



February - March 2007

Cowichan Folk Guild

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Guest Artists

Lara Yule Singh and Alexia Melnychuk

Cowichan Folk Guild Coffee House

Saturday, March 10th, 7:30 p.m.

Alexia Melnychuk is relatively new to the scene in Alberta as a Singer Songwriter but not to performing or crafting songs. She has been pursuing a career in the music business for the past decade, at times earning her living solely from performing.

The pursuit of her solo career began in 2005 with the release of her debut recording, *Flying Machine*. The collection of 5 original songs melds various country and folk strains, with confident, emotive vocals and simple arrangements.

Alexia is currently at work on a follow up recording, a full length Cd due out March 2007.

Meanwhile, this new singer-songwriter is most likely found at a coffee shop somewhere out there guitar in hand, earning new fans with an unassuming, honest stage presence, and a big voice. More about Alexia can be found at www.alexiamelnchuk.com



With her second release slated for the summer of 2007, a personal invite to play at Fred Eaglesmith's Southern Ontario Picnic, and record labels starting to call, **Lara Yule Singh's** star is beginning to sparkle.

Lara's sincere, profound music is subtly unconventional. Her meaningful lyrics and quirky style are delicate, refreshing, avante-folk poetry.

Her debut CD, *Something In the Still* was released in May 2006.

Busy with all the aspects of being a professional musician, Lara is looking forward to her upcoming BC and cross Canada tours with singer/songwriter Alexia Melnychuk.

"Lara Yule Singh could be the answer to all our problems. Her folk-pop debut, *Something In the Still* will instantly put a smile on your face and lower your blood pressure...a delightfully quirky recording on par with efforts by Calgary's Chad VanGalen and freak-folk star Devendra Banhart." ~ Sandra Sperounes, *The Edmonton Journal*.

Check out Lara at www.larayulesingh.com

International Guitar Night

The Cowichan Folk Guild is pleased to bring you this special sixth performance by Brian Gore and his selection of the world's greatest guitarists at the Cowichan Theatre. Don't miss this very special performance to be recorded live for a CD to be produced and distributed by Pacific Music Marketing.

Tickets on sale now at the Cowichan Ticket Centre 748-7529



The **Cowichan Folk Guild** and the **Cowichan Theatre** present...

International Guitar Night

Saturday, February 17th, 7:30 p.m.

A special evening of elegant music performed by the best of acoustic guitar excellence from around the world, each player a virtuoso in their own style, with brilliant collaboration between them.

Brian Gore, USA



literature and philosophy, Gore employs his virtuosity in the service of the heart.

Clive is an acoustic fingerpicker with a beautifully clean technique and the ability to draw you into his music with astonishing ease. Clive offers a striking blend of classical guitar meets folk with seamless changes from chamber music into Irish reels. There's sincerity in his playing and in his approach, which leaves you feeling it's all being played for you personally.



Clive Carroll, UK

Beautiful music, elegantly performed with lightning fast runs, flawless timing, striking melodies and unique arrangements, all combine to take the guitar to another level

This will be the sixth time the Cowichan Folk Guild has brought Brian Gore and his selection of some of the world's greatest guitarists to the Cowichan Valley. Do not miss this very special one-time performance. The event will be recorded as a special CD, live from the Cowichan Theatre. For more visit www.theguitarnight.com

Your chance to support the Cowichan Folk Guild and **Win a guitar!**

Stonebridge Guitars will be giving away and a **Durango 40 guitar** (valued at just under \$1000.00) to a lucky raffle winner at International Guitar Night. (you do not have to be present to win but you will not want to miss the show!)

Since 1981, one of Europe's top luthiers Frantisek Furch, has been handcrafting fine acoustic guitars and mandolins, not only under the Furch name, but also for several famous name brands. Now, Frantisek introduces his guitars to North America and the Western world, as **Stonebridge**. Taken from the original name for the famous Charlesbridge in Prague, this name embodies the rich cultural history from which these instruments arise.

Learn more about Stonebridge at www.stonebridgeguitars.com. Stonebridge guitars are available from **Music Maxx** in Nanaimo.

Our **second prize** for this raffle will be: 2 tickets to the 23rd Annual Islands Folk Festival.

The **third prize** will be two tickets to A Blues Odyssey: Blues Heaven 2007, Cowichan Theatre, May 12th., 2007.

All prizes to be drawn at International Guitar Night, February 17th in the Cowichan Theatre.

Contact the Cowichan Folk Guild to get your raffle ticket at 748-3975 or info@folkfest.bc.ca

D'Gary, Madagascar



Known as a "poet of the guitar," Brian Gore's emotive, expressive style combines influences from folk, jazz and classical music. A musical romantic, who draws inspiration from literature and philosophy, Gore employs his virtuosity in the service of the heart.

