



Delaware Friends of Folk

May 2009 Newsletter

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Many of you will remember back in February, when we held an outstanding coffeehouse featuring the Scottish band Tannahill Weavers. It was an extraordinary event – the church was filled with great music and those who appreciate it. That event was partially funded by a grant from the Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation – a special grant program to give small states like Delaware a chance to present artists that might otherwise pass us by.

This month, we have a similar coffeehouse event planned. Partially funded by the same grant program, we have the distinct pleasure of presenting Rory Block, quite possibly the top female authority on traditional blues, and winner of five WC Handy Blues Music awards.

An unusual start for a blues goddess, Rory was born in Princeton and grew up in somewhat of a Bohemian family in Manhattan. Her father owned a sandal shop in Greenwich Village, where people like Bob Dylan would stop by. She started playing guitar by age 10, and in her teens would visit the Bronx where she took lessons in blues and gospel music from the Reverend Gary Davis. As her bio indicates, *“She swapped stories and guitar licks with seminal bluesman Son House, Robert Johnson’s mentor (“He kept asking, ‘Where did she learn to play like this?’”). She visited Skip James in the hospital after his cancer surgery. She traveled to Washington, DC, to visit with Mississippi John Hurt and*

absorb firsthand his technique and his creativity.”

Leaving home at age 15, she headed for California with friends and her guitar, while working on her own style of finger picking and slide guitar. She made her first instructional record, “How to Play Blues Guitar” in the mid-60’s. After time off to start a family and meander through other musical genres, she signed to Rounder records in 1981, releasing “High Heeled Blues”, which Rolling Stone called “some of the most singular and affecting country blues anyone – man or woman, black or white, old or young – has cut in recent years.”

In the 1990s, Rory won WC Handy Awards four years in a row, two for Traditional Blues Female Artist of the Year, and two for Best Acoustic Blues Album of the Year.

This will be a great opportunity to see a legend in the making, and we hope you’ll join us.

Opening for Rory will be local favorite, and 2007 Delmarva Folk Hero, Bad Wheel Jonny, being joined by his back-up players The Broke Spokes. Bad Wheel is certainly not new to music, but was mostly a side-man for many years, and in 2007 found his voice as a lead artist, when he entered and later won the Delmarva Folk Hero contest. He blends original songs with old-time

Appalachian and Blues numbers for a wonderfully entertaining set.

The fun starts at 7:30pm, doors opening around 7:00. There will be sweet treats (fresh baked cookies!), coffee, tea and soft drinks all available for a very reasonable price. The coffeehouse is held at the Wesley College Chapel at the corner of Division Street and Bradford Street (enter through the door between Bradford and State Street).

The admission is just \$15 for members and \$20 for nonmembers; students are half price, and ages 12 and under are free. Active military gets member pricing at all of our events with their id

We hope you come out and join us – there’s nothing else like it in Dover.

—Beth Fizell, Board Chair, Delaware Friends of Folk

<http://www.delfolk.org/images/UpcomingImage.jpg>

Upcoming Coffeehouses

Coffeehouses are held at the Wesley College Chapel, at on Division Street, between Bradford and State Streets. Very reasonable prices soft drinks, coffee, tea and snacks (fresh baked cookies!!) 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 *
May 16	Rory Block ** , with Bad Wheel Jonny and the Broke Spokes opening	\$15 / \$20
June 13	Greg Shrader Memorial Singer-Songwriter Circle , hosted by Deloy Moore, and featuring the 2008 Delmarva Folk Hero Finalists (Mike Roots, Lori Citro, Sarah Flynn, Greg Shupe, and Lori Citro)	\$5 / \$7
July 18 & August 15	Delmarva Folk Hero Contest Qualifications	\$3 / \$5
Oct. 17	Judith Kay , with Jonathan Emmons opening	\$5 / \$7
Nov. 21	TBD	TBD
Dec 12	Annual Membership meeting, Holiday Party, and Open Mic	FREE

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

**This engagement of Rory Block is a Delaware Performing Arts Presenters Initiative project, which is made possible through funding by the Delaware Division of the Arts, Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, and the National Endowment for the Arts Regional Touring Program.



