



# Quarter Notes



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## Plank Road's

### Regular Events:

- **SING-A-ROUND** 1st & 3rd Saturdays April 5 & 19, May 3 & 17, June 7 & 21.
- **DANCE BAND PRACTICE** 2nd Saturdays. April 12, May 10. (Not meeting June, July or August.)
- **BLUEGRASS JAM** 4th Saturdays. March 22, April 26, May 24, June 28.
- **LAST THURSDAY: "It's Our Turn!"** Last Thursdays. March 27, April 24, May 29, June 26.

## Plank Road Celebrates 20 Years of Music!

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Two Way Street Schedule

**Irish Music Night on Sat., April 12** featuring **Baal Tinne** to benefit the Academy of Irish Music

**Spring Barn Dance Sat. April 26**

**Larry Penn CD Release Concert Sat. May 10**

Plus: 2 House Concerts, Camp Out Registration info,

New Autoharp Jam Session and more inside!!

## An Evening of Irish Music with Baal Tinne, to support the Academy of Irish Music!

The Plank Road Folk Music Society and the Two Way Street Coffee House are pleased to announce Chicago's dynamic Irish music band **Baal Tinne in Concert** at the *Two Way Street Coffee House* in *Downers Grove* on **April 12, 2003 at 8:00 pm**. Admission is \$12 for General Admission, \$10 for Plank Road members. This concert will benefit the Academy of Irish Music, and will include performances by the student groups of the Academy of Irish Music.

The **Academy of Irish Music**, a not-for-profit organization, consists of students from throughout the Chicago Metropolitan area that are interested in playing and sharing Irish traditional music. The focus of the Academy is on making Irish traditional music a part of the student's education, and something they will have and enjoy for the rest of their lives, by developing young musicians from grade school through late teens using traditional, conservatory and Suzuki instruction techniques. Under the direction of well-known Chicago musician Noel Rice, students join the beginner, intermediate or senior groups depending upon ability, experience and instrumental needs. The Academy also makes available private lessons on a variety of instruments including whistle, fiddle, bodhran, and harp.

The evening will feature the music of internationally acclaimed group **Baal Tinne** (pronounced "Bahl Tinnuh"). Baal Tinne is a 5 member Irish Music Group based in Chicago and founded in the early 80s by flute player Noel Rice. The band now consists of five members: Noel on flute and tin whistle, his daughter Cathleen on fiddle, his son Kevin on bodhran (Irish drum), Matt Sundstrom on guitar and Richard Roche on piano and keyboards. Noel and Richard were born and raised in Ireland. Baal Tinne combines Irish traditional music with backgrounds in classical and jazz music. "The tunes we perform are orchestrated and arranged to bring Irish music into the realm of listening music, without losing the tradition - that comfortable, familiar sound of Celtic music," says leader Noel Rice. "And indeed, you can still dance to it."

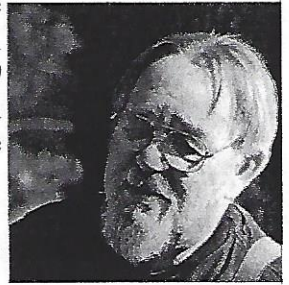
The students of the Academy compete individually and as a group at the Midwest Fleadh Cheoil. This is the qualifying competition for the All-Ireland music competition held each year in late August. Funds raised at this concert will help defray costly travel expenses and allow these young people to participate in this valuable experience. Make plans to join us for this special evening, and help us support these young people and their music!

## Spring Old Time Dance Party

**Saturday, April 26 at 8:00 PM** is our next **Old Time Dance Party** at the **Two Way Street Coffee House** in **Downers Grove**. Admission is **\$4.00**. Caller **Marianne Mohrhusen** will teach all the steps as we go along to a variety of dances, from squares to lines to waltzes to polkas and more! Live music will be provided by the **Plank Road All Volunteer String Band**, led by fiddler **Steve Moss** and **Tom and Anne Jones**. All are welcome. No experience necessary. So grab some friends and join us for this fun evening of music and dancing! Band warms up at 7:30 PM, dancing starts at 8:00 PM.

