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**January 2009
Newsletter &
Performer
Application**

**35th Annual
Alaska Folk Festival
April 13-19, 2009**



**2009
Guest
Artists**

**March 6 is the DEADLINE
for Performer Applications**



Songs from days old, with the occasional spice of something new and interspersed with uncontrolled gales of laughter and the odd ancient couplet revisited, that pretty much sums up **De Temps Antan!** Éric Beaudry, André Brunet and Pierre-Luc Dupuis have since the fall of 2003 been exploring and giving a new touch to old melodies from the Québec landscape, amusing themselves as they hum tunes learnt through an oral heritage that is still alive and well today. Accompanied by the fiddle, accordion, harmonica, guitar, bouzouki and countless other instruments, the three partners render the energy and contagious joie de vivre of traditional Québec music with a disconcerting ease. Your presence is the last piece of this puzzle! Come enjoy an evening unlike any other... with De Temps Antan. The Alaska Folk Festival is proud to present De Temps Antan as this years Guest Artists.

ANDRÉ BRUNET was born in Lacolle, in Quebec’s Montérégie region. Growing up, it was his parents who first noticed his keen interest in music and encouraged him to follow his passion. André’s first love was for the violin and,



at the age of nine, he began taking lessons. Along with brother Réjean, he created Les Frères Brunet and went on to record several albums and perform at various concerts around the world. In 1997, André’s unwavering energy and refined style earned him a spot with La Bottine Souriante, with whom he toured more than 15 countries over the course of 10 years. Although his journey with La Bottine Souriante came to an end in 2006, André remained immersed in traditional music. At the Grand Masters Fiddling Competition in August 2008—an event showcasing more than twenty violinists from across Canada— André took home top honours as “Grand Master of Canada.” It was the first time a Quebecer had won the prestigious award since the competition’s inception in 1990. Whether he’s accompanying his wife Martine Billette for a piano duet, or playing alongside fiddle stylists Kevin Burke (Ireland), Christian Lemaître (Brittany) and Ged Foley of Celtic Fiddle Festival, André feels right at home on any stage.

Today, his passion for traditional Quebec music continues to pave the way for dance and swing enthusiasts the world over—a true journey of musical discovery.

PIERRE-LUC DUPUIS was born in Louiseville, in Quebec’s Mauricie region, and hails from a lineage where traditional music was always at the forefront of daily life. Although he began singing with his family at a very young age, Pierre-Luc was somewhat of a late musical bloomer, taking up the accordion at 18! But what he lacked in experience he made up for in determination. At 19, he founded Les Langues Fourchures, with whom he recorded his first album in 2001. For the next 4 years, he helped the band pay its dues and make its mark throughout Quebec, and in 2003, he joined La



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Alaska Folk Festival Membership Form

35th Annual Alaska Folk Festival: April 13-19, 2009



Amount \$ _____	
___ Member	(\$15 - \$29)
___ Sustaining Member	(\$30 - \$49)
___ Friend	(\$50 - \$99)
___ Patron	(\$100 - \$249)
___ Benefactor	(\$250 and above)
<input type="checkbox"/> Please do not list my name in the program.	

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Amount: \$ _____	Visa or Mastercard ONLY										
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Signature: _____											

All members receive the Festival newsletters. Benefactors, Patrons, Friends, and Sustaining Members will be listed in the Festival program (deadline: March 26, 2009). Please mail to: Alaska Folk Festival, PO Box 21748, Juneau, Alaska 99802. Thank You!

January 2009 Newsletter

Comings and Goings

Amy Randolph is leaving Juneau. Yes, it's true! Amy has been a valuable addition to the board of the Alaska Folk Festival for the last two years, lending her skills to merchandizing, program advertising and many other tasks. Amy has selflessly jumped in with both feet to assist the Festival and she will be sorely missed. We wish her and her family all the best in the new home in Anchorage.

The Alaska Folk Festival would like to welcome our newest member **Carol Ackerson**. Carol will be filling Amy's spot on the board.

2009 Annual Membership Meeting

The annual membership meeting will be held at the Juneau Arts and Culture Center (former Armory), across the parking lot from Centennial Hall, at **5:00 pm, Friday, April 17, 2009**. Please plan on attending. It provides us an opportunity to hear your concerns. We love to hear from you. It is your Folk Festival. And the only way we can make it better is with your input. Election of board members, pizza and soft drinks are on the agenda for all current AFF members.

