

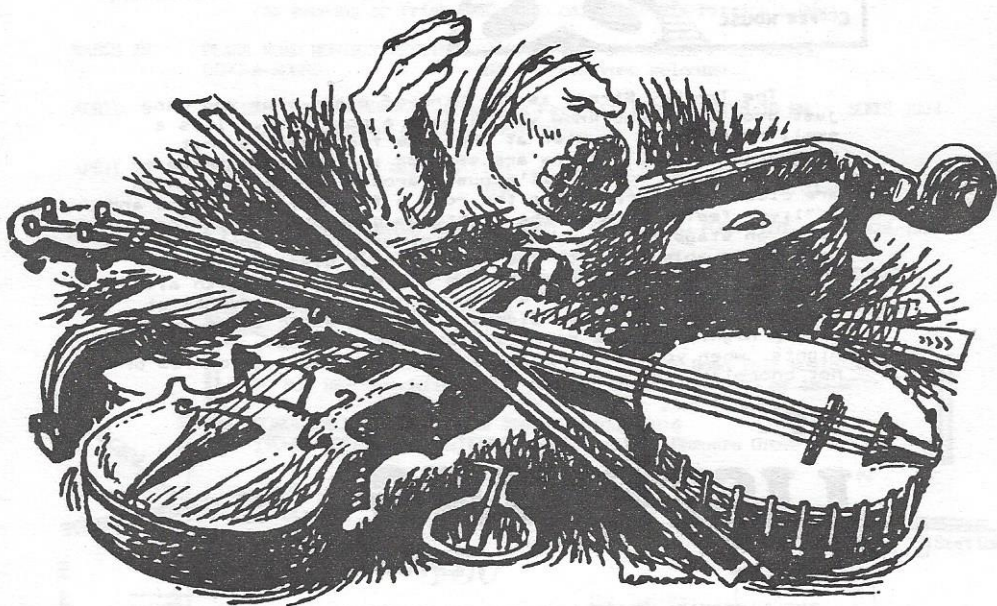
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A LISTING OF LIVE

ACOUSTIC MUSIC PERFORMANCES

IN THE WESTERN SUBURBAN AREA



A PUBLICATION OF THE PLANK ROAD FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY



P.O. Box 283
 Brookfield, Illinois
 60513

Many of the Plank Road Folk Music Society's concerts are held in the basement of Sokol Hall, on Prairie Avenue in Brookfield. The rectangular room is large--it can easily accommodate over a hundred audience members--but at the same time it has a warm, homey feel to it. Chairs are set up in rows directly in front of the stage, and on the sides tables are angled off for those who'd like to have someplace to set their coffee or soda down. Wherever you sit, you're close enough to see and hear the performers easily. There's a refreshment counter at the back of the room where you can get snacks or something to drink (non-alcoholic) and say hello to whoever else has wandered back there. There's usually two sets a night, and there's plenty of time before, after, and in-between them for relaxing and socializing.



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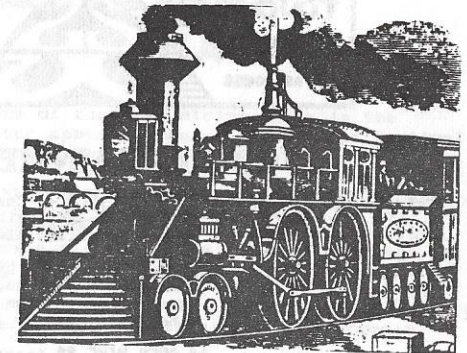
The Two Way Street is the kind of place that you can just drop in at and know you'll have a good time. It's a small room with a counter at the side for munchies, hot drinks, and soda. Chairs are settled in groups of three or four (sometimes more if it's busy) around the tables, which are close together, giving the room a friendly atmosphere and a "live" feeling. When the lights go down and the performer steps on stage it's very much a listening room, you'll be sure to be able to enjoy the show without distractions. In the hall outside the room there's bulletin boards with all kinds of notices and flyers about other upcoming events at the Two Way and at other places. There's music there every Friday night, but the room is also open on Monday and Tuesday nights, when you can come in just to have a cup of coffee or hot chocolate and visit.