## Larry Penn CD Release Concert!

The Plank Road Folk Music Society and the Two Way Street Coffee House are pleased to present **Larry Penn CD Release Concert** at the *Two Way Street Coffee House* in *Downers Grove* on **May 10, 2003 at 8:00 pm**. Admission is *\$12 for General Admission, \$10 for Plank Road members*. Larry and special guests Mark Dvorak and Marianne Mohrhusen will play tunes from Larry's newest CD "A Ride on the Westbound", as well as many of the other Larry Penn songs we know and love.



Larry Penn is a skillful songwriter with an acute sense of imagery. His songs are elegant in their simplicity. This gravely voiced folk singer and songwriter can claim work that has been recorded by at least thirty other performers, including Peter Seeger, John McCutcheon and Claudia Schmidt. He is a three-decade veteran performer who has played a range of venues that has taken him from hobo camp fires to the Fiat Motor Company's 1990 Musica E. Lovoro in Torino, Italy. From a song bag mixed with collected tradition, Larry Penn sings and tells stories of hard work, working people, trains, trucks, life on the road, love and pink flamingos! His style is deceptively sparse and his appearance unassuming, but the power of imagery and depth of insight is clear. The listener is taken by surprise!

"For 90 minutes he captivated his listeners with stories and songs about Hoboes and railroad graffiti. The subjects of his songs are as wide ranging as the audience he sings for. Children and adults laugh at the ones about pink flamingos, and pictures on freight cars..." writes the St. Cloud Times of Minnesota. "Most are songs that touch the human heart or the funny bone. They are toe tapping melodies, often with sing along chorus' that linger long after the singer has put his guitar away" says The Alpena News of Michigan.

We are thrilled to have our good friend Larry Penn, with Mark Dvorak and Marianne Mohrhusen, back to celebrate this special occasion. **Larry Penn's** latest CD "**A Ride On the Westbound**" (on which Mark Dvorak and Marianne Mohrhusen accompany Larry) features railroad songs, from old familiars like Danville Girl, Little Stream of Whiskey and John Henry, to songs written in the inimitable style of Larry Penn, each with their own story behind them. The title song, A Ride on the Westbound (Lord Open Road), reflects hobo life and reflects on a hobo named Lord Open Road who "had something eloquent to expound on most any given subject". Down By the Maco Station is based on a ghostly tale of a railroad worker who met with a deadly accident. There are a few non-railroad songs, such as Watchin Lake Michigan Roll, about a lighthouse keeper, and The Bannockburn about a steam powered three-masted package freighter that disappeared on Lake Superior and Potato Man about a potato farmer. Copies of the CD will be available for sale. Join us for this special evening and get your copy of **A Ride on the Westbound!**

## House Concert with Michael McNevin

**Sunday, April 27, at 2:30PM**, Plank Road Folk Music Society Members Denise Davis and Jim Wilson will be hosting a **house concert** for California singer/songwriter **Michael McNevin**. Michael has won a succession of songwriting awards including the Kerrville, Napa Valley, and Columbia River New-Folk Competitions.

Michael has been described as a tireless traveler and troubadour who has played the stages of clubs and festivals all over the United States. His shows are full of stories from the road, highlighting a melodic, seasoned voice, intricate guitar work, and a down-to-earth sense of humor. Michael is also an Etch a Sketch Artist.

"I don't know what's best about this CD [Sketch] - Michael McNevin's music or his Etch A Sketch drawings that accompany each song. McNevin is a singer-songwriter of the highest order...His sense of humor and eye for meaningful moments in the lives of his fellow townsfolk and travelers make him the kind of artist that listeners appreciate for both the language and the passion he brings to his music." (Acoustic Guitar Magazine).

