



## Sept-Oct 2025 Newsletter

The Corvallis Folklore Society seeks to reinvigorate & expand ways to enjoy & participate in live music, social dance, group singing & more. We welcome ideas

**Come join us!** Add your voice to these efforts by joining the CFS board. We currently have 4 openings for interested CFS members to become members-at-large for the current year. **Meetings are held once a month for one hour on Zoom. Just drop a statement of interest email to [secretary@corvallisfolklore.org](mailto:secretary@corvallisfolklore.org)**

### Upcoming CFS Corvallis Folklore

**Sept 24 Kalos - Celtic roots music concert**

**Oct 2 (Thur) Local Folk! "open mic" program**



**1st Methodist Church  
Sept 26, 2025**

### The Best Cellar CoffeeHouse

**7:30 Nicassio** Nicasio Ralph, Bethie Bee and Laureen Urey play neo-traditional folk stylings old, new and borrowed. Their musical conversations create a celebration of storysong, balladry, and improv jam – Ralph Penunuri - Lead Vocals, Guitar and Banjo / Beth Brown - Vocal Harmony and Cello, Wood Flute and Irish Whistles / Laureen Uray - Bodhran and Vocal Harmony

**8:30 Cucanandy** traditional and contemporary Celtic and Celtic influenced music from Scotland, Ireland and beyond. With spirit and heart they use fiddle, cello, Irish flute and whistle, guitar, bodhran (Irish drum), and vocals to create a varied and harmonious mix of songs and tunes. The band includes Katie Maxey, Beth Brown, Van Fister and Laureen Urey.

The Best Cellar is located at the Methodist Church on 11th and Monroe, in Corvallis. Admission is pay-what-you-will, with a minimum of 2 dollars. Kids are free and welcome. Coffee, tea, and gluten free cookies are fifty cents each.

Masks are not required but welcome, and will be available at the door.

NOTE: We will be downstairs, in the cellar. Walk around the back end of the church and down, through the sliding glass doors.

For more information, contact Mark at [mjweiss@alryica.net](mailto:mjweiss@alryica.net)

**Keep up on  
the folk scene  
Other links**

**The CFS homepage** <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/>  
**The Best Cellar** <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/coffeehouse/>  
<https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/corvallis-calendar-links-2/>

## Corvallis Folk Events and more

### Sept - Oct 2025

NOTE: Hoolyeh **online** dancing every Tuesday

from 5:45 to 7 pm (see article below) link

contact: Mark Boyd: [jmark.boyd@gmail.com](mailto:jmark.boyd@gmail.com), 2024\

Sep 11 (Thr) **UUSH**– Hoolyeh International Folk, 7 to 9 pm, \$5/\$4 CFS, \$2 18 and under

Sep 14 (Sun) [Online Song Circle](#)

Sept. 24 (Wed), 7 pm, **ASH, Kalos** See article

Sep 25 (Thr) **UUSH**– Hoolyeh International Folk, 7 to 9 pm, \$5/\$4 CFS, \$2 18 and under

Sep 26 (Fri) 7:30 pm, **Best Cellar MC**  
( see details above)

Sep 28 (Sun) Corvallis Sacred Harp Singing (see article)

Sept 28(Sun) [Online Song Circle](#)

Oct 2 Thur) **T** Local Folk! open “mic” program

Oct 4 (Sat) 6, 7 pm, Corvallis Drum Circle (see article)

Oct 9 (Thr) **UUSH**– Hoolyeh International Folk Dance , 7 to 9 pm, \$5/\$4 CFS, \$2 18 and under

Oct 12 (Sun) [Online Song Circle](#)

Oct 13 (Mon) - **CFS NewsletterDeadline**

Oct 14 (Tue) Corvallis Sacred Harp Singing (see article)

Oct 23 (Thr) **UUSH**– Hoolyeh International Folk Dance , 7 to 9 pm, \$5/\$4 CFS, \$2 18 and under

Oct 26 (Sun) [Online Song Circle](#)

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≈ CFS sponsored events listed in bold type ≈

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#### Locations in Corvallis:

**ASH** Ashbrook Independent School Theater

**GH:** Gatton Hall, First Congregational Church, 4515 SW West Hills Rd

**CAC:** Corvallis Arts Center, 700 SW Madison.

**CH:** Corvallis High School Performing Arts Center: 1400 NW Buchanan Ave

**HH:** Heritage Hall, 648 Orchard St, **Monroe, OR**

**IC:** Imagine Coffee, 5460 SW Philomath Bv

**FPC:** First Presbyterian Church, 114 SW 8th St.

**MC:** Methodist Church: 1165 NW Monroe

**MRG:** **Mary's River Grange**, 24707 Grange Hall Rd, Philomath, OR

**PRAx** Detrick Hall at PRAx, 470 SW 15th Street, Corvallis

**T** Troubadour Music, 521 SW 2nd St, Corvallis

**UU:** Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, 2945 NW Circle Bv

**UUSH:** Unitarian-Universalist Fellowship, 2945 NW Circle Bv, Social Hall

**W:** Whiteside Theatre, 361 SW Madison

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\* advanced tickets at **Grass Roots Books**, 227 SW 2nd and Ticket Tomato or for Whitesides,

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#### Repeating Out of Town Events (not recently confirmed)

Every Tuesday — Irish Ceili Dance Lessons (Salem)6:30 – 8:30pm, Ceili & set dance \$5, VFW Hall, 630 Hood St., NE, Salem

Every Wednesday — Scottish Country Dance  
Info re venue, Time, etc. by email-

[Scottishdance@eugenefolklore.org](mailto:Scottishdance@eugenefolklore.org)

1st Wednesday — [Eugene Folklore Society](#) Song Circle  
FMI: 541-461-3786

World Cafe, 449 Blair Blvd, Eugene. [Eugene Folk Soc](#)

Every Thursday — English Country Dance Classes  
(McMinnville)

7:00 - 8:30pm, McMinnville Grand Ballroom \$3 FMI: <http://www.portlanddancing.com/moreinfo.aspx?moreinfo=1510>

Every Thursday — Morris Dancing in Eugene  
Mondays from 6:15-8:15 at the Garden Club at 1645 High St., Eugene.

[morris@eugenefolklore.org](mailto:morris@eugenefolklore.org)

[Calapooia Tavern, Albany FMI:http://calapooiabrewing.com/blog/live-music-and-events/](http://calapooiabrewing.com/blog/live-music-and-events/)

2nd Friday — Ceili, 7-8pm lesson, 8-11 Ceili, \$10 VFW Hall, 630 Hood St., NE, Salem, <http://www.ceiliofthevalley.org>  
3rd Friday — English Country Dances, Santa Clara Grange Hall, 295 Azalea Drive FMI: 541 935 6051  
2nd & 4th Saturdays — [EFS](#) Contra Dance 7pm lesson, 7:30pm dance, \$8 public, \$6 EFS/CFS, -\$1 before 7:30pm&students (w/ID), The Dunn School, 3411 Willamette St., Eugene FMI: 541-302-2628  
3rd Saturday — Contra Dance 7:00-9:30pm dance Greenacres Grange, 93393 Greenacres Lane, Coos Bay  
Last Sunday — Old Time Jam 4:00pm, free Whirled Pies?, 8th and Charnleton, Eugene, FMI: 541-228-1644

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Coots boatbuilders meet on wednesdays at 1, at 4 spirits distillery, just north of corvallis airport

Peace & Justice Songs; 2nd weds @7, Old World Deli. Contact Dave Alba: [anaknialba@gmail.com](mailto:anaknialba@gmail.com)

### Calendar Contact:

[calendar@corvallisfolklore.org](mailto:calendar@corvallisfolklore.org)

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### CFS Newsletter :

[newsletter@CorvallisFolklore.org](mailto:newsletter@CorvallisFolklore.org)

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## CFS Zoom Song Circle

Join us every 2nd and 4th Sunday each month. As with the original song circles, there is no requirement to perform if you would rather listen. For additional information or for the code numbers you need to link up with Zoom, contact Dic Thies at [Song-Circle-1@CorvallisFolklore.org](mailto:Song-Circle-1@CorvallisFolklore.org) Right now the Zoom song circle is five to ten people so each person can do two to four songs. If you need help doing zoom, Dick or Dave are quite good at helping out.

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## LOCAL FOLK! RESUMES! The next event will be Thursday, October 2

Local Folk!, the Corvallis Folklore Society's open "mic" program, has returned, but now at the Troubadour

**Thursday, October 2** Local Folk! is a free, monthly, **open "mic" (without the mic!)** program of local artists offering a wide variety of music, including original creations. There is no requirement to play and anyone is invited to just come and enjoy the music.