Pick-Ins are Back!

What do you call it when folks get together and music just happens? That's called a Pick-In!

The Friends of Folk have arranged to meet on (usually) the 2nd Saturday of the month at the Dover Newsstand in Downtown Dover.

Everyone is invited to bring an instrument, or their voices, or just their ears, to join in the fun. The food is good (homemade soups, sandwiches, salads and desserts), the folks are friendly and the music is great!

They've even got free Wi-Fi if you need a digital fix while you're there.

Everybody sits in a big circle and trades songs. All ability levels are welcome – the leaders will give you a hint on chords beforehand if you need it, and you can join in or just fake it!

Time: 1pm to 4pm

Admission: FREE

Place: Dover Newsstand, 25 W. Loockerman St, Dover
For the menu: <http://www.dovernewsstand.com/>

Dates:

- June 6th (1st Saturday since coffeehouse is 2nd Sat.)
- July 11
- August 8
- September 12
- October 10
- November 14
- December 5 (1st Sat. since coffeehouse is 2nd Sat.)



Looking for Festival Help!

Planning for the 2009 Delmarva Folk Festival continues. We're working on an exciting line up for Saturday, October 3rd and can't wait to host our friends and family for the big event. The finals of the Delmarva Folk Hero Contest on Friday, October 2nd should be amazing.

We are still in need of a chairperson for our parking/security committee. Jan is also looking for someone to join her and Storm on the Festival Program committee.

We are just about ready to begin soliciting volunteers to work the festival weekend. You'll hear more about soon. We can also use more help on several of our committees. If you want to help, please join us for the next meeting on June 3 beginning at 6:30 at Sheridan's in Smyrna. It's the best group to work with and you'll love being a part of this wonderful festival. For more information or to volunteer, call me at (302) 736-5585 or send me an e-mail at kaejohnson1@comcast.net. Mark your calendar for the festival weekend now - it's just around the corner!

Kae Mason -Festival Chair

Board Members & Officers

Who	Positions / Committees
John Kidd	Booking, Development
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Beth Fizell	Chairman of the Board
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<p>Delaware Division of the Arts</p> 	<p>This program is made possible, in part, by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Delaware Division of the Arts, a state agency committed to promoting and supporting the arts in Delaware.</p>
	<p>Fordham Brewery, located right in Dover, Delaware, has generously been supporting our festival through donations-in-kind and promotional support.</p>
	<p>Delaware Friends of Folk are members of the North American Folk Music & Dance Alliance.</p>
	<p>Wesley College, which generously donates the space for our coffeehouses.</p>
	<p>WVUD 91.3 – the voice of the U of Delaware</p>
	<p>John Kalb – WSCL Radio – Supports our many events on his Just Folks radio show Saturday nights 8-11pm in Salisbury</p>

Delaware Friend of Folk Membership & Folk Festival Tickets

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

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 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 membership meeting in Dec.	\$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 next Delmarva Folk Festival Dues \$100 Charitable Donation \$70 Value \$30	\$100
	Silver Supporter of Friends of Folk	Family Membership + 2 tickets to next Delmarva Folk Festival + 2 admissions to any one coffeehouse (may pick) Dues \$250 Charitable Donation \$195 Value \$55	\$250
	Gold Supporter of Friends of Folk	Family Membership + 4 tickets to next Delmarva Folk Festival + 2 admissions to all of this year's coffeehouses Dues \$500 Charitable Donation \$370 Value \$130	\$500

#	Festival Tickets	Price	Subtotal
	Friday Night Ticket	\$5	
	Saturday Member Ticket - Adults	\$15	
	Saturday Member Ticket – Student (age 13+)	\$7.50	
	Saturday Non-Member Ticket	\$20	
	Saturday Non-Member Ticket (age 13+)	\$10	
	Tent Camping (per site)	\$20	
	RV Camping (per vehicle)	\$50	

Delaware Friends of Folk is supported by you, the members, and made possible, in part, by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Delaware Division of the Arts. Show your support and keep music and entertainment happening in Kent County.

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