THE LISTENING PLACE

THE LISTENING PLACE presents an acoustic concert series in a comfortable coffeehouse setting. Some of the finest local and regional songwriters/musicians are showcased every Saturday night beginning at 8 p.m.

THE LISTENING PLACE is located in:
 The Austin Trinity United Methodist Church
 1107 S. Austin Blvd., Chicago
 For info. call 626-3984
 Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Donation \$3

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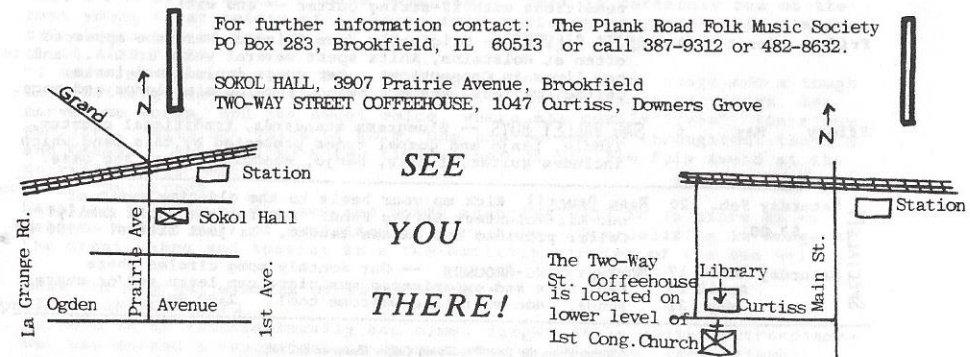


PLANK ROAD FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY 1988 EVENTS - CONCERTS, DANCES, SING-A-ROUNDS

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| FEBRUARY 6 | JIM BREWER with Mark Dvorak & Jerome Binder | IN CONCERT 8:15 PM | SOKOL HALL |
| | | (An evening of Delta Blues) | |
| FEBRUARY 13 | PLANK ROAD MONTHLY MEETING | 1PM | TWO-WAY STREET COFFEEHOUSE |
| | SING-A-ROUND | 2PM | Songbooks provided! |
| FEBRUARY 20 | BARNDANCE with the ALL VOLUNTEER STRING BAND | 7PM | TWO-WAY STREET COFFEEHOUSE |
| MARCH 12 | THE GAPING MAW with Diane Ippel | IN CONCERT 8:15 PM | SOKOL HALL |
| | | (An evening of Irish music, to celebrate St. Patrick's Day) | |
| MARCH 19 | PLANK ROAD MONTHLY MEETING | 1PM | TWO-WAY STREET COFFEEHOUSE |
| | SING-A-ROUND | 2PM | Everyone welcome! |
| APRIL 9 | THE SPEICAL CONSENSOUS with Rick Farrell | IN CONCERT 8:15 PM | SOKOL HALL |
| | | (An evening of great Bluegrass) | |
| APRIL 23 | PLANK ROAD MONTHLY MEETING | 1PM | TWO-WAY STREET COFFEEHOUSE |
| | SING-A-ROUND | 2PM | Bring your favorite instrument! |
| MAY 14 | 2nd ANNUAL OLD-QUARTER REUNION PARTY - PLANK ROAD FOLK FEST | | SOKOL HALL |
| | Don't miss this festive event to include:
LISA LILLY, MARK DVORAK, PAUL KLONOWSKI, MARIANNE MOHRHUSEN,
RIPE FOR THE PICKIN', JANET HIGBEE & JEFF SANDS,
ROSCOE CHAMP & RON SIMPSON and MORE! | | |

For further information contact: The Plank Road Folk Music Society
 PO Box 283, Brookfield, IL 60513 or call 387-9312 or 482-8632.