We have a **new location at THE TROUBADOR MUSIC CENTER**, 521 SW 2nd St, Corvallis. Corvallis Folklore Society is so excited to partner with the Troubadour to bring back this long-standing community gathering. This is a monthly event, every first Thursday of the month.

Doors will open at 6:45pm and folks can sign up to perform at that time. Performances will be from 7pm-9pm. We will conduct shared performances for approximately two hours without a break, though people are free to move around.

**This is an entirely acoustic event, without amplification.** Each performer or performance group will have a maximum time allotment of 15 minutes to perform up to three songs, as in the past. We do not have a piano available at this time but if someone is able to help by providing a keyboard, that would be great. Contact Shari Ame at [shariame@gmail.com](mailto:shariame@gmail.com). And contact her if you would like to help. This is a free event, open to the public. We do ask for a \$5 donation to help defray the costs of the facility.

Come share your music with us! Shari Ame

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### Folk music on the internet From Chere Pereira:

There are many musicians who are performing on facebook. Here are two great ones:

**Sally Rogers Music** (a song a day; and there is an exceptional version of Lovely Agnes with Claudia Schmidt)

**CONCERT BOOKING UPDATE** Contact Chere [cherep@comcast.net](mailto:cherep@comcast.net) The booking web page is:

<https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/booking-cfs-concerts/booking-cfs-concerts/>

To have concerts, we need folks to volunteer to coordinate them (contact Chere)



## Contra dances have resumed



### Contra Dance Season

Fall 2025 – Winter 2026

New England American Folk Dance for Everyone!  
Sliding Scale \$12-20 - No Partner Necessary - Gender-free Role-calling

Sep 6, 2025	The Nettles	Koren Wake
Sep 20, 2025	Loose Flagstone	Stacy Rose
Oct 4, 2025	The Carrflowers	Kayla Blanchflower
Oct 18, 2025	The Euphemists	Maya Roe
Oct 31, 2025	Special <b>Friday</b> Halloween Dance: The Orb Weavers	Isaac Banner
Nov 15, 2025	Bandwidth	Kelly Tabor
Dec 6, 2025	Peter and the Wolf tones	William Watson
Dec 20, 2025	The Overtones	Gordy Euler
Jan 3, 2026	Cucunandy	Noah Grunzweig
Jan 17, 2026	Coriolis	Rich Goss
Feb 7, 2026	The Nettles	Lorie Bunyard
Feb 15, 2026	Special CCW <b>Sunday</b> Dance: The Orb Weavers & Wake Up Robin	Gaye Fifer and Jeremy Korr
Mar 7, 2026	The Underdogs	Eric Curl

@ First Congregational Church -- Gatton Hall,  
4515 SW West Hills Rd. Corvallis, OR

CorvallisFolklore.org



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**Contra Dance** See also: <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/contradancing/>  
[\*9/20/2025 Loose Flagstone with Kelly Tabor \(caller changed to Stacy Rose\)\*](#)  
[\*10/4/2025 The Carrflowers w/ Kayla Blanchflower\*](#)  
[\*10/18/2025 The Euphemists with Maya Roe\*](#)  
[\*10/31/2025 Friday Halloween Dance\*](#)  
[\*The Orb Weavers with Isaac Banner\*](#)

COVID POLICY UPDATE - MASK OPTIONAL POLICY EXTENDED

For more information on attendance requirements and other precautions, please see our current COVID-19 policy at:  
[https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Corvallis-Contra-Dance-COVID-Policy\\_2023.09.10.pdf](https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Corvallis-Contra-Dance-COVID-Policy_2023.09.10.pdf)

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Hoolyeh **online** dancing every [Tuesday](#)

There is weekly international folk dancing online led by Hoolyeh folks. Every Tuesday **from 5:45 pm to 7:00 pm**. Please contact Denis White ([capeblanco@peak.org](mailto:capeblanco@peak.org)) for playlists and details for joining zoom broadcasts. [zoomhoolyeh@gmail.com](mailto:zoomhoolyeh@gmail.com) to get more information about zoom dancing with Hoolyeh.

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## Hoolyeh live folk dancing

Hoolyeh will be group dancing at the Unitarian Fellowship.

Live dancing will be on 2nd and 4th Thursdays nights.

