

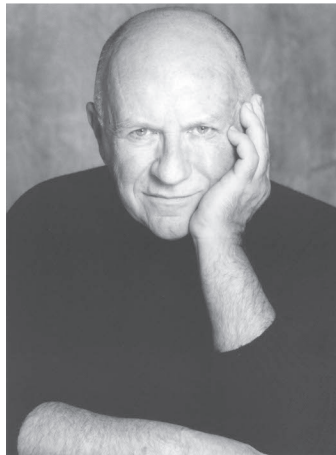
## May 2009 Newsletter

### 36th Annual Alaska Folk Festival April 5-11, 2010

#### Michael Smith returns to Juneau - July 31

Arrangements are being finalized to bring guitarist and songwriter Michael Smith to Juneau on Friday, July 31, at Resurrection Lutheran Church.

Although wit and humor are hallmarks of Smith's songs, he's best known for "The Dutchman," his poignant portrayal of an old married couple that has been recorded by a dozen other singers including Steve Goodman and Liam Clancy. Among the many artists who have recorded Smith's songs are Jimmy Buffett, Claudia Schmidt, Tom Russell, Jerry Jeff Walker, David Allen Coe, Tony Trishka, Gordon Bok and the band Trout Fishing in America.



Smith is an engaging and entertaining performer and a guitarist of remarkable talent and versatility. Smith delivered an excellent show in Juneau in February of 2008. He's recorded several live albums that capture his strong solo performances, as well as studio albums that showcase his guitar playing and musicianship with a band. He's worked as a professional musician since the 1960s, performing in a duo with his wife, with bands, and on his own. He's based in Chicago.

In the mid 1980s he was commissioned by the Steppenwolf Theater in Chicago to write music and perform in the play, "The Grapes of Wrath." The play went on to be an international success and the Broadway production won two Tony Awards. Smith has continued to compose and perform in musical theater, as well as record CDs of his original music.

Check the AFF website for more details as they become available.

#### 2009 Report of the Treasury

Not only was this year's festival a whopping good time, financially it was one of our best years ever. Alaska Folk Festival supporters have come through again! As usual, not all the bills have come in, but it appears that AFF will be up about \$10,000 this year. This is much better than going in the hole \$11,000 as we did a few years ago.

Merchandise was a big success this year thanks to Terry Hoskinson, Melanie Brown, Kathy Hocker and the dozens of membership table volunteers. We bought \$16,600 worth of merchandise and sold almost all of it, including some from last year. Sales brought in \$36,700 which netted over \$20,000 – the best year ever for merchandise sales. So all of you who bought a t-shirt or mug or other items, not only did you get a beautiful item, you helped keep AFF going for another year.

Still, our biggest source of support comes from memberships. To date, we have received over \$26,000 from folks like you who value this terrific event and want to see it continue. Thanks to the many hours spent coordinating our advertising, Carol Ackerson helped set a new record for ad sales, bringing in close to \$6000 in ad revenue.

We can help achieve a financially successful year by holding down our expenses. The biggest expenses were: \$12,000 (estimated) for the hall; \$10,200 for the guest artists (fee, travel, lodging and per diem); \$4400 for sound engineering; \$3600 program design & printing; \$2100 equipment and supplies; \$2100 security; and \$4800 in general business expenses. Including the merchandise and miscellaneous costs, our total expenses were about \$60,500. With revenue coming in at \$70,600, it means we pulled ahead by \$10,000. Thanks to everyone who helped make this possible.

For more information, send an email to [treasurer@AkFolkFest.org](mailto:treasurer@AkFolkFest.org)  
Jamie Brown, AFF treasurer

# Alaska Folk Festival Membership Form

36th Annual Alaska Folk Festival: April 5-11, 2010



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

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CSC (3 digit security code): \_\_\_\_\_

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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 15, 2010). Please mail to: Alaska Folk Festival, PO Box 21748, Juneau, Alaska 99802. Thank You!

## May 2009 Newsletter

### Good Wishes

The Folk Festival would like to thank **Linda Frame & Terry Hoskinson** for their dedication and service to the community through their commitment to the Alaska Folk Festival over the years. Both Linda (former president) and Terry (former vice-president) served on the board of directors and gave selflessly of their time and energy to help make the Festival better.

