



# Delaware Friends of Folk

November 2005 Newsletter

## Garnet Rogers performs at Nov 20 Coffeehouse

Well over a year ago, the Friends of Folk Board of Directors decided that it might be a good idea to try to bring some "well known" musicians to our coffee house. We decided to start slow and see how it works. The first of these was the well-received and well-attended Tracy Grammer show in May. This month sees the last of our initial experiments—the long-anticipated appearance of Canadian folk legend Garnet Rogers.

Garnet's web site provides the following biography: "In a darkened bedroom, lit only by the amber glow from an old floor model radio, two young brothers aged 6 and 12 lay in their beds, listening to the country music broadcasts from the Grand Ol' Opry, and practiced their harmonies. Two years later, the youngest one was playing the definitive 8-year-old's version of "Desolation Row" on his ukulele. He soon abandoned that instrument to teach himself the flute, violin and guitar.

Within ten years, and barely out of high school, Garnet Rogers was on the road as a full-time working musician with his older brother Stan. Together they formed what has come to be accepted as one of the most influential acts in North American folk music. Since then, Garnet Rogers has established himself as "One of the major talents of our time". Hailed by the Boston Globe as a "charismatic performer and singer", Garnet is a man with a powerful physical presence - close to six and a half feet tall - with a voice to match. With his "smooth, dark baritone" (Washington Post) his incredible range, and thoughtful, dramatic phrasing, Garnet is widely considered by fans and critics alike to be one of the finest singers anywhere.

His music, like the man himself, is literate, passionate, highly sensitive, and deeply purposeful. Cinematic in detail, his songs "give expression to the unspoken vocabulary of the heart" (Kitchener Waterloo Record). An optimist at heart, Garnet sings extraordinary songs about people who are not obvious heroes and of the small victories of the

everyday. As memorable as his songs, his over-the-top humour and lightning-quick wit moves his audience from tears to laughter and back again. Resolutely independent, Garnet Rogers has turned down offers from major labels to do his music his own way."



And Garnet holds strong opinions that he is more than willing to share. For instance, in a June, 2002 interview: "The only time I feel ashamed as a musician is when I go to Nashville. It's like being downwind from a sausage factory." And in a poke at the folk purists: "I view folk music more broadly than some people," he observes, adding he considers artists as diverse as Bruce Springsteen, The Clash, Sex Pistols and U2 to be folk artists. "There's a lot of folk music I loathe. The cozy, female singer/songwriter stuff is sickening."

There are comments about Garnet dealing with anger: "I've spent a lot of my adulthood being angry, not only because of Stan's death," (referring to his brother, Stan Rogers, who died at the age of 33 in a 1983 airplane fire). "I have learned how to deal more effectively with the stress and strain of anger." "I've had a fair bit of loss in my adult life," he says, "and I was handling it in bad ways — alcohol, rage, anger."



Garnet does more than sing about the world and some of its problems. He actually does something to help, and you can too. Promoters of Garnet's shows are asked to set up a donation area where food can be left for local food banks. So at his show, we'll be collecting items for the Delaware Food Bank and we ask that audience members bring donations of non-perishable food and useful personal care items such as shampoo and toothpaste. As Garnet notes, "It's an enormous privilege for me to be able to stand up and sing my own songs, but I would like to be able to have something left behind after the dust is cleared away where people are actually benefiting from the concert at some level. If you think you know what hungry feels like, you should try it full-time."

*It's non-denominational  
It crosses party lines  
It's all around you*

*It's a no-brainer:  
Support your local food bank.*

In the 20 plus years since Stan's tragic death, Garnet has moved from "carrying on Stan's music" to "carrying on my own work." He has become a composer of wonderful, insightful, emotional music. He still does a few of Stan's songs, but the show is really all Garnet. He travels by himself in a Volvo and doesn't go places the Volvo can't. He's touring with his most recent release, "Shining Thing", a 10 song release on the Snowgoose Songs label. Our coffee house is the his last scheduled US appearance

this year and he'll head back to his farm near Brantford, Ontario.