AFF Board Members through AFF 35

AFF Board members are all volunteers who love the Alaska Folk Festival and are willing to serve a three-year term working on the board, organizing the Festival. Here are the board members through the next Festival, with term expiration years shown.

Greg McLaughlin, President (exp '10)

Terry Hoskinson, Vice President (exp '09)

Jamie Brown, Treasurer (exp '11)

Linda Frame, Secretary (exp '09)

Amy Randolph (exp '10)

Scott Burton (exp '10)

Pat Henry (exp '11)

Get your name printed above!

There are 2 seats on the board up for election this year. Since one or more of these people may not run for re-election, it is your chance to assist in running a fine organization. Your energy and vision can help make the Alaska Folk Festival successful for many years to come. Come check out this great opportunity at any board meeting, then run for a board member seat in April.

AFF Board Meetings

AFF meetings are open to the public. As the 35th Annual Alaska Folk Festival approaches, your help is appreciated. Our next meeting is on Thursday, January 29 at 7:00 pm in the KTOO conference room. The February meeting has not been set. Please keep an eye to our website if you plan to attend the February meeting. We will meet weekly, every Thursday evening beginning March 12 at 7:00 pm in the conference room at KTOO. If you have suggestion, comments or just want to jump in and help, please stop by.

AFF Contacts & Info Sources

Phone: 907-463-3316
Email: info@alaskafolkfestival.org
Address: PO Box 21748, Juneau AK 99801
Web Site: <http://AkFolkFest.org>
ListServ: <http://groups.yahoo.com/aff-l/>

Alaska Folk Festival Membership

Is Your Mailing Label correct?

Please check your mailing label. Did we figure out your handwriting on the membership form and get your name spelled correctly?? Is the other information on the label correct? Give us a call if we goofed.

The EXPIRATION DATE, as it appears on the mailing label, is 12 months after your membership donation. If your mailing label says "Member for: 2009 AFF" you are a member in good standing for AFF35. We will list all Sustaining and higher members in the program, unless you ask us not to. If you have checked the "do not list" your name box on the membership form, you should see "dnl--" preceding the Membership Level on your mailing label.

If you are not a current AFF member, send in the form and \$15 or more and you'll be set for the next year.

Why become an AFF member?

The Alaska Folk Festival is funded primarily by memberships (75% of the annual cost of putting on the Festival), individuals, families and businesses (some of whom also donate goods and services). The rest of the AFF's funding comes from sales of merchandise at the Membership table, donations and occasional fund raising concerts.

There are four ingredients that go into each Alaska Folk Festival: musicians (450-500), an audience (10,000+ for the week), volunteers (250+) and members (800+ households).

If you really want to enjoy the 35th Annual Alaska Folk Festival coming up this April, 2009, become a member (or renew) to help make it happen.

If you find a mistake on your mailing label, give me a call, or leave a message on the AFF voice mail, 463-3316.

Michael Sakarias 586-4422
Keeper of the AFF database/ mailing list

Festival Program Ads

Ads for the printed festival program are now available. Prices begin at \$75 for the 1/8 page size. See our webpage at AkFolkFest.org/AdSales.php or email Carol at Ads@AkFolkFest.org for more information. Pass the word along to people and businesses that may be interested. There are many ways to help support your folk festival.



Volunteer Organizers Needed

The Alaska Folk Festival is looking for volunteers to help organize:

- Annual Family Dance
- Children's Concert
- Songwriters Showcase
- Backdrop

If you or anyone you know wants to take on one or more of these jobs, please contact us.

There are many volunteer opportunities to help make our folk festival happen. It's fun and easy, just fill out and return the enclosed Volunteer Form.

Performer Application DEADLINE MARCH 6

Application process. Please look carefully at the applications before filling out. The yellow performer application is two-sided. The front side is mainstage performance and the back is playing for a dance. **PLEASE FILL OUT ONE SIDE ONLY.**

The **workshop application** is on pink paper. Please think about the workshop you would like to present and let us know as many details as possible.

The **volunteer form** is on blue paper. It too has changed somewhat. Please look each one over carefully and think about what you want to do.

REMEMBER: THE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 6, 2009. That means the application must be in our hands by March 6. Applications received after March 6 will be placed on the stand-by list. Volunteer forms may be submitted any time, but sooner is better.