### Welcome Aboard!

This sounds like the Alaska Marine Highway slogan! We would like to welcome our new board members – **Naomi Raddatz** and **Lise Paradis**. Naomi brings her perspective as a member of the Arts Council, and Lise as a member of Public Radio, to the board of directors. Welcome aboard!

### Remerciements! (Thanks!)

The 35th Annual Alaska Folk Festival was a huge success again this year with the help of the following people and businesses:

Carol Ackerson, Alaska's Kit, The Alaskan Brewing Co., The Alaskan Hotel & Bar, Cathy Allen, Vicki Allison, Peter Anderegg, Warren Argo, Rebecca Bartel, Sam Bartlett, Stephanie Beauchamp, Eric Beaudry, Greg Beck, Rachael Beck, Rai Behnert, Sue Behnert, Koren Bosworth, Mayor Bruce Botelho, Jamie Brown, Jeff Brown, Melanie Brown, Andre Brunet, John Bruns, Sally Burch, Scott Burton, CBJ, Capital City Weekly, Capital

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### Poster Designs Needed

The Alaska Folk Festival is now actively seeking artwork for the 36th Annual Festival to take place at Centennial Hall April 5 – 11, 2010. The artwork will be used on posters, T-shirts, mugs and other Folk Festival merchandise. The deadline for artwork is September 16, 2009. You can send your work to us via email, snail mail or pass it to a board member by hand. If your design is selected you will be paid a sum of money as well as immortalized in Folk Festival memorabilia.

### AFF Board Members through AFF 36

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)  
Carol Ackerson, Vice President (exp '10)  
Jamie Brown, Treasurer (exp '11)  
Scott Burton, Secretary (exp '10)  
Pat Henry (exp '11)  
Lise Paradis, (exp '12)  
Naomi Radditz, (exp '12)

### AFF Contacts & Info Sources

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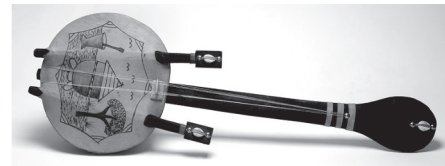
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Andy Grossman,

Stephanie Harold, Caroline Hassler, Kim Hastings,  
Pat Harris, John Hatton, Heather Haugland, Pat  
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Herren, Terry Hoskinson, Patricia Hull, Charlie  
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James, Oliver Janata, Peter Janata, David Job,  
Johnny, Kim June, Juneau Arts & Culture Center,  
Juneau Convention and Visitors Bureau, Juneau  
Empire, Juneau International Folk Dancers,

Barbara Kalen, Emily Kane, Forest Kane, Katherine  
Kane, Mark Kjeerstad, KRNN - Rain Country  
Radio, Leah LaBar, Nola Lamken, John Laskey,  
Terry Laskey, Bob Laurie, Joyce Lavine, Scott  
Law, Beth Leibowitz, Thelma Leuba, Judy  
Lundgren, Julie Machakos, Judy Macnak, Karen  
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Malia McInerney,  
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Williams, Wings of Alaska, Nene Wolfe, Ardyne  
Womack, Riley Woodford, Margaret Yew, Abigail  
Zahasky.

And to anyone we may have overlooked, you know  
who you are, thank you.

Thanks to one and all for another great Folk Festival.

Hunting the Buffalo

Rhythm: reel

## Summer Music Festivals

For those folks with travel plans this summer, here is a small guide to some of the many folk and bluegrass music festivals in Alaska, Canada and the lower 48:

- May 22 – 24 ---- Trapper Creek Bluegrass Festival – between mile 114 & 115 Parks Hwy.  
May 22 – 25 ---- 38th Annual Northwest Folklife Festival – Seattle Center: Free  
May 21 – 24 ---- Strawberry Spring Music Festival – Yosemite, CA  
June 6 – 7 -----LA Acoustic Music Festival – Santa Monica Pier, Santa Monica, CA  
June 10 – 13 ----Appalshop Presents Seedtime on the Cumberland – Whitesburg, KY  
June 11 – 14 ----30th Sea Music Festival at Mystic Seaport – Mystic, CT  
June 12 – 14 ----14th Annual Charlie Poole Music Festival – Eden, NC  
June 13-----Fairbanks Summer Folk Festival – Borealis Pavillion, Alaskaland, Fairbanks, AK  
June 13 – 20 ----43rd Annual Bill Monroe Bean Blossom Bluegrass Festival – Bean Blossom, IN  
June 18 – 21 ----36th Telluride Bluegrass Festival – Telluride, CO  
June 19 – 20 ----11th Annual Albuquerque Folk Festival – Albuquerque, NM  
June 24 – 27 ----ROMP – River of Music Party Bluegrass Festival – Daviess County, KY  
June 26 – 28 ----29th Annual Old Songs Festival of Traditional Music and Dance – Altamont, NY  
June 28 – July 3 Strings, Rhythm and Song – African American Roots – Mars Hill, NC  
June 28 – July 5 Festival of American Fiddle Tunes – Port Townsend, WA  
July 2 -5-----Rothbury – Rothbury, MI  
July 3 – 5-----Mariposa Folk Festival – Orillia, Ontario  
July 5 – 10-----Cajun, Creole and Early Country Music Week – Augusta Heritage Center, Elkins, WV  
July 5 – 11 -----The Swannanoa Gathering – Traditional Song Week – Warren Wilson College, Asheville, NC  
July 5 – 11 -----The Swannanoa Gathering – Fiddle Week – Warren Wilson College, Asheville, NC  
July 9 – 12-----36th Annual Winnipeg Folk Festival – Winnipeg, Manitoba  
July 10 – 12-----Atlin Arts & Music Festival – Atlin, BC  
July 12 – 17-----Blues & Guitar Week - Augusta Heritage Center – Elkins, WV  
July 5 – 11 -----The Swannanoa Gathering –Celtic Week– Warren Wilson College, Asheville, NC  
July 17 – 19-----Dawson City Music Festival – Dawson, Yukon  
July 17 – 19-----32nd Annual Vancouver Folk Music Festival – Jericho Beach Park, Vancouver, BC  
July 19 – 24-----24th Annual Woodstock Folk Festival – Woodstock, IL  
July 19 – 24-----Camp Violon Trad – Rawdon, Quebec  
July 19 – 24-----Irish - Celtic Week - Augusta Heritage Center – Elkins, WV  
July 19 – 25 ----The Swannanoa Gathering – Old-Time Week – Warren Wilson College, Asheville, NC  
July 23 – 26-----Floyd Fest – Floyd VA  
July 23 – 30-----30th Calgary Folk Music Festival – Calgary, AB  
July 24 – 26-----Anderson Bluegrass Festival – Near Clear Air Force Station, Parks Hwy mile 283  
July 24 – 26-----37th Annual Rocky Grass Festival – Lyons, CO  
July 24 – 26-----15th Annual Festival Memoire et Racines – Saint Jean Bosco Parc, Joliette, Quebec  
July 26 – Aug 1 The Swannanoa Gathering – Guitar Week – Warren Wilson College, Asheville, NC  
July 27 – 31 ----Mark O’Connor String Camp, New York, NY  
July 30 – Aug 2-Southeast Alaska State Fair – Haines, Alaska  
July 31 – Aug 1 -Talkeetna Bluegrass and Music Festival – South of Talkeetna Jct, Parks Hwy  
July 31 – Aug 2-26th Annual Champlain Valley Folk Festival – Ferrisburg, VT  
July 31 – Aug 8-Lark Camp – Celebration of World Music, Song & Dance – Mendocino, CA  
August 1 -----Galway Days – G Street in Anchorage  
August 4 – 8----Alaska Traditional Music Camp – Camp Carlquist, 23 miles North of Anchorage  
August 6 – 9 ----Edmonton Folk Music Festival – Edmonton, AB  
August 7 – 9----Celtic Roots Festival – Goderich, Ontario  
Sept 3 – 6-----Strawberry Fall Music Festival – Yosemite, CA  
Oct 9 – 17-----13th Annual Celtic Colours International Festival – Cape Breton Island, NS

There are many, many more. Wherever your travels take you this summer, take a little time for music.