It all starts at 7:30 pm, November 19, in The Underground on the Wesley College campus in Dover. We've got special admission rates for this special show. Admission will be \$12 for members and 15 for non-members. Kids 12 and under get in free. You can procure your admission in advance and avoid the disappointment of a sell-out by going to our web site and doing the Pay-Pal thing. An amazing evening of music, hot & cold drinks, and sweet treats await. Don't let it happen without you. There's nothing else like it in Dover.

—John Kidd, President of Delaware Friends of Folk

## Upcoming Coffeehouses

Coffeehouses are held at the Underground at Wesley College, 120 N. State St., Dover. Very reasonably priced soft drinks, coffee, tea and snacks are available for sale, and the music starts at 7:30pm.

Of course, we're always looking for volunteers to help us out: set-up, clean-up, and sales.

Date	Performers	Price *
Nov. 19	<b>Garnet Rogers</b> – Canadian Singer / Songwriter (and Stan's little brother). <b>Crabmeat Thompson</b> opens.	\$12 / \$15
Dec. 17	Open Mic – host Rick Hudson	\$3 / \$5
Jan 21	<b>TBD</b>	
Feb 18	<b>Open Mic</b>	\$3 / \$5
Mar. 18	<b>Tim Harrison</b> – Canadian Folk singer/songwriter	\$5 / \$7
Apr. 15, 2006	<b>Travis Wetzel</b> duo (w/Frank Whalen)	\$5 / \$7
May 20	<b>Vickie Russell</b>	\$5 / \$7
June 10	<b>Greg Shrader Memorial Songwriter Circle</b>	\$5 / \$7

\*Pricing is for Members / Non Members. Half price for ages 13-18; Free for Wesley students and children 12 and under

## Annual Meeting and Board Elections

Our annual meeting of the membership will be held Saturday, December 10, 2005, high noon at Smither's in Dover. The major business to conduct will be to elect members to our Board of Directors. We will have four seats up for election and three of the current members have indicated they will not seek another term. Retiring from the Board are Rick Hudson, Kae Mason, and Mike Nielsen. Together these fine folks have devoted several centuries of time (that's a slight exaggeration) and, though they are retiring from the Board, they will still be active in our organization in one way or another.

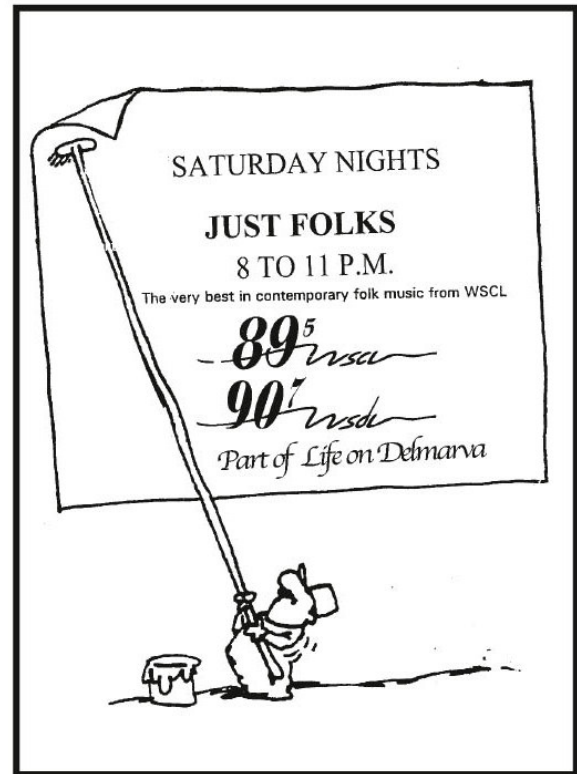
If you think you'd like to consider this opportunity, talk to me or any Board member to get a sense of what it's all about. Come to our next Board meeting on December 7, 7:30 pm at Smithers in Dover to see how we do our thing. You can nominate yourself or get a member to nominate you. Please contact our secretary, Jan Crumpley, to get your name on the ballot. We will also call for nominations during the annual membership meeting.