**Where:** Social Hall, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Corvallis, 2945 NW Circle Blvd, Corvallis

**Time:** 7 to 9 pm, mix of programmed and request dances.

<https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/hoolyeh/>

**Cost:** \$5 for adults, \$4 for adults who have memberships in the Corvallis Folklore Society, and \$2 for 18 and under

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## Portland FOLK Music's FallSong online music event Oct 24-26

\* song circles, workshops, mini-concerts, and all-participant events. It all takes place on Zoom

\* FallSong is free and open to everyone, it is about participants doing music

\* To find out more, go to the FallSong Page of the PFS website at [PortlandFolkMusic.org/FallSong](https://PortlandFolkMusic.org/FallSong).

**Kalos** in Concert

**When: Wednesday, Sept. 24, 7 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)**

**Where: Ashbrook Independent School Theater**, 4045 SW Research Way, Corvallis

**Tickets:** \$22 with \$2 discount for CFS members (use code **cfs2025**). A fundraiser for the Corvallis Celtic Festival. Tickets and more info online at <https://www.corvalliscelticfestival.org/events/> Tickets will also be available at the door (cash or check only) if any tickets remain on the day of the show.

**Kalos** is made up of three innovative interpreters and composers of Celtic roots music: Eric McDonald (guitar/vocals), Ryan McKasson (fiddle) and Jeremiah McLane (accordion). They are masters of tradition who purposefully explore the dark corners floating on its edges, delivering an alluring musical complexity full of spontaneity and joyful exuberance. Their individual artistry is enhanced when together. In short, the sum creates a greater whole. Pulling from parallel strands of influence, they create a swirling level of intensity that traverses darkness, light, and everywhere in between. An air of mystery pervades a sound compelling enough to transcend boundaries and appeal to music lovers of all stripes. Devon Leger of Hearth Music says, "This trio really shows how masterful musicians listen and play off each other." The music they create is to share, and live performance is the forte. But their mutual attitude stretches beyond the music. They have been good friends ever since they met, and this is present in their live performances, which are full of organic banter and good humor to go along with the music. They create an environment of their own design, drawing in listeners without pretense. Despite living active musical lives thousands of miles apart these musicians have committed to working together to forge a new musical path.



***Kalos***

Kalos has performed for Corvallis audiences previously but this will be their first CFS concert. Let's show them how delighted we are by having a great turnout for their concert!

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## Celtic Voices Series Ticket Package Available Now at PRAX

The Corvallis Folklore Society is pleased to announce a partnership with Patricia Valian Reser Center for the Creative Arts (PRAX) in hosting a 3-concert series of world-class Celtic performers in the 2025-26 season! The concerts include the great Scottish band **Breabach** on Nov. 6, 2025; the internationally renowned Scottish singer and multi-instrumentalist **Julie Fowlis** on Feb. 12, 2026; and the incomparable Celtic band **Solas** on Mar. 26, 2026. Breabach and Solas are co-presented by CFS and PRAX and proceeds from these two concerts will help support the Corvallis Celtic Festival. Mark your calendars and get your tickets now to avoid disappointment, as these concerts are likely to sell out. The 3-concert Celtic Voices package (\$99) is available here <https://prax.oregonstate.edu/events/2025-26-ticket-packages/series-packages> and tickets for individual events are available online at <https://prax.oregonstate.edu/events/2025-26-events> or at the PRAX Box Office at 541-217-3921. For more information about these concerts, check the PRAX website or the Corvallis Celtic Festival website under Upcoming Events <https://www.corvalliscelticfestival.org/events/>.

### Upcoming Concerts - mark your calendars!

Sept. 24, 2025 - Kalos (CFS)

Nov. 6, 2025 - Breabach (CFS and PRAX co-present)

Feb. 12, 2026 - Julie Fowlis (PRAX)

Mar. 26, 2026 - Solas (CFS and PRAX co-present)

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**Corvallis Sacred Harp Singing:** the old time shape-note, 4-sided way, as in the film Cold Mountain. Second Tuesdays monthly, 7–8:30 pm **519 NW 21st St, Corvallis.**  
And fourth Sundays 1:30–3:45 pm; venue changes. Meeting details may change  
contact: Mark Boyd: [jmark.boyd@gmail.com](mailto:jmark.boyd@gmail.com)

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**Corvallis Drum Circle** 1st Saturdays, 6–7 pm  
Outdoors @ 1st & Madison May–October  
Indoors @ 101 NW 23rd St November–April Whiteside Meeting details may change

Free. All ages & skills. BYO drums & percussion  
Info: Michelle [drumcircleconnection@gmail.com](mailto:drumcircleconnection@gmail.com)

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**CFS History:** is now on the dropdown menu: **About CFS > History**

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The **CFS Newsletter & Brochure display** has been reinstalled in the Corvallis Library Community bulletin board and pamphlet area (near the big meeting room and the restrooms).

