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Alaska Folk Festival  
April 8-14, 2013

## 2013 Guest Artist Si Kahn

The Alaska Folk Festival is pleased and excited to announce singer, songwriter, & activist, **Si Kahn** has been chosen to be guest artist at next year's festival. Si Kahn songs have been sung so widely and for so long that many have thought they were traditional folk songs. His songs have been recorded by more than 100 artists and translated into half a dozen languages. Such classics as Aragon Mill (aka Weave and Spin), Gone Gonna Rise Again, Go To Work On Monday, and Rubber Blubber Whale have become part of the oral tradition, and are sung in folk clubs and living rooms around the world.

Si's musical body of work includes 15 albums of original songs for adults and children, plus a collection of traditional labor and civil rights songs recorded with Pete Seeger and Jane Sapp. One of Si's best musical experiences was when publisher Harper-Collins had him set to music and record the classic children's books Runaway Bunny and Goodnight Moon.

At its annual conference in 2011, the Folk Alliance gave Si a special Triple Crown award, recognizing him as the #1 Artist for the previous year, and for having both the #1 CD and the #1 Song. Si has performed at concerts and festivals in Portugal, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, England, Northern Ireland, Canada and the U.S. He has toured, shared stages and recorded with such artists as Pete Seeger, Kathy Mattea, Mary Chapin Carpenter, John McCutcheon, Ysaye Maria Barnwell (of Sweet Honey in the Rock), the Krüger Brothers, Laurie Lewis, Pete Wernick, Charles Sawtelle, and Utah Philips.

The official Alaska release of Si Kahn's up-coming CD, entitled **Bristol Bay**, will take place during festival. On it are songs about the Pebble Mine and other topical issues especially of interest to Alaskans. see: [www.SiKahn.com](http://www.SiKahn.com)



## Guest Dance Band for AFF39 The Macrae Sisters

**The Macrae Sisters** are an old-time stringband based out of Portland, Oregon. Combining a deep love of traditional music with top-notch musicianship, the group features fiddler **Sophie Vitells** of the Government Issue Orchestra and the Crooked Jades, **Gabrielle Macrae** on banjo, **Joanna Macrae** on guitar, and **Brian Bagadonis** of The Foghorn Stringband on bass fiddle.

With Sophie's driving fiddle and their tight banjo-fiddle duets, the band plays a blend of high energy dance tunes, heart-wrenching ballads, old time gospel songs

# Alaska Folk Festival Membership Form

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| ___ Patron            | (\$100 - \$249)   |
| ___ Benefactor        | (\$250 and above) |

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, 2013). Please mail to: Alaska Folk Festival, PO Box 21748, Juneau, Alaska 99802. Thank You!

## November 2012 Newsletter

### AFF Now Has It's Own Forum!

# AFF FORUM



Share your thoughts about all things folkie on our new website feature: AFF Forum. Or just see what others have said about our festival. Take our quick poll about improving the festival. Make comments and suggestions. Find others in the state who play your unique genre, and put together a band for next April. Get the word out about events of interest. Organize a carpool from Fairbanks to Juneau and back. Swap your autoharp for a zither. Find out who sang that special tune you heard at AFF35. Anyone can look over our forum, but to post requires registration which is painless (almost \*), and it's easy to start a new discussion thread on whatever musical topic is on your mind. We look forward to reading your posts this winter!

\* To reduce the intrusion of "bots" we have a couple of screening questions that should be obvious to most AFF fans, but just in case: festival month: April; festival length in days: 7; festival admission cost: 0; AFF stands for: Alaska Folk Festival. Happy "forumming".

See: [AkFolkFest.org/affforum](http://AkFolkFest.org/affforum)

### AFF on YouTube

You may have seen the "playlists" on our website of videos shot during folk fest ([AkFolkFest.org/yt.php](http://AkFolkFest.org/yt.php)). We have **Bill Eichenlaub** to thank for locating and organizing all these videos. Help Bill by letting him know, with an email to [video@AkFolkFest.org](mailto:video@AkFolkFest.org), when you upload your own video to YouTube. Best if you name your video: Artist Name - Song Title - Alaska Folk Festival, 2013 and add the date & time in the description. Thanks & enjoy.

(Macrae Sisters continued)

and a few fresh original tunes and songs. Their music is at once deeply traditional and youthful in its energy and drive.

The tune below and others can be heard at the Macrae Sisters' website: <http://www.MacraeSisters.com>

as played by the Macrae Sisters **Donnie Henderson's Reel** (swing rhythm)  
by Debbie Scott from the Shetland Islands



### No Pre-Printed Application Forms

This year festival board members are planning that **applications will NOT be printed** and mailed out in the January newsletter as has been done for many years. Instead, and similar to last year, online applications may be filled out at our website. Alternately, application forms will be available as a PDF download from our website. These forms must be printed, mailed, and received prior to the deadline. If neither of these methods work for you, you may contact us and we will mail an application to you. This change is expected to improve our process and reduce the costs of printing and mailing. As always, your feedback is welcome.

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