What are the qualifications and expectations? It's a short list: Board members must be current members in good standing of Friends of Folk. You must commit to attend the monthly Board meeting, currently the first Wednesday of each month. And you must assume some sort of leadership position or take charge of some aspect of what we do. This generally means heading up a Festival committee or some other "do things" group.

So this is your chance to step up, volunteer, be counted, grab the golden ring, and countless other clichés. We really need active, concerned, thoughtful Board members to guide us along the sometimes rocky road we travel. Even if you don't want to be on the Board, you should come to the annual meeting to lend your support to those who do. It really is an organization of, by, and for the membership and we need you to tell us what's right or wrong with what we do.

—John Kidd, President of Delaware Friends of Folk

John Kalb - One of our partners in the arts:



## We want to know what you think!

We've put a survey on the web to get opinions about this year's Delmarva Folk Festival, so we can make next year's festival even better. Go to the web site at <http://www.delfolk.org/surveyForm.php>. Everyone who submits a survey will be put into a drawing to win a free coffeehouse admission for 2 people for a coffeehouse of their choice in 2006. Even if you didn't attend the Festival, we'd like you to participate – we want to know why you didn't attend, and any suggestions you can give us for next year. Thanks!

## Membership Renewals – an Early Notice

Membership prices haven't changed in many years – still a bargain at \$10 for an individual and \$15 for a family membership. New this year are ways for you to help our organization with an end-of-year charitable contribution. We've created several levels of member Sponsorship that we hope you'll consider so that we can continue to expand the important work we do in helping bring the arts and music to Central Delaware.

A membership renewal form has been included as the last page of this Newsletter. If you prefer to send your membership payment by check, just print that last page and send it in with your payment.

You can also go on-line to the shopping page and renew your membership and/or make a contribution to the organization.

Folks who join with a Charitable Contribution will be acknowledged in the newsletter, as well as in the Program for next year's 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Delmarva Folk Festival.

While you're at it, you can pre-reserve your seats for the Garnet Rogers Coffeehouse to be held November 19<sup>th</sup>. As with the Tracy Grammer Coffeehouse in May, we expect a real crowd, so we're accepting pre-payment to confirm your seat. This show could get sold out, so reserve your seat as soon as possible.

## Friends of Folk Board connects with the Arts

The Board of the Delaware Friends of Folk has been out and about, working to find ways to improve our offerings and connect with other Arts Organizations. In October, Kelly Crumpley and Mike Neilsen attended a meeting of the Greater Dover Arts Council, and met with leaders from other arts organizations. On October 24, Mollie Raley, Beth Fizell, and John Kidd (see below from the Delaware State News) attended the bi-annual Arts Summit at Dover Downs presented by the Delaware Division of the Arts. In addition to attending showcases of local talent, they attended helpful and relevant sessions on Programming, Marketing, Technology, and Management of organizations like ours.



Delaware State News/Jenny Maher

From left, Delaware Friends of Folk members Mollie Raley of Dover, Beth Fizell of Kenton and John Kidd of Dover review the schedule for Monday's Delaware Division of the Arts' biannual Arts Summit at Dover Downs.