A pot-luck dinner will follow the concert. **For information, or reservations, please phone (630) 969-4602.**



## Spring Events

### REGULAR ONGOING EVENTS

- ◆ 1st and 3rd Saturdays **PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND**. Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 630/969-9720 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! Songbooks provided.
- ◆ 2nd Saturdays **DANCE BAND PRACTICE**. Jones Family Music Studio, Lombard. 630/889-9121 2:00 to 4:00 PM. All are welcome to join us as we brush up on our fiddle tunes and dance band music etiquette!
- ◆ 4th Saturday **PLANK ROAD BLUEGRASS JAM**. At the home of Paul Vander Woode, LaGrange. 708/354-3417. 2:00-4:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to enjoy this music that is pretty and fast, with the appeal of country music, the virtuosity of Jazz and the historical reverence of old time music. By playing together, we have fun, improve our skills and are inspired to learn new songs and breaks to songs, both old and new!
- ◆ Last Thursday **LAST THURSDAY "IT'S OUR TURN" An Unplugged Open Mike for high school and college age students**. Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 7:00 to 9:30 PM. Last Thursday ... provides a place specifically for high school and college age students to present and participate in music, poetry and other performance arts. Doors open at 7:00 PM for signups, which are first come, first served. A sound system and microphones will be set up and waiting. Questions? Comments? Like to help? Call the Two Way Street Coffee House at 630/969-9720 or visit the web site at: [www.twowaystreet.org](http://www.twowaystreet.org)

### **ATTENTION: CHICAGO AREA AUTOHARP COMMUNITY**

There is a group starting just for you! All levels of autoharp interest and ability are welcome! Other instruments are also welcome, but the emphasis will be on autoharps. Meetings will be on **Sunday, April 12** and **Sunday May 18** from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Jones Family Music School in Lombard. Call Cathy Ciolac at (630) 668-5141 or email at: [cciolac@yahoo.com](mailto:cciolac@yahoo.com) [There will be a break for the summer, but watch for more information about this group starting up again in September!]

### MARCH

- ◆ 27 (Thursday) **LAST THURSDAY "IT'S OUR TURN"**. 7:00 PM (see above for details)
- ◆ 28,29,30 (Fri., Sat., & Sun.) **BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL, Holiday Inn, Naperville, IL (near I-88 and Naperville Rd.)** Three days and nights of bluegrass music, featuring bluegrass groups from across the country! Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, Special Consensus, Chicago Bluegrass Band, Schankman Twins, the Chapmans, Northwest Territory, Mark Newton Band, Art Stevenson & High Water, D.J. & Pat and Larry Cordle & the Lonesome Std. Time are among the featured bands. For more details call (217)243-3159, or email [tjlease@fgi.net](mailto:tjlease@fgi.net) or check out the website: [www.bluegrassmidwest.com](http://www.bluegrassmidwest.com)

### APRIL

- ◆ 5 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND**. 2:00 PM (see above for details)
- ◆ 12 (Saturday) **PLANK ROAD DANCE BAND PRACTICE**. 2:00 PM (Details at top of previous page)
- ◆ 12 (Saturday) **IRISH MUSIC NIGHT featuring BAAL TINNE**. Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. 8:00 PM \$12 General/\$10 PRFMS Members. A great evening of Irish Music featuring Chicago's dynamic, internationally renown Irish Music band BAAL TINNE. Proceeds will



## Spring Events, continued

benefit the students of the Academy of Irish Music. (See article for more details.)

- ◆ 13 (Sunday) *AUTOHARP GROUP SESSION. 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM Jones Family Music School, Lombard (Details on previous page) For information call Cathy Ciolac at (630) 668-5141.*
- ◆ 19 (Saturday) *PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND. 2:00 PM (Details at top of previous page)*
- ◆ 24 (Thursday) *LAST THURSDAY "IT'S OUR TURN". 7:00 PM (see top of previous page for details)*
- ◆ 26 (Saturday) *PLANK ROAD BLUEGRASS JAM. 2:00 PM (see top of previous page for details)*
- ◆ 27 (Sunday) *HOUSE CONCERT WITH MICHAEL MCNEVIN 2:30 PM* Denise Davis and Jim Wilson host this special concert with California singer/songwriter Michael McNevin. (See article for details.) For info and reservations call (630) 969-4602.

