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A Membership Night Concert

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Jutta & the Hi-Dukes™

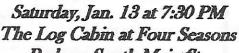
Saturday, March 31 at 8:00 PM
Admission: \$12/\$10 PRFMS members
At the Two Way Street Coffee House
1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove
Join us for this special evening of wonderful
multi-ethnic music & dance and bring a friend to

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PLANK ROAD ANNUAL MEETING

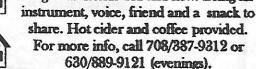




Roosevelt Rd & 22nd St.)



All are encouraged to join us as we review the past year's events and prepare for the coming year, including election of officers & board members. Lots of music and visiting with friends old and new! Bring an instrument, voice, friend and a snack to







2nd Sat. of the month from 2:00-4:00 PM Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard, IL 630/889-9121 or 630/916-1356

All are welcome to join us as we brush up on our fiddle tunes and dance band etiquette.

* SAT.: Jan. 13, Feb. 10, March 10

Barn Dance Party with Live String Band Music!

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Sat., Feb. 10 at 8:00 PM at the Two Way Street Coffee House

Admission: \$4.00

Join us for an evening of music and dancing, fun for the entire family! The Plank Road All Volunteer String Band will provide music, and caller Marianne Mohrhusen will walk you through all the dances at our No Experience Necessary Barn Dance. Special rates for groups of eight (see inside for details). For more info, call 708/387-3312 or 630/889-9121.

Sing-A-Rounds

1st & 3rd Sat. of the month from 2:00-4:00 PM

Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 630/969-9720.

Everyone is welcome! Good opportunity to get together with other players. Songbooks are provided.

Sat: Jan. 6&20, Feb. 3&17, Mar. 3&17

Jutta and the Hi-Dukes™ come to Plank Road Sat., March 31

Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. Sat., March 31 at 8 PM. Admission. \$12/\$10 PRFMS members; Information. 708/387-9312 or 630/889-9121

In March, we welcome Jutta and the Hi-DukesTM back to the Plank Road stage to help celebrate the work of the Plank Road Folk Music Society to introduce our community to the many aspects of the world of folk music. We are sending out a special invitation to our community to come in and find out who the Plank Road Folk Music Society is and what we are all about. We are encouraging our members to spread the word about this special evening to any friends of folk music you know who may not be aware of Plank Road Folk Music Society.

Jutta and the Hi-DukesTM presents music from twenty countries and vocals in sixteen languages, using a variety of instruments (including violin, mandolin, guitar, kaval, dumbec, ocarina, penny whistle, sipsi, bass guitar, and saxophone). Combined with energy and lots of audience interaction, Jutta and the Hi-DukesTM prove they are master 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 (Spanish-Jewish language) songs and dashes of Scandinavian salt. For desert, they serve up some of their own compositions. With an international menu like this, it is safe to say that Jutta and the Hi-DukesTM has something for every taste.

Since 1990 this group has been invited to present their special blend of music across the US, Canada and Europe, including many of the larger folk festivals. They have toured Denmark several times. In addition to being recording artists on the Flying Fish and Modal Music labels, Jutta and the Hi-DukesTM 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 and the Hi-DukesTM presented a lively and entertaining show at Plank Road two years ago, and we are looking forward to a great evening of music and dance on March 31! We encourage all of you to join us for this special evening, learning about some different looking and sounding instruments, music, languages, folk traditions, dance steps, etc., as well as a celebration of Plank Road's 17 years of introducing folk music traditions to our communities in the Western Suburbs. Bring along some friends—in fact, bring up to two non-member guests and they get in at member prices! Check out our new Plank Road shirts! Let's sign up some new members! This is sure to be a fun evening for all ages!

From the President ...

The Plank Road Folk Music Society has always been an organization that has promoted getting involved in and with folk music. Our most popular activities are the sing-a-rounds, barn dance band practices, and parties! Even our Last Thursday event for high school and college aged students is going strong!

