

SECOND SUNDAY FOLK DANCES...A Fun, Family, Musical Tradition

Second Sunday Folk Dances Begin Stellar Season

This October, the Second Sunday Folk Dance series is starting its 22nd year. Set in the beautifully renovated dance hall at Fortune Lake Camp the event has the reputation of being one of the Midwest's most popular venues for folk music and dance. The Second Sunday Folk Dance presents some of the best musicians in the country in an intimate setting.

The Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp is located between Iron River and Crystal Falls (in Iron County, Michigan), 2 miles west of Crystal Falls on US-2. Turn south on Bible Camp Road and drive for less than a quarter mile. Turn right on Fortune Lake Camp Road and drive just a short distance.

The Second Sunday Folk Dance series is the largest, longest running event of its kind. Activities begin at 4PM Central Time with a concert by White Water and guests, followed by dancing in many forms. A light meal and soft drinks are served at each dance. The entertainment lasts until 7 PM. Admission for those over 15 is \$7 and children under 15 are admitted free. For more information about the folk event call 906-822-7889 or check the website, white-water-associates.com/second.htm

Second Sunday Lineup for 2007-2008 Season

Here's the exciting lineup of performers for the 2007-2008 season:

October 14—White Water, Laurel Premo, Duo Borealis.

Evan and Laurel Premo, Mary Bonhag and Bob Lester are on autumn break from Univ. of Michigan, so they agreed to come up and kick-off the Second Sunday season with some of their wonderful music. Mary and Evan's unique collaboration as Duo Borealis combines voice and double bass. The duo's diverse program and warm stage presence embraces and charms the audience. Laurel Premo has been writing many new tunes for instruments like frailing banjo, cittern, and bodhran. She will join with Bob Lester for some authentic bluegrass banjo sounds.

November 11—Kitty Donohoe is an award-winning songwriter with three critically acclaimed albums to her credit. Her songs clearly reflect both her Irish and her American roots. Her natural sense as a storyteller merges with a love of language and an ear for melodies to create songs about the aspects of life that move most of us, from everyday to the rarer

moments we encounter. Kitty's soaring vocals and powerful back-up rhythm instrumentation on guitar have been acclaimed by Irish Music Magazine.

December 9—The Augustine Family will headline the December event along with stage time to feature local young artists. The Augustines from L'Anse have been performing throughout Michigan and Wisconsin at many folk festivals and fairs. Henry, Laura, and their children Joe and Rebecca play and sing a pleasing variety of songs and play violin, hammered dulcimer, percussion rhythm instruments, guitars, mandolin banjo and upright bass.

January 13—Bryan Bowers is a master autoharp player and traditional songster and has been a major presence on the North American folk music scene since the mid - 1960s. He is a powerful singer and a gifted performer and is a returning favorite to the Second Sunday Folk Dance stage. For nearly three decades, Bryan Bowers has been to the autoharp what Earl Scruggs was to the five-string banjo. He presents instrumental virtuosity combined with warmth, eloquence, expression and professionalism. Bowers has been described by the Houston Post as one of the finest all-around entertainers on the folk and bluegrass circuit and a person who is a national treasure.

February 10—Bill Staines. For over thirty-five years, Bill has traveled back and forth across North America, singing his songs and delighting audiences at festivals, folksong societies, colleges, concerts, clubs and coffeehouses. A New England native, Bill became involved with the Boston-Cambridge folk scene in the early 1960s. Weaving a magical blend of wit and gentle humor into his performances, he has a sense of timing to match the best stand-up comic. His music is a slice of Americana, reflecting with the same ease, his feelings about the prairie people of the Midwest or the adventurers of the Yukon. Singing mostly his own songs, he has become one of the most popular singers on the folk music circuit today and averages around 200 concert dates a year. Radio and TV appearances have included *A Prairie Home Companion*, *Mountain Stage*, *The Good Evening Show* and a host of local programs on PBS and network TV.

If you have any questions, call the Fortune Lake Camp at 906-875-3697, or Bette or Dean Premo at 906-822-7889.

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March 9—Finn Hall is a group of musicians from Minneapolis dedicated to preserving the feel and sounds of dances at the Finn Halls found in most Finnish-American communities in the late 1800s into the 1950s. They remain true to the original tunes and instrumentation, and have added dances that were just coming into vogue in the 1950s and 1960s - like the humppa and tango. Musicians in the group are Ralph (Rauli) Tuttila, Dennis Halme, Al Reko, Mary Oberg Hanf, Johanna Doty and Cheryl Paschke.

April 13—Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen return to the Second Sunday stage. Steve Gillette is considered one of the

finest singer-songwriters. His songs have been sung by dozens of major artists including Garth Brooks, John Denver, Nanci Griffith, Waylon Jennings, Anne Murray, Linda Ronstadt, Don Williams, and Tammy Wynette. Since marrying in 1989, Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen have been traveling, performing and recording together. Cindy sings and accompanies on guitar, banjo, English concertina, or mountain dulcimer and her repertoire ranges from haunting traditional ballads to songs by writers as diverse as Jack Hardy and Nancy White. Together they have appeared on National Public Radio, Mountain Stage, Simply Folk and many North American folk festivals.

Sponsors Sought for Support

Second Sunday Folk Dance organizers seek funds to foster the activities and underwrite the expenses of guest artists, many of whom travel hundreds of miles to perform.

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