SOKOL HALL, 3907 Prairie Avenue, Brookfield
 TWO-WAY STREET COFFEEHOUSE, 1047 Curtiss, Downers Grove





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ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

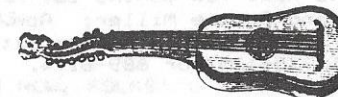
Friday	February 19	CHRIS VALLILLO -- Chris returns with excellent traditional and modern fingerpicking, blues, country and original songs, which he calls, simply, "American Music." With guitar.
Friday	February 26	DWAIN STORY & TODD KELLEY -- Album release party for Dwain's "Wendigo Today" and Todd's "Lookin' for the Happy Songs." Each of these fine performers will do a solo set, and then they will team up for a great duo set. Guitars & Vocals.
Friday	March 4	** OPEN MIKE ** Another of our popular sessions where anyone is welcome to perform, and we always have a great variety of excellent performers. If YOU would like to try our stage on for size, call Dave (968-5526) or just show up!
Friday	March 11	SUSAN URBAN -- An all-original show by this excellent Chicago songwriter. Songs about social issues, human interest, and more. Six and twelve string guitar, and some a cappella.
Friday	March 18	WILSON RAMSAY -- This outstanding acoustic blues guitarist and singer excels also in other kinds of music from jazz to pop to bluegrass, but his first love is the blues!
Friday	March 25	STEVE BUDDE -- Excellent fiddler and member of the popular group "Ripe for the Pickin'," Steve shows us many different styles of traditional fiddling such as American Southern, Irish, Swedish, Scottish and more. Some friends will assist!
Friday	April 1	DENNIS JOHNSON -- Well-known for his appearances on the "Flea Market" and "Midnight Special" radio shows and in many clubs and concerts, Dennis presents a variety of folk, gospel and original songs with guitar and banjo.
Friday	April 8	MICHAEL OFFUTT -- Mike takes time off from the popular group, Northern Prairie Drifters, for a solo date. Melodic, topical and fun songs with guitar and banjo. Storytelling too!
Friday	April 15	MARY GABRIEL, CATHY JONES & MARIANNE MOHRHUSEN -- Mary's moving to North Carolina, so this will be our last chance to hear her hammer dulcimer for a while. Cathy and Marianne will join her for folksongs with guitar, fiddle and autoharp.
Friday	April 22	CHARLIE LEWIS -- His folksongs are contemporary, but will become "traditional" by the 21st century. Entertaining renditions with 12-string guitar -- and wit!
Friday	April 29	ANITA SILVERT -- Originally from Chicago where she appeared often at Holsteins, Anita spent several years in L.A., and now lives in Connecticut. Her songs include originals, Celtic, ballads, western swing, rousing singalongs and more.
Friday	May 6	SAG VALLEY BOYS -- Bluegrass standards, traditional country, fiddle, banjo and gospel tunes presented by this band which includes guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, dobro and bass.
SPECIALS!!	Saturday Feb. 20	BARN DANCE!! Kick up your heels to the old-time music of our All-Volunteer String Band. Fun for the whole family! Caller provided and dances taught. Or just listen! 7:00 PM \$3.00
	Saturday March 19	MONTHLY SING-AROUNDS -- Our monthly song circles where
	April 23 May 21	beginners and experienced musicians can learn and/or share songs. Non-musicians welcome too! 2:00 PM

Watch From the Two Way Street Coffee House on DGTV,
 Downers Grove Cable Television Channel G/28, Mondays at 7:30 PM.

The Two Way Street Coffee House is a not-for-profit community project of the First Congregational Church of Downers Grove, and is open to the public every Monday, Tuesday and Friday night at 8:00. Live entertainment is featured each Friday beginning at 8:45. \$1.00 donation requested Fridays. Refreshments available. Member: Plank Road Folk Music Society.