Plank Road is always looking for people who are interested in sharing their many talents with us! There are lots of different ways you can be included in Plank Road activities. Whether it is sitting at an information table for an hour at an event, or helping to serve refreshments, or helping set up chairs, or helping to create or mail publicity materials, or helping lead a singaround, or coming to a board meeting with an idea for an activity, or coming to a meeting just to find out what is happening, there is something for everyone. I would like to encourage all our members to consider helping out at one activity this year. You may read about an event in the Quarter Notes that catches your interest, or something you hear about at another event, or you may consider coming to a meeting to find out what is going on and what the needs are for upcoming events.

If you have any interest at all in ways you may be able to help at Plank Road, give me a call at (630)889-9121 and let's talk about ways you can get involved. If you do not feel comfortable committing to anything, you don't have to. I look forward to finding out more about our members and their interests—whether you contribute time or not. So give me a call!

Cathy

Plank Road's Winter Events Listing

JANUARY

- 6 (Saturday) PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND. Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! Songbooks provided. Beginners and experienced musicians are welcome to learn and/or share favorite songs. Listeners and singers are welcome too! For more info, call 630/969-9720. Co-sponsored by the Two Way Street Coffee House and the Plank Road Folk Music Society.
- ♦ 13 (Saturday) BARN DANCE BAND PRACTICE. Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. All are welcome to join us as we brush up on our fiddle tunes and barn dance etiquette. For information: 630/889-9121. Co-sponsored by the Jones Family Music School and the Plank Road Folk Music Society.
- 13 (Saturday) PLANK ROAD ANNUAL MEETING. Lombard Log Cabin at Four Seasons Park, located on South Main St. between Roosevelt Rd. and 22nd St., Lombard. 7:30 PM Join us for our annual meeting, including information, updates, voting in new officers, lots of music, food and visiting! Bring your instrument(s) and/or voices and a snack to share. For more information, call 708/387-9312 or 630/889-9121 (evenings).
- ♦ 20 (Saturday) PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND. Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! Songbooks provided. Beginners and experienced musicians are welcome to learn and/or share favorite songs. Listeners and singers are welcome too! For more info, call 630/969-9720. Co-sponsored by the Two Way Street Coffee House and the Plank Road Folk Music Society.
- 25 (Thursday) LAST THURSDAY: IT'S OUR TURN Two Way Street Coffee House, 1077 Curtiss St, Downers Grove. 7:30 PM—9:30 PM Plank Road's new open mike for high school and college aged students, who are invited to unplug and perform in one of the best rooms in the Chicago area. Sound system and microphones will be set up and waiting for bands, solos or whatever to perform or try out some new music. For details, call 630/969-9720. If you want to help out and/or spread the word, call Dave Reynolds at 630/964-0305 or Tricia Rush at 630/668-3429. Co-sponsored by Two Way Street Coffee House and the Plank Road Folk Music Society.

FEBRUARY

- ♦ 3 (Saturday) PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND. Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! Like the third Saturday Sing-a-round, beginners and experienced musicians are welcome to learn and/or share favorite songs. Listeners and singers are welcome too! Songbooks provided. For more information, call 630/969-9720. Co-sponsored by the Two Way Street Coffee House and the Plank Road Folk Music Society.
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- 15-18 (Thurs. through Sun.) FOLK ALLIANCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE in Vancouver, British Columbia. The 13th annual International Folk Alliance Conference. An estimated 2000 folkies will converge for four days of business, education, music and fun. Folk Alliance members are performers, agents, media, record companies, merchandisers, presenters, and other organizations and individuals actively promoting

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Plank Road Winter Events, continued

and fostering traditional and contemporary folk music, dance, storytelling, and related performing arts in North America. The annual conference includes talent showcasing, discussion of current events/issues, "how-to" sessions, regional and peer group meetings, and a large exhibit hall. Plank Road board member Dave Humphreys is President of the Folk Alliance. For more information about this conference or other activities, contact him at 630-968-5526 or e-mail at dhump@interaccess.com or check the web at: www.folk.org