# Delmarva Folk Calendar

The complete calendar is at <http://www.delfolk.org/calendar.html>

When	What	Where	More What
Nov 11, 9pm	Barbeque Bob & The Spareribs	Andy's, Chestertown, MD	blues / swamp rock. Andy's is a wonderful Listening lounge just 30 minutes west of Dover.
Nov 12, 9pm	Last Train Home	Andy's, Chestertown, MD	award winning roots rock. Andy's is a wonderful Listening lounge just 30 minutes west of Dover.
<b>Nov 12, 1pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Celtic Session</b>	<b>W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover</b>	<b>All are welcome - bring an instrument or just your ears. Call (302) 465-0805 for more info</b>
Nov 12, 7pm	Pink Grass	Dover Public Library, State St, Dover	Part of In Harmony series. Free.
Nov. 13, 1-5pm	Summit Hill	Marydel Fire Hall, Marydel DE	Presented by Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assoc. \$5 member, \$7 nonmember. call 674-3149 or 492-1048 for info
<b>Nov 19, 7:30pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Coffeehouse</b>	<b>The Underground, Wesley College</b>	<b>Canadian Singer/songwriter (and Stan's younger brother), Garnet Rogers. Crabmeat Thompson opens.</b>
Nov 20, 3pm	Lowen & Navarro, with Cliff Hillis opening	Cooldog Concert Series, Kenton, DE	Master Songwriters, their songs have been recorded far and wide (they even penned Pat Benatar's "We Belong", but we like Eric & Dan's version better...). RSVP 302-659-3855 or email <a href="mailto:houseconcerts@cooldog.com">houseconcerts@cooldog.com</a>
Nov 21, 8pm	Colm Gannon & John Blake	Coatesville Cultural Society - 143 E. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA	All-Ireland champion (1994) button-accordion player Colm Gannon & guitarist/flute player John Blake Tickets: \$15; children under 12, free. (610) 486-2220 or (610) 925-6235.
Nov 25, 9pm	Thanksgiving weekend Battle of the Blues: Clarence Turner Blues Band vs. Big Joe Maher	Andy's, Chestertown, MD	Wonderful Listening lounge just 30 minutes west of Dover.
<b>Nov 26, 1pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Pick-In</b>	<b>W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover</b>	<b>All are welcome - bring an instrument or just your ears. Call (302) 465-0805 for more info</b>
Nov 26, 9pm	Blue Daze	Andy's, Chestertown, MD	Bluegrass. Wonderful Listening lounge just 30 minutes west of Dover.
Nov 26, 7pm	Chuck Brodsky	Second Story Live! Coffeehouse, upstairs meeting room, Caroline County Central Library, Denton, Md	All coffeehouses start at 7 p.m. with cameo performances by local artists; featured artist begins as 7:30 p.m. \$8 adults, \$4 children.
Dec 3, 11am, 1pm, 3pm	Trout Fishing In America	World Cafe Live, Phila	Family concert - part of the Peanut Butter & Jams kids concert series. \$18, with discounts for WXPB members
Dec 4, 3pm	Songwriter Circle: Christine Havrilla, Dulcie Taylor, Greg Tannen	Cooldog Concert Series, Kenton, DE	RSVP 302-659-3855 or email <a href="mailto:houseconcerts@cooldog.com">houseconcerts@cooldog.com</a>
<b>Dec. 7, 7:30pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Board Meeting</b>	<b>W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover</b>	<b>All are welcome to observe.</b>
Dec 9, 8pm	Darren Beachley & Maryland Line	Unitarian Universalist Hall, 420 Willa Road in Newark, DE	Brandywine Friends of Old Time Music presents this Bluegrass concert. For info (302) 475-3454, <a href="mailto:bfofm@dca.net">bfofm@dca.net</a> , or <a href="http://www.brandywinefriends.org">http://www.brandywinefriends.org</a>
<b>Dec 10, noon</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Annual Membership Meeting</b>	<b>W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover</b>	<b>Members are welcome to come here an annual update and participate in board elections. Lunch will be provided.</b>
<b>Dec 10, 1pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Celtic Session</b>	<b>W.T. Smithers, State St. Dover</b>	<b>All are welcome - bring an instrument or just your ears. Call (302) 465-0805 for more info</b>
Dec 11, 1-5pm	Ken Cox	Marydel Fire Hall, Marydel DE	Presented by Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assoc. \$5 member, \$7 nonmember. call 674-3149 or 492-1048 for info