THE LISTENING PLACE

- Feb. 13 **THE ALLEN STREET STRING BAND**
 Based in Springfield, IL, this is one of the best string bands in the Midwest. They'll help us celebrate our sponsor's annual Mardi Gras Festival at the Trinity United Methodist Church. Get your dancin' shoes on!
- Feb. 20 **JIM CRAIG**
 Jim is a baritone singer-guitarist who "knows how to use the power of an extraordinarily deep and rich voice and an elegant guitar style in the interpretation of traditional and contemporary songs". (Come For To Sing). Come and experience what "the best male singer in the Midwest" (Chicago Magazine) can do to your heart.
- Feb. 27 **BILL CAPLIN**
 Bill was named the Wisconsin Folk Artist of the Year. He sings contemporary and traditional folk songs. Discover one of the treasures of Wisconsin.
- March 5 **JULIE LUTHER**
 We welcome traditional folk singer - storyteller Julie Luther's debut at The Listening Place. With her exciting storytelling and soothing but moving voice, it'll be a night to remember.
- March 12 **BUDDY MONDLOCK**
 Buddy was the winner of the New Folk Award for song writing at the Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas. He has also just released his first album "On the Line". He not only has a clear bell-like voice, he has a heart that sings. Now a resident of Nashville with a publishing contract there. This appearance at The Listening Place will be his last one in Chicago for quite a while. Don't miss it!
- March 19 **MICHAEL MILES**
 Michael is master of clawhammer banjo and finger style guitar who plays traditional and contemporary folk, old jazz and his own songs. He has published a series of instructional tapes from Kicking Mule Records. While busy working as the program director at The Old Town School of Folk Music; Michael finds time to tour Europe and the U.S..
- March 26 **DAVID WILLIAMS**
 "...every once in a while, someone rises up with a real talent for lyrics, and such a talent is Dave Williams ... his music has both the lyricism of better contemporary writers and the down home feel of an old-time country singer" (Come for to Sing). Dave plays guitar, mandolin, fiddle and tenor banjo.
- April 2 **PHIL COOPER and MARGARET NELSON**
 Specializing in folk songs and instrumentals from the British Isles and North America, their performance is always an entertaining blend of musicianship, enthusiasm and humor. Phil's fingerstyle guitar arrangements of traditional fiddle tunes are always delightful.
- April 9 **MARK DVORAK**
 "Mark brings to the stage an intensity and understanding of folk music that's not often found." (Dave Reynolds). Mark is certainly one of the best young interpreters of American folk music whose presence is sincere and also a lot of fun.
- April 16 **JAN MARRA**
 "I know Jan Marra to be a hard working professional on stage and a tough hard-hitting player on the softball field, but it is in her songs, her marvelous songs, and her sweet voice, where she really lives". (Garrison Keillor). With her voice of gold, she has performed throughout the U.S. and Canada. She is also a two time winner of the New Folk Award at the Kerrville Folk Festival.
- April 23 **PRIVATEER**
 Haunting ballads of the sea and bawdy chauties will be in store as we welcome a fine pair of musicians to our stage. Specializing in songs of the Great Lakes and tossing in a few exciting stories of the sea will make for a great evening of entertainment.
- April 30 **SHINOBU SATO**
 Shinobu is an internationally acclaimed finger-style guitar extrordinaire who has earned a reputation as "a musician's musician" (Art Theme). "He brings an elegance and depth to his music rarely heard outside of the classical concert hall". (Stuart Rosenburg host of The Flea Market WBEZ). His first album will be out on Flying Fish Records soon.



PLANK ROAD NEWS

CONCERT NEWS

A concert featuring Gerry Armstrong and Diane Ippel will be held on Sunday, Feb. 28 at the Wilmette Historical Society on Hunter Road in Wilmette. It will begin at 2:30 p.m. This concert is a benefit for the Gebhard Woods Dulcimer Festival. This festival will be held in Gebhard Woods State Park in Morris, IL, on July 9 and 10. For further information on the concert contact Diane at 386-5361.

A benefit concert for the Maple Street Chapel (Maple Street and Main Street in Lombard) will be held at the chapel on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 7 p.m. The following performers will be featured: The Amazing Howe Brothers, Kathy O'Hara, Diana Lafey, Bryan Daganhart, Lee Murdoch. Light refreshments will be served, and a \$10 donation is requested.