Listen closely to his music and you'll swear there must be at least two guitarists playing. This illusion stems from D'Gary's penchant for open tunings he has developed through years of patient research and which he keeps totally secret!

Miguel de la Bastide, Trinidad ~ Canada



incredible soloist, he excels as an accompanist and composer, possessing a rare combination of explosive technique with a unique sensitivity to the flamenco dance and song.

Miguel has been involved with flamenco for over 25 years. He is one of the few guitarists outside of Spain who has mastered the techniques and the knowledge of the flamenco guitar. An



Islands Folk Scene

Campbell River: Song Circles 1st & 3rd Sundays. Several Coffeeshouses. Info: Jim Creighton 286-0026

Port Alberni Folk: Open Stage, 1st Saturday monthly at the Alamo Club, 3028 - 2nd Ave. Info: 724-3911

Bamfield Folk: Contact Darryl (250) 728-3000 or Andrea (250) 728-1260

Errington Coffee House: 1st. Saturday of the month at 8:00 pm Errington War Memorial Hall

Cumberland Culture and Art Society: 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, Miner's Café and Bakery, 2699 Dunsmuir Ave., 7:00-9:00 pm Info: Pauline 336-8856

Nanaimo Folk Connection: Coffeeshouse, 3rd Friday of the month, 7:30 pm, 71 Caledonia Ave. Info: 754-1321 or 753-1187
www.nanaimofolkconnection.ca/index

Red Willow Coffee House: Meets the 2nd Friday of the month at Hope Lutheran Church, Departure Bay Road, Nanaimo. Open stage, 7.30 pm Info: 250 245-4659

Gabriola Folk: Upcoming Coffeeshouse features, last Friday of the month at the Agi Hall, Info: Colleen 247-8178
colcog@islandnet.com

The Dancing Bean Coffee Co: 9572 Willow St., Chemainus. Call to confirm artists & times 246-5050

Songwriter's Cottage: Salt Spring Island. 2nd Thursday of the month at Lion's Hall, 7 pm - 9:15 pm, Info: 537-5931
info@songwriterscottage.ca

Mayne island Folk Night: Mayne Island. 3rd Saturday of the month at Agriculture Hall, Info: 539-5456

High Street Coffeeshouse: Ladysmith, last Saturday of the month, First United Church, 232 High St., 7:00 pm, Info: Bob (Bob's Music) 245-9121 fenderbender@islandnet.com
www.bobsmusic.ca

Salt Spring Folk: Fulford Hall. Info: 537-2828
www.saltspringfolk.ca

Duncan Garage Showroom: 201-330 Duncan St., Duncan. Info: 748-7246
www.duncangarageshowroom.com

Cowichan Folk Guild Coffee House: The 2nd Saturday of the month, 7:30 pm, St. Andrews Church, Cowichan Station, Info: 748-3975.
www.folkguild.bc.ca

Sooke Folk Coffeeshouse: 3rd Saturday of the month, Knox Presbyterian Church, 7:30 pm, Info: Donna 642-7681

Deep Cove Folk: 2nd Friday of the month, St. John's United Church (Saanich Rd.), 8 pm, Info: 384-9419 or 656-3581
bschofield@nrca.gc.ca

Brentwood Bay Folk: 3rd Saturday of the month, Brentwood Bay United Church, 7:30 pm, Info: 652-1758

Victoria Folk Music Society: Every Sunday, Norway House (1110 Hillside Ave.), 7:30 pm, Info: 413-3213
475-1355
www.victoriafolkmusic.ca

Bluegrass Sessions

Every Thursday in the Chapel

7:30 pm ~ 9:30 pm

Providence Farm

All ages/skill levels interested in playing or learning to play bluegrass, roots, old time, gospel, and traditional western music are welcome. This is a good time event sponsored by the

Cowichan Folk Guild

Admission \$3 for players

Audience free!

NOTE!

Anyone seen tapping toes may be considered players :-)

For more information call

Ron Ingram at 748-0918

Special Mention

Thank you **Susy Kemp** for your time, patience and hard work over the past 12 plus years. Susy has decided to make some changes in her life which means she will no longer have as much time to spend on the CFG. Her role as treasurer has been especially valued. We wish her all the best in her new ventures.

We would like to welcome **Barb Benoit** to our staff. She has agreed to give a few hours of each week to assist with the administrative work at the office. Welcome aboard Barb!