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MARCH

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- ◆ 31 (Saturday) JUTTA & THE HI-DUKES™ In Concert. Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 8:00 PM Admission: \$12/\$10 for Plank Road Members. Join us for this evening of multi-ethnic music with the Jutta & The Hi-Dukes™. An energetic and lively evening of Greek, Balkan, Klezmer, Gypsy, Yiddish, Ladino and Scandinavian music with many different types of instruments and perhaps some lessons in Eastern European dance steps. Fun for all ages! For more info, call 708/387-9312 or 630/889-9121. Co-sponsored by Two Way Street Coffee House and the Plank Road Folk Music Society. (See article for more information on this concert!)

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Plank Road Annual Meeting

Hey folks!

It's that time again! Come and join us for the Plank Road Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 13, at 7:30 PM at the Log Cabin in Lombard. The Log Cabin is located in Four Seasons park on south Main Street (Lombard) between Roosevelt Rd and 22nd Street (at the stop light). We will be reviewing this past year, looking at the year ahead, electing new officers and playing lots of music! Bring a snack to share, your instrument and/or voice and your ideas and join us for a warming evening around the fire with friends and music.

One important item of business is making sure that we have our board of directors and officers in place for the new year. We are always looking for willing workers—if you are interested in being on our board of directors, contact Cathy Jones at (630) 889-9121 or Marianne Mohrhusen at (708) 387-9312 to get more information. Basically, board members meet four to six times a year and bring in ideas for events and activities—what to do, how to do it, etc. All are welcome to attend meetings, whether you are on the board or not. Again, call Cathy or Marianne to get information on meeting dates and times.

As always, the focus of our annual meeting will be to gather around the fireplace and share in the singalong. All ages are welcome. I think the biggest bonus of this meeting is the time spent visiting with friends and sharing music. I encourage all our members to come out for any or all of the evening. We usually wind down about 10:30 or 11:00 PM. We'd love to see you all there! For more info, call (630) 889-9121.

Cathy Jones President

Plank Road's Winter Barn Dance

Our next Plank Road Barn Dance is on Saturday, February 10 at 8:00 PM at the Two Way Street Coffee House in Downers Grove. As with all our other dances, all are welcome. Marianne Mohrhusen will teach and call the dances, with music by the Plank Road All-Volunteer String Band.

Naturally, the evening will include dances for all-circles, squares, polkas, waltzes and more! Marianne even has dances especially for the younger ones in the crowd! We are offering a special deal this dance. Bring your own square (that is a group of eight) for a group rate of \$24 (that's an \$8.00 savings!). Spread the word to any groups you may know who will want to get in on the fun!

Tables will be set up around the edge of the room to allow for visiting with friends enjoying music between dances. Our dances are informal, with no costumes needed, no dance experience necessary—in fact, you don't even have to bring a partner! All ages are welcome! If you are interested in sitting in with the band, come around 7:30 PM to tune up and warm up with a few tunes! Join us for a warming evening this mid-winter! For more information, call (708) 387-9312 or (630) 889-9121.

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ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