The Fox Valley Folklore Society is hosting the following concerts: Sunday, March 27th at 3:00, John Roberts and Lisa Preston perform traditional music of Britain and Ireland (everything from classic ballads to drinking songs) at Michelangelo's (329 E. Indian Trail in Aurora); Sunday, May 8th at 3:00, Critton Hollow String Band, old-time music, also at Michelangelo's. Call 897-3655 for more information.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP GET-TOGETHER

The Plank Road Society's annual membership get together was held Sunday, Jan. 17. We discussed plans for the coming year, including the continuation of the concert series and the possibility of holding more barn dances. Also tossed around was the idea of putting on one or more smaller concerts during each month, featuring local performers. Other topics of discussions included workshops, publicity, children's shows, and house concerts. If you couldn't make the meeting and have any suggestions, or would like to help out with any of the plans for the coming year, drop us a line at our P.O. Box, or stop in at our monthly meetings.

STORYTELLING

The Fox Valley Storytelling Guild, a new organization, meets on the third Wednesday of every month at Michelangelo's in Aurora. 897-3655 for more info.

LOOKING FOR MORE MUSIC?

The MONT CLARE COFFEEHOUSE is located in the education building adjacent to the Mont Clare Church, 6935 W. Medill in Chicago. They have shows on the first Saturday of every month at 8 pm. This is the third season they've been open, and the schedule for the next few months is: Feb. 6, Chris Farrell; Mar. 5, Doug and Bonnie Miller; Apr. 2, Don Hayne and Sheryl Samuel. If you'd like to know a little more about Mont Clare you can call 775-1257 or 889-8174.

The SOMETHING ELSE COFFEEHOUSE makes its home at Lewis University, Route 53, Romeoville, which is only about a thirty of forty minute drive from the near western suburbs. They have shows every month of the school year. Doors open at 9:15 and stay open until midnight. For information on performers and dates call Mark McVann at 242-0015.

THE OLD TOWN SCHOOL OF FOLK MUSIC hosts concerts and open stages. For more information on shows and on the school's Friday night Mr. Coffeehouse call 525-7793.

The FOX VALLEY FOLKLORE SOCIETY hosts open stages at Michelangelo's (329 E. Indian Tr., Aurora) on the first Wednesday of each month. Singarounds are held the other Wednesdays. The society also hosts a variety of concerts. For details call 897-3655.

The DAVID ADLER CULTURAL CENTER in Libertyville (1700 North Milwaukee Ave.) presents concerts and open stages, usually on Friday nights. Call for more information at 367-0707.

The NO EXIT CAFE/GALLERY (6970 N. Glenwood, Chicago) presents folk, blues, and ragtime music throughout the week, and holds open stages every Monday. For information and a complete schedule call 743-3355.

THANK YOU!

The Plank Road Society would like to say thanks to everyone who's helped out at our concerts. We couldn't put on the shows we do without people to run the door, membership table, and refreshment counter, and do the setting up and tearing down. We'd especially like to thank Jeff Sands and Maurice Smeets for their effort and expertise in running the sound equipment.

DON'T FORGET

Plank Road T-shirts are available at the Two Way Street, at Plank Road events, or through the mail. Shirts are \$8, \$7 for members. They are available in adult sizes s, m, l, xl or children's s, m, l. If you're ordering by mail please include an extra \$1 for postage and handling, and don't forget to specify your size and mailing address.

Plank Road monthly meetings are held at the Two Way Street Coffee House, on the third Saturday of every month at 1:00. If you'd like to get more involved, or just hear more about what's going on, drop in and say hello. Check the schedule for particular dates, and remember, there's a singaround after each meeting.

Our board of directors: Marianne Mohrhusen, secretary; Charlie Lewis, treasurer; Dave Humphreys, director; Cathy Jones, director; Rich Geiger, director, Mary Nugent, director.

Remember, we're always interested in your comments, suggestions, and ideas. If you'd like to contribute to the newsletter or just share your thoughts please drop us a line. Our mailing address is:

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THAT'S ALL FOR NOW, FOLKS!!!