This year the IFF committee chairperson will change hands. A very warm thank you to **Alison Philp** who has done an outstanding job in keeping us in line these past few summers. To be frank we've gotten so used to her guiding hands that we might have been guilty of overlooking her steady contribution to the success of the festival. So, a heartfelt thank you to Alison for all of her hard work and effort! She has promised to give the incoming chairman a hand.

Since nature abhors a vacuum, **Ron Ingram** has found himself sucked into the IFF chair position. As well as a Board member, Ron also hosts the weekly Blue Grass Sessions. He has a tough act to follow but it's safe to say he will prove be a tour de force as our new IFF Chairperson.

We are in need of someone in our community who has a talent for writing grant proposals to institutions that support the arts. For more information please contact the office at 748-3975.

Cowichan Folk Guild Executive

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The Cowichan Folk Guild is located at Providence Farm, 1843 Tzouhalem Road, Duncan
Office hours are from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday, call (250) **748-3975**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>11</p> <p>Victoria FMS --Open Stage-- Tom Rawson Norway Hall 7:30pm 413-3213</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>--Bluesgrass-- Session Providence Farm The Beverage Garden or Workshop Room Every Thursday 7:30pm 748-0918</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Nanaimo Folk Connection Mary Murphy & Paul Kiem 754-1321/753-1187 7:30pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>International Guitar Night Cowichan Theatre 7:00pm</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Victoria FMS --Open Stage-- Smith, Funk & Strauss Shady Grove --Concert-- Todd Butler 2:00pm 483-5435</p>	<p>19</p> <p>The Victoria Storytellers' Guild 1831 Fern St. 7:15pm 477-7044 Every 3rd Monday</p>	<p>20</p> <p>--Song Circle-- 2174 Dierdre 7:30pm - 9:30pm Every 3rd Tuesday 746-6561</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>--Bluesgrass-- Session Providence Farm The Beverage Garden or Workshop Room Every Thursday 7:30pm 748-0918</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Community Chant Circle Every Fourth Friday Duncan 7:30pm-9:30pm 746-3626</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Victoria Nautical --Song Circle-- 7:30pm The Bent Mast Pub Bi-Weekly 380-7442</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Victoria FMS --Open Stage-- Bryan Bowers 7:30pm 413-3213</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Salt Spring Folk Club --Open Stage-- Anne Feeney Norway Hall 7:30pm 413-3213 Pondside House Concert Andy Sheppard 7:00pm 361-1830</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Victoria Bluegrass Association Bluegrass Jams Orange Hall 7:30pm-10:30pm Every Tuesday 472-6483</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>March 1</p> <p>--Bluesgrass-- Session Providence Farm The Beverage Garden or Workshop Room Every Thursday 7:30pm 748-0918</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Victoria --Song Circle-- 7:30pm The Bent Mast Pub Bi-Weekly 380-7442</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Victoria FMS --Open Stage-- Nonie Crete and Eugene Rea Norway Hall 7:30pm 413-3213</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Island Thyme: Morris Dancing (Women) Dan's Hall, Victoria Every Monday 8:00 pm 385-1307</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Celtic Ceili The Bent Mast 512 Simoe, Victoria Every Tuesday 8:00pm 920-7999</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>--Bluesgrass-- Session Providence Farm The Beverage Garden or Workshop Room Every Thursday 7:30pm 748-0918</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Lara Yule Singh & Alexia Melnychuk CFG Coffee House St. Andrew's Parish Hall 7:30pm 748-3975</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Victoria FMS --Open Stage-- Kevin Cook & Cam Neufeld Shady Grove --Concert-- Todd Butler 2:00pm 483-5435</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Arion Male Voice Choir Centennial United Church Victoria 385-2264/721-2735 Every Monday</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Hollytree: Morris Dancing (Mixed) Scout Hall 459 Chester St. Victoria Every Tuesday 8:00 pm 475-1706</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Not for Joe's: Morris Dancing (Men) Dan's Hall, Victoria Every Wednesday 7:00pm 659-2920</p>	<p>15</p> <p>--Bluesgrass-- Session Providence Farm The Beverage Garden or Workshop Room Every Thursday 7:30pm 748-0918</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Nanaimo Folk Connection Steve Slade from the Yukon 754-1321/753-1187 7:30pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Irish Season Celtic Rhythm Dancers Cowichan Theatre 7:00pm 748-7529</p>

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MEMBERSHIP

BENEFITS

- ☞ Free Admission to monthly Coffee House.
- ☞ Reduced Admission to many Guild sponsored Concerts and events.
- ☞ Monthly Newsletter & Calender of Events.
- ☞ Eligibility to vote (and run) for the CFG Board of Directors.

ANNUAL DUES

Individual: \$30 Family \$40

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