Request for 2010 Artwork

We are accepting artwork for the 36th Annual Alaska Folk Festival to be held at Centennial Hall on April 5 -11, 2010. The artwork will be used on T-shirts, mugs and other merchandise sold at the festival. Please send artwork to Alaska Folk Festival PO Box 21748, Juneau, AK 99802, or give it to a board member.

AFF Website: AkFolkFest.org

Did you know there is a wealth of information available at the AFF website?

- Performer information, advice and answers to FAQ's
- On stage tips for performers
- Applications & forms: performer, workshop, volunteer
- Tentative Schedule (available sometime in mid March)
- Web links to many of our AFF performers
- Guest artist information and history
- Color images of all the past art posters
- Newsletters available for downloading
- Online membership - join right now

Better check it out at <http://AkFolkFest.org> or <http://AlaskaFolkFestival.org> (either name works).

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Bottine Souriante, one of the province's best-known music groups. Since then, he's wowed audiences from Dublin to Porto and Budapest to Melbourne with his unique humour and warmhearted charisma. Since ending his journey with La Bottine Souriante in 2008, Pierre-Luc has devoted himself to his true love—De Temps Antan.

ÉRIC BEAUDRY was first exposed to traditional Quebec music in Saint-Côme, a village in Quebec's Lanaudière region. Raised by a family entrenched in music, he began singing and playing guitar at the age of 10. In 1992, he unleashed his musical ambitions on local audiences by founding La Galvaude, followed-up later by Ni Sarpe Ni Branche and Norouet. Éric's passion for music also helped foster an interest in song, which led to several awards including a 2002 Prix Mnémo for his role in producing the album *Musique gaspésienne*, featuring violinist Édouard Richard. In 2003, hot on the heels of this success, Éric became a member of La Bottine Souriante. Éric's love of music also spurred a passion for enlightening others and, following the completion of a Bachelor of Arts in pop guitar and jazz, Éric began teaching traditional music at Joliette's CEGEP régional de Lanaudière in 2002. Wherever he performs, Éric's rich vocal range and unquestionable talent on stringed instruments - guitar, mandolin and bouzouki - guarantee a rousing performance for all.



35th Annual



Alaska Folk Festival

April 13-19, 2009 🎵 Centennial Hall, Juneau, Alaska

2009 AFF Artist: Kathy Hocker

The 2009 Alaska Folk Festival artwork was created by Juneau artist Katherine Hocker. Kathy is a writer, illustrator, and teacher who has been attending the folk festival since 1992.

This coming April, while folk instruments ring out inside Centennial Hall, local birds will be performing their own spring music. Winter wrens will belt out high-powered waterfalls of song. Townsend's warblers will sing wheezy, breezy phrases. Varied thrushes will trill high and eerily. Red-breasted nuthatches will sing their pulsing, nasal notes... and even though Steller's jays are better known for their raucous calls, they'll be singing too: very soft, surprisingly sweet warbles.

Gold Street Music

Gold Street Music offers a wonderful opportunity to hear local musicians in an acoustic setting. On the first Saturday of each month, Gold Street Music presents these performances at Resurrection Lutheran Church, on the corner of 10th Street and Glacier Avenue, at 7:30 pm. Check the Alaska Folk Festival website for list of performers one to two weeks prior to each event.

February 7 performers:

- Ed Schoenfeld**
- Beth Leibowitz & Jacque Farnsworth**
- Pat Henry**
- Martha & Jim Stey**

\$5 at the door. See you there!

January-May 2009 Contra Dance Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Caller</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
Th 1/29	Tom Paul	Lis and Leif/Jig is Up	Capital School	7:30-9:30 pm
Th 2/12	Odette Foster	Lis and Leif/Jig is Up	Capital School	7:30-9:30 pm
S 2/21	Tom Paul	Full Circle	St. Ann's	7:30-11:00 pm
S 3/14	Odette Foster	Red Steer	Centennial Hall	7:30-11:00 pm
Th 3/19	Tom Paul	Impromptu	Capital School	7:30-9:30 pm
Th 4/9	Odette Foster	Jerry Fiscus and Friends	Capital School	7:30-9:30 pm
F 4/17		AFF Coffee & Jam	JACC	9am - 3pm
Th 5/7	Tom Paul	Happy to Be Here	Capital School	7:30-9:30 pm
S 5/16	Odette Foster	tba	St. Ann's	7:30-11:00 pm