### MAY

- ◆ 3 (Saturday) *PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND. 2:00 PM (see top of previous page for details)*
- ◆ 10 (Saturday) *PLANK ROAD DANCE BAND PRACTICE. 2:00 PM (see top of previous page)*
- ◆ 10 (Saturday) *LARRY PENN CD RELEASE CONCERT 8:00 PM Two Way Street Coffee House, 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove. \$12 General Admission, \$10 PRFMS members.* Plank Road's good friend Larry Penn is joined by our own Mark Dvorak and Marianne Mohrhusen to present music from Larry's newest CD *A Ride on the Westbound*. (See article for details.)
- ◆ 17 (Saturday) *PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND. 2:00 PM (see top of previous page for details)*
- ◆ 18 (Sunday) *AUTOHARP GROUP SESSION. 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM Jones Family Music School, Lombard. (Details on previous page) For information call Cathy Ciolac at (630) 668-5141.*
- ◆ 24 (Saturday) *PLANK ROAD BLUEGRASS JAM. 2:00 PM (see top of previous page for details)*
- ◆ 29 (Thursday) *LAST THURSDAY "IT'S OUR TURN". 7:00 PM (see top of previous page for details)*

### JUNE (More on June events in the Summer issue of the Quarter Notes)

- ◆ 7 (Saturday) *PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND. 2:00 PM (see top of previous page for details)*
- ◆ 21 (Saturday) *PLANK ROAD SING-A-ROUND. 2:00 PM (see top of previous page for details)*
- ◆ 21 (Saturday) *HOUSE CONCERT WITH DAVID FRANCEY AND DAVE CLARKE. Home of Carol and Jim Sommer, Downers Grove.* Hailed as one of Canada's most Gifted Songwriters and performers, David Francey received a JUNO award (Canada's "Grammy") for his CD, "Far End of Summer." He is a brilliant writer and a passionate singer who completely captivates all who hear him, including other performers. His songs are beautifully crafted, highly original and superbly played. David will be accompanied by guitarist, David Clarke, who alone is worth the price of admission. More information to come in the Summer issue of Quarter Notes.
- ◆ 28 (Saturday) *PLANK ROAD BLUEGRASS JAM. 2:00 PM (see top of previous page for details)*
- ◆ 27, 28 & 29 (Fri., Sat. & Sun.) *DOWNERS GROVE HERITAGE FESTIVAL Downtown Downers Grove.* Watch for more information in the summer Quarter Notes. We are looking for people to work at the Recording Sales/Information table at the Folk Stage on Saturday. We will be filling 1 hour slots from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Call Cathy Jones at (630) 889-9121 if you would like to help out.

### PLANK ROAD MEMBERSHIP & ORDER FORM

Cut out the order form and send to address below. Please make checks payable to the  
**Plank Road Folk Music Society**  
 PO Box 283, Brookfield, IL 60513.

**\*Please include \$1.50 shipping/handling for tape or t-shirt**

**Memberships**

- \$10 for 1 year/Individual
- \$20 for 1 year/Family
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Plank Road Folk Music Society  
 Cassettes: \$10 each

- "Down the Old Plank Road"
- "Songs We've Shared"
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

PRFMS T-shirt: \$12 each  
 (Yellow/Orange Logo)

- M Yellow/Orange
- L Yellow/Orange
- XL Yellow/Orange

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 (Blue/Purple Logo)

- M Blue/Purple
- L Blue/Purple
- XL Blue/Purple

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Howdy Folks!

I hope you are all ready for a music-filled spring, because there is a flurry of activity here at Plank Road! We are continuing the celebration of our Roots and Branches in grand style this spring. Here are some of the highlights:

On **Saturday, April 12**, we have a **benefit concert** for the **Academy of Irish Music** in the big room at the Two Way Street Coffee House (see article for details). The evening will feature the music of Chicago's dynamic Irish band **Baal Tinne**, but I know we will also hear from the students of the Academy of Irish music. The student groups have been playing all around the Chicago area, including Fox Valley Folk Festival, Maple Street Chapel and Two Way Street Coffee House. If you

haven't heard them yet, I encourage to come out. You will be amazed at the talent among these young folks! Proceeds from the concert will go to the Academy to offset costs to allow the students to participate in competitions and performances not only in the Chicago area, but also in Milwaukee and Ireland.

We are also thrilled to have our good friend **Larry Penn** back at Plank Road to celebrate the release of his new CD "A Ride on the Westbound" (see article for details). Larry will be sharing his songs and stories with guests Mark Dvorak and Marianne Mohrhussen, who also joined him on the recording, on **Saturday, May 10** in the Two Way Street Coffee House. This should be a very special evening with these three Plank Road favorites and good friends!