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Dec 11, 3pm	Celtic Holiday Celebration featuring Maggie Sansone	Prince Theatre, 210 High St., Chestertown, MD	Maggie Sansone & friends, traditional carols & songs. \$12 general, \$10 seniors & students. call 410-810-2060
Dec 13, 7:30pm	Irish Christmas in America: Teada with special guest Cathie Ryan	Grace U.M. Church, Wilmington. 9th and West streets	plus piper(s) and dancers \$25 reserved, \$28 at door. Presented by Green Willow Folk Club -- 798-4811, www.greenwillow.org
<b>Dec 17, 7:30pm</b>	<b>Friends of Folk Coffeehouse</b>	<b>The Underground</b>	<b>Open Mic – with host Rick Hudson</b>
Dec 18, 7pm & 8pm	Brandywine Celtic Harp Orchestra	Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA	Performances are included in the regular Gardens admission of \$12 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 ages 6-15, free under age 6
Dec 31, 8pm	Erica Wheeler, w/ George & Ossi opening	<a href="#">Cooldog Concert Series</a> , Kenton, DE	Observant, passionate, and funny songwriter Erica Wheeler does New Years Eve at Cooldog. Bring a covered dish. \$20 adults, \$12 kids 10-18 and active military. RSVP 302-659-3855 or houseconcerts@cooldogconcerts.com
Jan 1, 1-5pm	The Soulful Landscape: a Creativity workshop for Writers, lead by Erica Wheeler	Cooldog Concert Series, Kenton, DE	A great way to start off the year. \$50 per person, or \$45 with the concert the prior night, \$45 for Friends of Folk members. See more info at ericawheeler.com or cooldogconcerts.com.
Jan 8, 1-5pm	VALERIE SMITH	Marydel Fire Hall, Marydel DE	Presented by Eastern Shore Bluegrass Assoc. \$12 member, \$15 nonmember. call 674-3149 or 492-1048 for info
Jan 14, 7pm	Bill Staines	Second Story Live! Coffeehouse, upstairs meeting room, Caroline County Central Library, Denton, Md	All coffeehouses start at 7 p.m. with cameo performances by local artists; featured artist begins as 7:30 p.m. \$8 adults, \$4 children.
Jan 15, 3pm	Jake Armerding	<a href="#">Cooldog Concert Series</a> , Kenton, DE	Bluegrass in his blood (dad is Taylor Armerding from Northern Lights), Jake plays guitar, fiddle, and mandolin, blending bluegrass, pop, and folk. Bring a covered dish. \$15 adults, \$10 kids 10-18 and active military. RSVP 302-659-3855 or houseconcerts@cooldogconcerts.com. Local Katy Pearson (a student at Berklee School of Music in Boston) opens.
Jan 28, 7pm	Christina River Steel Band	Schwartz Center for the Arts, State St., Dover	Caribbean steel drums and vocals. Free. Part of the In Harmony series.
Jan 28 & 29, 1pm & 3pm	John Flynn, Children's performances	Longwood Gardens, Kennett Square, PA	Performances are included in the regular Gardens admission of \$12 adults, \$6 ages 16-20, \$2 ages 6-15, free under age 6.
Feb 1, 8pm	Natalie MacMaster	Grand Opera House, Wilmington, DE	Juno award winning (the Canadian Grammy) Celtic Fiddler... tickets \$25.50-\$29.50. See <a href="http://grandopera.org/events/?id=52">http://grandopera.org/events/?id=52</a> or call 302-652-5577 for more info.

## Delaware Friend of Folk Membership Application – 2006

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Type of membership:     Family - \$15     Individual - \$10

Are you a musician? \_\_\_\_\_ Instrument(s) you play \_\_\_\_\_

Would you consider volunteering for the organization? \_\_\_\_\_

Check	Type	Includes	Dues
	Individual Membership	Discounted Admission for you at all Friends of Folk events Voting privileges for 1 adult at our membership meeting in December	\$10
	Family Membership	Discounted Admission for your family at all Friends of Folk events Voting privileges for up to 2 adults at our membership meeting in December	\$15
	Friend of Friends of Folk	Family Membership Dues \$50   Charitable Donation \$35   Value \$15	\$50
	Bronze Supporter of Friends of Folk	Family Membership + 1 ticket to 2006 Delmarva Folk Festival  Dues \$100   Charitable Donation \$70   Value \$30	\$100
	Silver Supporter of Friends of Folk	Family Membership + 2 tickets to 2006 Delmarva Folk Festival + 2 admissions to any one 2006 coffeehouse (may pick)  Dues \$250   Charitable Donation \$195   Value \$55	\$250
	Gold Supporter of Friends of Folk	Family Membership + 4 tickets to 2006 Delmarva Folk Festival + 2 admissions to <u>all</u> 2006 coffeehouses  Dues \$500   Charitable Donation \$370   Value \$130	\$500

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