COFFEE HOUSE	
Friday January 5	ANDY YOUNG — Excellent hammered dulcimer player and singer/songwriter returns with traditional and contemporary Celtic and French Canadian songs, plus originals. Also Irish flute, tin whistle. Fiddler Jonathan Whitall joins!
Friday January 12	SANDY ANDINA — She returns to our stage after several years absence with excellent and entertaining original songs (including some hilarious political satire!) plus folk, pop and traditional tunes with guitar and mountain dulcimer.
Friday January 19	ANNA STANGE — Sing-alongs, lilting ballads and songs to tickle your funny bone, including lots of audience participation. Songs ranging from Leadbelly and Pete Seeger to blues and bluegrass songs with guitar and banjo. Fun!
Friday January 26	SUSAN SMENTEK & KEITH BAUMANN — Excellent duo returns with country, swing, jazz and originals. Susan's sweet and sultry vocals blend with Keith's virtuoso mandolin, guitar and dobro for a great show!
Friday February 2	KAT EGGLESTON — Compelling lyrics, beautiful alto voice, and eloquent fingerpicked guitar and hammered dulcimer touch listeners with honesty, power, imagination and great musicianship! Great Waterbug CD's.
Friday February 9	LIVE BAIT — This versatile "acoustical" trio adapts traditional and contemporary folk, blues, jazz, bluegrass and more to their own unique style. Tight vocal harmonies, performed with guitars, harmonica and bass.
Friday February 16	DAN ZAHN & CHRIS McNAMARA — Zahn is a master songwriter and outstanding on guitar and mandolin. Chris adds great vocals and harmonies! An eclectic show of new and old songs, and Celtic and bluegrass instrumentals.
Friday February 23	MIKE CASEY — Country folk, 18th century British ballads and old-time fiddle tunes in the tradition of the Carter Family and Norman Blake. Humorous stories and shameless puns, too! Guitar, banjo and fiddle.
Friday March 2	NANCY WALKER & JENNY McCARTHY —Female Songwriters You Wanna Hear! Nancy: formerly of "Sons of the Never Wrong," her songs come from the soul. Jenny: often compared to Suzanne Vega and Phoebe Snow!
Friday March 9	ON THE MAINLINE — Harmonica virtuoso Joe Filisko joins excellent vocalist Anita Miller for stunning duets! Guitar and slide guitar too. Joe teaches harmonica at Old Town School and Augusta Heritage Center.
Friday March 16	** OPEN MIKE ** Anyone is welcome to perform, and we always have a great variety of acoustic performers. So popular we must limit the number of acts. 1-3 songs, 10 minutes max. Open at 7:30 for signups — first come, first served. Show starts 8:00. For more information, phone 630-968-5526.
Friday March 23	BILL CAMPLIN — Outstanding singer/songwriter/guitarist and co-owner of the legendary Cafe Carpe music venue in Wisconsin. "Rich, deeply felt musical portraits and journeys." (Andrew Calhoun) "Pure poetry." (Kevin Lynch)
Friday March 30	JIM BARTHOLOMEW — "Totally live and mostly acoustic" says this excellent singer/songwriter, entertainer, and veteran of country, blues and rock bands. He believes music should move you to laugh, cry, and boogie!
Sunday February 4, 4:00 pm	Weavermania! — Michael Smith, Mark Dvorak, Barbara Barrow and Tom Dundee re-create the joy and magic of the Weavers. Advance tickets and information: 630-968-0358.
Saturday February 10 8:00 pm	Barn Dance Party! — 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 Mohrhusen. No experience, costume or partner needed. Co-sponsored by the Plank Road Folk Music Society. \$4.00.
Sunday March 18 4:00 pm	Tricia Alexander, Diana Laffey & Small Potatoes — Three great acts team up for a unique show featuring all new, never-performed songs. They've done this twice before, and it's so much fun (and challenging!) they want to do it again! "Be the first in your neighborhood" \$7.00
January 6 & 20 February 3 & 17 March 3 & 17	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. First and third Saturday afternoons of each month at 2:00 pm.
Thursdays Dec 28, Jan 25 Feb 22, March 29 7:00-9:30 pm	LAST THURSDAY: It's <i>OUR</i> Turn! — A monthly unplugged open mike for high school and college age students on the last Thursday of every month. Music, poetry and other performance arts — 10 minutes max. Doors open 7:00 for signups — first come, first served. More info on our website (www.twowaystreet.org) or phone 630-968-5526.

Watch From the Coffee House on DGTV, Downers Grove Cable Television Channel 6, 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. 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 Folkiore Society, Old Town School of Folk Music, Aural Tradition, and North American Folk Alliance. Please call us at 630-969-9720 for current entertainment listings, or visit us on the web at www.twowaystreet.org