There is a new monthly jam joining the line-up at Plank Road. On **Sunday, April 12** and **Sunday May, 18**, Cathy Ciolac is leading an **Autoharp Session** for all levels of autoharp interest and ability. Other instruments are welcome, but the focus will be on autoharps. See the events listing for details.

Several of our Plank Road members are joining the ranks of House Concert presenters, and they have two very special evenings of music planned. Dennis Davis and Jim Wilson will present California singer/songwriter **Michael McNevin** on **Sunday, April 27 at 2:30 PM** (see article for details).

Coming up in June, Carol and John Sommer will be hosting a house concert with **David Francey and Dave Clarke**. Save the **evening of June 21** for this special evening of music. Watch for more information in the Summer issue of Quarter Notes. (For more information see the Events Listing.)

We will be holding our annual **Plank Road Campout** on the weekend of **August 1, 2 & 3 at White Pines State Park**. *Its time to get the registration in and reserve your campsite!* Registration information is enclosed. Participants are responsible for reserving their own camp sites. (Or, if your not a tent camper, check out the cabins!) The enclosed information shows the area in which we would recommend reserving camp sites so we can all be in the same area. There will be a Saturday night singing around the campfire, and Sunday brunch together at the White Pines Inn restaurant.

On the business side of things, we realize that costs have been going up, but we have not raised our membership rate since we started out. So our **new membership fees** are going up to **\$10 per individual per year**, and **\$20 per family per year**.

We are also looking for people who will be willing to help at the **Plank Road Recording Sales/Information table** at **Heritage Festival's Folk Stage on Saturday, June 28**. We will be filling 1 hour shifts from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. If you would like to help, call **Cathy Jones at 630/889-9121**.

There's lots happening in the days ahead!! See you down the Old Plank Road...



*Cathy Jones*





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Dave Humphreys  
Two Way Street Coffee House  
1047 Curtiss  
Downers Grove IL 60515

## Information on Local Folk Organizations

**Plank Road Folk Music Society**, PO Box 283, Brookfield, IL 60513. (630)889-9121 or (708)442-0823  
Website: [www.plankroad.org](http://www.plankroad.org)

**Two Way Street Coffee House** 1047 Curtiss St., Downers Grove, IL 60515. (630)969-9720  
Website: [www.twowaystreet.org](http://www.twowaystreet.org)

**Jones Family Music Studio**, Lombard. (630)916-1356. Website: [www.jonesfamilymusic.com](http://www.jonesfamilymusic.com)

**Maple Street Chapel**, Main & Maple Sts, Lombard, 60148. (630)629-2630 or (630)964-4871  
Webpage: [www.tccafe.com/msc](http://www.tccafe.com/msc)

**Acoustic Renaissance Concerts** Unitarian Church of Hinsdale. (708) 802-0236  
Website: [www.acousticren.com](http://www.acousticren.com)

**Folk Lore Center & Acorn Coffee Bar**, 29W140 Butterfield Rd, PO Box 762,  
Warrenville, IL 60555. (630)393-1247

**Woodstock Folk Music/Festival (Off Square Music and Corner Room)**  
(815)-338-4245 Website: [www.woodstockfolkmusic.com](http://www.woodstockfolkmusic.com)

**Fox Valley Folklore Society**, 755 N Evanslawn Ave, Aurora, IL 60506  
(630)897-3655. Website: <http://www.FoxValleyFolk.com>

**Warrenville Folk Music Society**, PO Box 248, Warrenville IL 60555  
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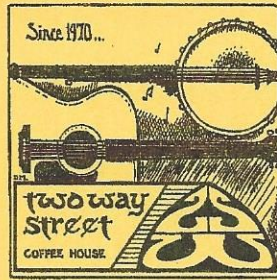
**South Suburban Dulcimer & Folk Music Society**, P.O. Box 455, Park Forest, IL  
60466. (708)756-3857

### **Tunesmith Monthly, The Nuts & Bolts Resource for Songwriters.**

One year subscriptions are available  
for \$12.00 check or money order  
payable to Steve Moss, P.O. Box  
456, Brookfield, IL 60513. Sample  
issues are available for \$1.00. Further  
information can be found on the  
World Wide Web at:

[www.tunesmithmonthly.com](http://www.tunesmithmonthly.com).

