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July 2010 Newsletter

37th Annual Alaska Folk Festival April 4-10, 2011



Red Molly - In Concert Oct. 10

Mark your calendar now for a fine evening of entertainment by Red Molly on Sunday, October 10, 7:30pm, at Resurrection Lutheran Church.

The group has a demanding coast to coast tour schedule including well known venues like Merlefest.

"Red Molly may be from New York, but their bluegrass and old-time gospel sounds and buoyant three-part harmonies are so down-home it's as if their notes are carried to you on the crisp air of the Ozarks." -The Boston Globe

Tickets will be \$15 and available at Hearthside and Rainy Retreat bookstores. Check AFF website for ticket availability. Brought to you by Gold Street Music and the Alaska Folk Festival.

2010 Treasurer's Report

While remembering that the true value of the folk festival is the smiles it puts on everyone's faces, we can also report that AFF finances have never been better. Thanks to you, the members, volunteers and performers, the Alaska Folk Festival is still around, going strong, and financially stronger than ever before.



With all the expected bills paid at this point in time, we show a gain this year of \$5100. Our biggest source of income is memberships. So far this year they amount to over \$33,000, most of which are given during folk festival week. Our second biggest source of income is the merchandise sold. This year we made over \$13,000 from selling our t-shirts, mugs, posters, etc. We also took in almost \$5600 from the sponsors who buy advertising space in our printed program. The total income to date

Each year it seems to get a bit more expensive to put on folk festival. As usual, our biggest expense this year was renting Centennial Hall for the week which cost about \$12,600. Second in rank, we have the guest artists, which includes artist fee, travel, lodging and per diem - about \$9500. Other large expenses include: sound engineering \$6700, printed programs \$4100, security \$2500, and general business expenses \$7000. So far this year we've spent \$74,700.

Note that these amounts do not include any concerts. AFF ended up subsidizing the Ginny Hawker concert in May 2010 for about \$1100. Anyone wishing further financial information should email their request to treasurer@AkFolkFest.org.

Jamie Brown, AFF Treasurer

Alaska Folk Festival Membership Form

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Name:	
Address:	
City:	
State/Zip:	
Amount: \$ Exp. Date:	Visa or Mastercard ONLY (3 digit security code):
Signature:	

Amount \$		
Member	(\$15 - \$29)	
Sustaining Member	(\$30 - \$49)	
Friend	(\$50 - \$99)	
Patron	(\$100 - \$249)	
Benefactor	(\$250 and above)	
$\hfill\Box$ Please do not list my name in the program.		

All members receive the Festival newsletters. Benefactors, Patrons, Friends, and Sustaining Members will be listed in the Festival program (deadline: March 15, 2011). Please mail to: Alaska Folk Festival, PO Box 21748, Juneau, Alaska 99802. Thank You!

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NEW - Folk Fest MP3's on the Web



For the first time the Alaska Folk Festival is making performer recordings available to all from our website. If you missed one of your favorite performers, if you want to hear that really great song again, if Aunt Sally in Texas never got to hear you play on stage – well, now you

have that possibility.

There is a new icon on our web page with this year's concert schedule, one for each act. Simply locate the act you want to hear and click its loudspeaker icon. (15 minute sets have file sizes of about 12-15 megabytes, so you will need ample bandwidth to listen. Since this is a new experiment there may be glitches. If so, please let us know – webmaster@AkFolkFest.org. Your feedback on this new feature, positive or negative, is appreciated.



AFF Contact & Info Sources

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Web Site: AkFolkFest.org also on Facebook

Historic Folk Festival Recordings



The folk festival is currently engaged in a project to preserve and modernize old recordings from past festivals. Presently we have converted the last 10 years festival concerts to digital form. Older tapes have been contracted out to Studio A for conversion. Most of the early recordings of the first 20 years have been lost. If you happen to have any good quality recordings, especially festival highlights, and would be willing to loan them, we'd like to hear from you. If you have a project in mind where you would like to use our historic recordings, please present your request to our board for consideration.

AFF Board Members through AFF 37

Folk festival board members are all volunteers who love the Alaska Folk Festival and are willing to serve a threeyear term working on the board organizing the Festival. Here are the board members through the next Festival, with term expiration years shown.

Greg McLaughlin, President (exp 2013) Lise Paradis, Vice President (exp 2012) Carol Ackerson, Secretary (exp 2013) Jamie Brown, Treasurer (exp 2011) Pat Henry (exp 2011) Sergei Morosan (exp 2012) John Church (exp 2013)