



Delaware Friends of Folk

November 2009 Newsletter

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Crabmeat Thompson returns to our stage!

Delaware's own Crabmeat Thompson will bring his singular style of funny and poignant songs to the Delaware Friends of Folk Coffee House Concert Series. Crabmeat is a marvel. He is a gifted singer and guitar player. He is a clever and often hilarious songwriter. He is multi-lingual, and often sings songs in more than one language (like "One Ton Tomato" in Irish). He is a keen observer of human behavior, a raconteur of some note, a former University of Delaware football player and a former candidate for the United States Presidency. Crabmeat will make you laugh and think at the same time, and his shows are always fun. Don't miss it!

Opening act Bill McAvoy is from the Coastal Plain physiographic province of the Delmarva Peninsula and he does his best to create a musical sound from long ago, a sound strongly influenced by the natural world. Musically, Bill weaves a dark tale of misfortune in an historical landscape

that today is quite different from the past. Bill's use of fiddle, banjo, and a variety of folk instruments, such as jawbone and mouth bow, construct a sound that is primitive and from-the-earth. You will find new and progressive arrangements to many of these old traditional tunes and songs, and even new lyrics as well. So allow yourself to be taken away to a time and place long ago where the woods were thick and the mud was deep.

Delaware Friends of Folk Night

The Golden Fleece Tavern wants to make Mondays Friends of Folk nights at the Golden Fleece. They can't pay a lot, but it is a fun venue and they would love to see new faces. It sounds like a great idea. If you like the sounds of that too, be sure to visit the Golden Fleece Tavern and show your support. Find out more at www.GoldenFleece.com

President's Corner

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 12, 2009. That evening, at 7:30 PM, Delaware Friends of Folk will host our organization's Annual Meeting as well as an open mic night. The Annual Meeting is one of those legal requirements we all love, but it provides us with an important opportunity to elect members to our Board of Directors. Our Directors are folks who work hard for the organization, all as volunteers, and make sure everything that is supposed to happen really does happen. The open mic portion of the program will be hosted by yours truly, and I sincerely hope we have lots of talent come out so that I don't have to play "Love Chicken" more than once.

Speaking of talent, the November 21st coffee house features one of Delaware's great talents. Crabmeat Thompson will bring his show to our stage, with opening act Bill McAvoy. Crabmeat is a marvel. He is a gifted singer and guitar player. He is a clever and often hilarious songwriter. He is multi-lingual, and often sings songs in more than one language (like "One Ton Tomato" in Irish). He is a keen observer of human behavior, a raconteur of some note, a former University of Delaware football player and a former candidate for the United States Presidency. Crabmeat will make you laugh and think at the same time, and his shows are always fun. Don't miss it!

-Jim McGiffin

Upcoming Coffeehouses

Coffeehouses are held at the Wesley College Chapel, at on Division Street, between Bradford and State Streets. Very reasonably priced 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 *
Nov. 21	Crabmeat Thompson	\$5/\$7
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.

**Coffeehouses are made possible with the help of the Delaware Division of the Arts.

Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item to benefit the Delaware Food Bank..

Also note that proceeds from the refreshments that we sell go to the Maurice Shockley Acoustic Stringed instrument Scholarship Fund.

Find us on Facebook

If you're on Facebook, you can find us there too. It's a little more interactive than our DFF website. You can upload pictures or videos of events, or post comments, start a discussion and more. We'd like your input on the work we've been doing, and Facebook offers the opportunity to find out what's important to you. Plus, it's a fun way to interact with people.

Just search for Delaware Friends of Folk.

New Music Spot

You may have heard about a new music locale in Dover. Be sure to check out The Golden Fleece in downtown Dover. They're doing their part to support live, local music in Dover and they deserve our support. The Golden Fleece is located right in the heart of Dover at 132 Loockerman Street- it's a great venue to showcase local talent. More info online at www.GoldenFleece.com. Or find them on Facebook.

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:

- November 14
- December 5 (1st Sat. since coffeehouse is 2nd Sat.)

Folk Festival




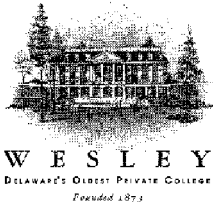


Want to be part of the 2010 Delmarva Folk Festival? Email Kae at kaejohnson1@comcast.net to find out how. The first festival meeting will be in March.

--Kae Mason, Festival Co-chair

Board Members & Officers

Who	Positions / Committees
John Kidd	Booking, Development
Clarence Brackin	
Kelly Crumpley	Activities chair
Pat Mcgee	
Kae Mason	Festival Chair, Vice Chair
Kristin Hamilton	Membership Chair
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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

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

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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