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The CFS web link for **membership**: <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/membership/>

Information and a description of the Memberplanet system is posted there.

**Make sure we have your e-mail address if you want to receive the newsletter.**

\* please contact: [membership@CorvallisFolklore.org](mailto:membership@CorvallisFolklore.org)

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### **Membership Changes: member database is now an online service: Memberplanet.com**

What this means for Corvallis Folklore members:

- \* You must have and use an email address to create or update your membership profile, and to receive notices from Corvallis Folklore
  - \* You will be getting Corvallis Folklore newsletters and updates via email
  - \* You will be able to renew your membership completely online using a credit card to pay
  - \* Alternatively, you can send in a paper check to the address at the bottom
  - \* Note the new fee structure below; Member Planet may not have that correct yet (send a check)
  - \* If we have your email, you should have gotten an invitation to "join" Corvallis Folklore Society at memberplanet.com. Please do go there to update your profile and create a unique password. If you have not gotten this email, or have discarded it, please contact: [membership@CorvallisFolklore.org](mailto:membership@CorvallisFolklore.org)
  - \* If we do NOT have your email, you will have to give it to us: Send email to [membership@CorvallisFolklore.org](mailto:membership@CorvallisFolklore.org) stating your name, your family members' names (if any) and your email. We'll create your account and send you an invitation to "join" as above.
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## **The CFS Fee Structure**

As of July 1, 2018, CFS membership is free for the children of members and **each adult membership will be associated with a single email, with a fee of \$10 per year.** When your membership renewal notice comes to you, please choose the new "one size fits all" fee. If you and your family each wish to have their own membership, you should each sign up individually using your own email. As always, you may sign up or renew online or send in a check to CFS along with your contact information (or renew/sign up at an event).

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### **Newsletter Changes:**

The monthly CFS Newsletter is now created in PDF format. An email link to current issue is automatically sent to members. (You need to have a reader app, such as the free Adobe Reader, to display the PDF). See also: <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/newsletter-concerts-and-information/>

### **Membership Form**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Check one: \_\_\_ New Member    \_\_\_ Renewing    \_\_\_ Renew after lapse    \_\_\_ Address change only

**Dues per year: \$10 per e-mail (OK to pay several years)**

Pay on-line ( "one size fits all" fee) or

Please fill out this form

and mail with your dues check to:

**CFS Membership**

**PO Box 1690, Corvallis, OR 97339**

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<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
President	Jason Schindler
Vice Pres.	Anne Smith
Secretary	Anne Smith
Treasurer	Van Fister
Contra Dance	Shell Stowell
Folk Dance	Dana Poling
Song Circle	Dick Thies (zoom)

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>
Concerts	Chere Pereira
Best Cellar	Mark Weiss
Newsletter	Dick Thies
Calendar	Dave Rabinowitz
Membership	Linda Herlihy
Website	Jason (temp)

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Full CFS contacts are at: <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/contact/>

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Volunteers are always needed! Please go to the above link to contact those responsible for the areas of interest to you.

The newsletter deadline is 5:00 PM on the 2nd Monday of the month. Send by e-mail to: [newsletter@CorvallisFolklore.org](mailto:newsletter@CorvallisFolklore.org). Text in the e-mail or most other word processor programs will work if you send them in a version that is not too new. My translator might not do the latest version. Non-CFS concert info can run no more than one-half page and won't be run opposite a CFS event.

The deadline for calendar items is 5:00 PM on the Sunday before the 2nd Monday of the month. Notices for the web calendar can be submitted any time. Submit to [calendar@corvallisfolklore.org](mailto:calendar@corvallisfolklore.org)

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**Folk Contacts :** Corvallis Folklore Society: <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/>  
Corvallis Calendar Links: <https://corvallisfolklore.org/home/corvallis-calendar-links-2/>  
Eugene Folklore Society: <http://www.eugenefolklore.org>  
Salem Folklore Community [www.westwindweekend.org](http://www.westwindweekend.org)  
Portland Folk Music Soc. <https://portlandfolkmusic.org>

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