honoring the connections to the women in our lives. Bring an unframed photo of your grandmother, mother, daughter, etc. These will be (non-destructively) mounted for exhibit (and returned.) This promises to be a memorable event, bring your mom, sister, grandmother ... you will not be disappointed! \$5
Saturday May 30 8:00 pm	Barn Dance! — Kick up your heels to the old-time music of our great string band. Fun for the whole family! All dances are taught and called by Marianne Mohrhuse. No experience, costume or partner needed. Co-sponsored by the Plank Road Folk Music Society. \$4.00.
Friday, Saturday, Sunday June 26, 27, 28	HERITAGE FESTIVAL Folk Music Fest — Our annual outdoor concerts presented in conjunction with Downers Grove's popular <i>Heritage Festival</i> . More information soon, but plan now for appearances by many of your Two Way Street favorites, and also appearances by <i>Anne Hills</i> , <i>Steve Gillette & Cindy Mangsen</i> , <i>The Volo Bogtrotters</i> and <i>James Keelaghan</i> , and a <i>Barn Dance</i> featuring <i>The Salt Creek Ramblers</i> . All this, plus much more music from Bach to rock, street fair, amusement rides, car show, beer garden, food and more!
April 18 May 16 June 20	Sing-Arounds — Our popular song circles where beginners and experienced musicians can learn and/or share songs. Listeners and singers welcome too! Songbooks provided. Plank Road Folk Music Society co-sponsors. 3rd Saturday afternoon of each month at 2.00 pm.

Watch *From the Coffee House* on DGT, Downers Grove Cable Television Channel 21, Mondays at 7:30 pm

Live entertainment is featured every Friday night beginning at 8:45. Doors open 7:30. \$3.00 donation requested (subject to change). Refreshments available. Please call us at 630-969-9720 for current entertainment listings. Also open Monday evenings at 8:00. The *Two Way Street Coffee House* is a not-for-profit community project of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Downers Grove. Member: Plank Road Folk Music Society, Fox Valley Folklore Society, Old Town School of Folk Music, Aural Tradition, and North American Folk Alliance.