

January 2012
Newsletter

38th Annual
Alaska Folk Festival
April 9-15, 2012

Guest Artists for the 2012 festival:
Tennessee Mafia Jug Band



From the pastoral hills, hollers, shopping malls and interstate highways of Goodlettsville Tennessee, home of Bill Monroe, Bashful Brother Oswald, Stringbean, Grandpa Jones, Keith Whitley and some living country music performers, comes the most entertaining “blast from the past” since Lester Moran and the Cadillac Cowboys. They’re the **Tennessee Mafia Jug Band** — six guys and a scrubboard, with roots like wisdom teeth.

The Tennessee Mafia Jug Band have shamelessly stolen a feature of the old Roy Acuff Show — a bit known as “Pap & the Jug Band”. There’s only so many graveyard numbers or raunchy love songs that even the most rabid country audience can sit through without

**DEADLINE FOR
PERFORMER APPLICATIONS
IS FRIDAY, MARCH 2 AT 5PM**

some kind of relief. This frolicking sixsome brightens up the stage with rib-tickling old time tunes. Even better, they have an utter lack of self-consciousness (and some might say any sense of decorum). The Tennessee Mafia Jug Band not only know the music, they wear the costumes, tell corny jokes and even do slapstick gags that throw a cable-tv-numbered audience into hysterics.

Hot picking, powerful harmony singing and riotous hijinks that will perk you up between the “hot young country” acts — that’s the Tennessee Mafia Jug Band, and thank God for them.

For their folk festival appearance, the Tennessee Mafia Jug Band will consist of 6 band members: Lester (continued page 2)



Alaska Folk Festival Membership Form

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Signature: _____

Amount \$ _____	
___ Member	(\$15 - \$29)
___ Sustaining Member	(\$30 - \$49)
___ Friend	(\$50 - \$99)
___ Patron	(\$100 - \$249)
___ Benefactor	(\$250 and above)
<input type="checkbox"/> 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, 2012). Please mail to: Alaska Folk Festival, PO Box 21748, Juneau, Alaska 99802. Thank You!

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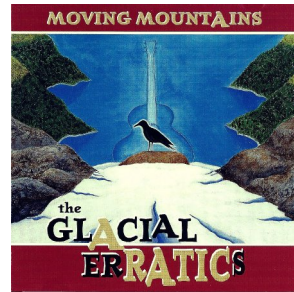
Guest Caller - Tony Mates

Traditional music and dance sunk their hooks into Mr. Mates quite a few years ago and show no signs of letting go. Equally at home with squares and contras he likes nothing better than to have a frenzy of dancers in front of him and a fine band behind. He is known for fun dances, clear delivery and general good humor. When not calling dances he is often parked behind a string bass, or maybe a guitar or a fiddle, whiling away the time with various kinds of Old Time music. He currently plays with Trio A Propos and Peckin' Out Dough. He lives in Seattle with his wife Catherine, and their dog Bill. Tony has played music and called dances for nearly 30 years, and music has taken him from Alaska to NYC and back!



(Great Artists continued from page 1)

Armistead - Jug & vocals, Leroy Troy - Banjo and scrubboard, Ernie Sykes - Bass, Mike Armistead - Guitar & vocals, Shadrach Cobb - Fiddle, and Mike Webb - Dobro.



Glacial Erratics Reunion Concert

Date: Saturday, February 4

Time: 7 pm

Place: **Resurrection Lutheran Church**, 10th & Glacier

Who: **The Glacial Erratics** including **Kim Barlow, Andrea McColeman, Betsy Sims, and Martha Stey**

This concert will be in honor of Juneau's own **Buddy Tabor**. Buddy's been a big influence and support of all the Glacial Erratics members. They'll be playing selections from their two recordings "Moving Mountains" and "Tide of Change." They'll also be covering a few Buddy originals. Proceeds will continue to assist Buddy and his family with their needs. People will be able to sign and send greetings on a "Buddy Love" card we'll have at the concert.

Watch for ...

a possible Wilders concert on March 1. Hailing from Kansas City Missouri, the Wilders have entertained Juneau audiences in the past with their high energy old time and country music. After years of entertaining audiences around the world the Wilders are parting ways, so dust off your dancing shoes. Check the folk festival web site for further announcements.

Gold Street Music

Better save the first Saturday evening each month (except February) for Gold Street Music. It offers a delightful and unique opportunity to hear local musicians in an acoustic setting. Concerts are at the Resurrection Lutheran Church at 7:30pm on the first Saturday of the month. \$5 at the door. For more information you may call 523-6999.

February 3 - FRIDAY! Note the day change out of kindness to accommodate the Glacial Erratics concert

March 3: Saturday as normal
April - no concert due to folk fest

AFF Planning Meetings

Meeting Dates: Interested people are encouraged to attend AFF board meetings. All regular meetings are open to the public. As the 38th Annual Alaska Folk Festival approaches, your help is appreciated. If you have suggestion, comments or just want to jump in and help, please stop by. Meeting usually take place at the KTOO conference room at 7pm on Thursdays, but check the website for any changes.

Feb 9
Feb 23
Mar 8
Mar 15
Mar 22
Mar 29
Apr 5

Other Important Dates:

Mar 2 - deadline for performer apps
Mar 9 - tentative schedule mailing
Apr 13 - annual membership meeting



Membership Annual Meeting

The folk festival's annual membership meeting will be held at the Juneau Arts and Culture Center (former Armory), across the parking lot from Centennial Hall, at **5:00 pm, Friday, April 13, 2012**. Please plan on attending. It provides you with an opportunity to express your concerns. This is your Folk Festival and the best way to improve it is with your input. Election of board members, free food and drinks are on the agenda for all current AFF members.

Contra Dance Schedule January to May 2012

<u>Date</u>	<u>Band</u>	<u>Caller</u>
Sat. 1/28	Happy To Be Here	Tom Paul
Sat. 2/25	Full Circle	Odette Edgar
Sat. 3/24	Bevels(±)	Odette Edgar
Sat. 5/5	Impromptu	Tom Paul

All dances 7:30-11 pm at St. Ann's Parish Hall, 5th and Gold

Pioneers' Home Wants Musicians

Want a truly appreciative audience? Local and visiting musicians should consider playing 15 to 30 minutes at the Juneau Pioneers' Home. The atmosphere is warm and resembles playing in your living room. To schedule a time or get more information, contact Judy at 780-6422 ext. 212 or judy.neary@alaska.gov. You'll be happy you did.

Applications:

**Performer, Dance Band, Caller,
Workshop, & Volunteer**

Web Forms - NEW!

For the first time, applications may be submitted from our website. These are web pages that will accept your information and submit it directly to our database and **will send you an email confirmation**. Do not also mail in your application. Duplicates could cause confusion. There is no way for you to make changes, so have all your **answers prepared** - name, description, band members, etc. As in the past, **email and fax applications are still not accepted**.

This new ability is on a trial basis and as something new there may still be a few kinks in the system. Your feedback is helpful. Above all, **do not wait until the last moment** to submit your application electronically, that may be the time the system goes down. **Web forms are available at <http://AkFolkFest.org/38/appForms.php>**

Paper Forms

The **Performer application is on yellow paper**. You should notice that the instructions say to **cross out the dates you are unable to perform**. When you circle or underline the dates, it leaves us uncertain of your intent. Please help us help you by following the instructions. Remember that the more times you are available, the better your chances of getting a main stage time slot.

The **Dance Band, Caller, and Workshop Forms are all on the pink page**. Workshop and Caller forms share the same contact information box.

The **Volunteer Form is on the blue paper**. Volunteering is fun, good for you, and good for the folk festival. This form may be mailed at any time, but sooner is better.

The folk festival web site has all application forms available as **downloadable PDF files from <http://AkFolkFest.org/38/appForms.php>**

Be aware - **performer applications received after 5pm on March 2th automatically go to the standby list**. Don't be the disappointed person who procrastinated too long. So again,

Application Deadline: March 2



This year's poster artist: **Kathy Hocker**

Need Backdrop Artist

Creative? Good with materials? The Alaska Folk Festival is seeking an artist to design and install a backdrop for this year's folk festival. Your backdrop should be relatively easy to install and be able to be hung in a few hours on the Sunday before festival begins, April 8. A small budget for materials can be provided, along with logistical support. For more information, call Sergej Morosan at 463-1217

AFF Board through AFF 38

Folk festival board members are all volunteers who love the Alaska Folk Festival and are willing to serve a three-year 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)
 Sergej Morosan, Vice President (exp 2012)
 Carol Ackerson, Secretary (exp 2013)
 John Church, Treasurer (exp 2013)
 Jamie Brown, (exp 2014)
 Pat Henry (exp 2014)
 Lise Paradis (exp 2012)

This year there are 2 seats on the board up for election. This is your chance to volunteer your time and energy to help organize and run our great festival. Come join us at a board meeting, see what you can do to help out and then run for a board seat in April. Keep the Alaska Folk Festival going strong.

Alaska Folk Festival Membership

Is Your Mailing Label correct?

Please check your mailing label. Did we figure out your handwriting on the membership form and get your name spelled correctly? Is the other information on the label correct? If you find a mistake on your mailing label, give Michael Sakarias a call at 586-4422, or leave a message on the AFF voice mail, 463-3316.

The EXPIRATION DATE, as it appears on the mailing label, is 12 months after your membership donation. If your mailing label says "Member for: 2012" you are a member in good standing for AFF38. We will list all Sustaining and higher members in the program, unless you ask us not to. If you have checked the "do not list" your name box on the membership form, you should see "dnl-" preceding the Membership Level on your mailing label.

If you are not a current AFF member, send in the form along with \$15 or more and you'll be set for the next year.

Why become an AFF member?

The Alaska Folk Festival is funded primarily by memberships - individuals, families, and businesses (some of whom also donate goods and services). The rest of the AFF's funding comes from sales of merchandise at the membership table, donations and occasional fund raising concerts.

There are four ingredients that go into each Alaska Folk Festival: musicians (450+), an audience (10,000+ for the week), volunteers (250+) and members (800+ households).

If you really want to enjoy the 38th Annual Alaska Folk Festival coming up this April, 2012, become a member (or renew) to help make it happen.

Michael Sakarias 586-4422
 Keeper of the AFF database / mailing list

Paperless Newsletters

If you would like to help the folk festival save on the costs of printing and mailing you a newsletter, well, now you can. Visit the folk fest web site at <http://akfolkfest.org/paperless.php> to sign up for email newsletters instead of paper.

Festival Program Ads

Ad spaces in the printed festival program are now available. Prices begin at \$75 for the 1/8 page size. See our webpage at AkFolkFest.org/adsales.php or email Carol at Ads@AkFolkFest.org for more information. Pass the word along to people and businesses that may be interested. There are many ways to help support your folk festival.

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