*Tune in to "Folk Festival" with George Brown Tuesdays 7 to 9 PM and "Strictly Bluegrass" with Larry Robinson Wednesdays 7 to 9 PM on WDCB, Public Radio from College of DuPage. WDCB presents many other fine folk programs, as well as jazz, classical, reggae, opera, and news and information. For a program guide, call (630) 942-4200.*



## TWO WAY STREET COFFEE HOUSE

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### ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

**TO OUR FRIENDS:** On April 4, 2003, we will implement two changes. First, our suggested donation will increase to \$5. This is our first increase in more than five years, and will allow us to better compensate our performing artists. Even at \$5, we believe that we are the best entertainment bargain in town! Secondly, our showtimes will be moved up to 8:15 pm to allow for a slightly earlier evening.

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| Friday | March | 28 | <b>MIKE AGRANOFF</b> — New Jersey musician/storyteller is both contemporary and traditional. Intricate fingerstyle guitar, plus concertina, banjo, piano. Uproariously funny, contemplative, and powerfully emotional. ( <i>Dirty Linen</i> )   |
| Friday | April | 4  | <b>PEG LEHMAN</b> — A warm and engaging performer with a beautiful, expressive voice. Contemporary folk and great original songs that touch the hearts of her listeners. With autoharp and mountain dulcimer. Always entertaining!  |
| Friday | April | 11 | <b>JAMIE ANDERSON</b> — Great singer-songwriter plays folk and women's festivals and clubs across North America. Excellent songs blend country, folk, rock and more with beautiful guitar work, and a wacko sense of humor!   |
| Friday | April | 18 | <b>GREG KLYMA</b> — NY singer/songwriter/guitarist: "a homecooked meal and a vaudeville show in a fast food, karaoke world!" Touches of Steve Earle, Dylan, Beatles, Prine. Just good honest songs. Brand new CD: <i>Not A Complicated Guy</i> .  |
| Friday | April | 25 | <b>TERRY VITTON &amp; ROB ANDERLIK</b> — "Paul Simon meets Mississippi John Hurt in Merle Travis' backyard!" ( <i>Producer Rob Gjersoe</i> ). Folk/blues/pop originals, selected covers; guitar, Nat'l guitar, Dobro, vocals.   |
| Friday | May   | 2  | <b>DAVE CROSSLAND</b> — From Massachusetts, he returns with songs that are "fiery and alluring," says <i>Boston Globe</i> . Powerful songwriting, a passion for justice, strong voice and guitar, and a bit of whimsy and fun! Excellent CDs!   |
| Friday | May   | 9  | <b>WALTER CRAFT</b> — From Wisconsin, he's a teller of tales and maker of music guaranteed to get your hands clapping, toes tapping, voices raising and spirits soaring! Folk, blues, and originals, with guitar. Don't miss!   |
| Friday | May   | 16 | <b>CLEARWATER CONNECTION</b> — North Carolinians Bill Hansen (guitar and vocals, former faculty chair at the Old Town School) and Doris Sotirellis (bass/vocals) present great contemporary bluegrass, country, folk and more!  |
| Friday | May   | 23 | <b>TOM DUNDEE</b> — Acclaimed songwriter and true "folk legend," he tours the US and Europe with fresh, honest, and witty songs, warm performing style, and expert guitar. He's also in the hot new group <i>Weavermania</i> . Great CDs!   |
| Friday | May   | 30 | <b>SWITCHBACK</b> — An exciting fusion of Celtic, Cajun, folk/rock, blues and much more, Marty McCormack & Brian FitzGerald go way outside the lines! Mandolin, guitar, bass & vocals. Newest CD: <i>The Fire That Burns</i> . Fun!   |
| Friday | June  | 6  | <b>GREENHOBY</b> — Carolyn Green and Mike Choby sing about things that matter, and have fun doing it! Original songs with accessible melodies, and lyrics that face hard questions, but still know when to laugh. Guitar & bass.  |
| Friday | June  | 13 | <b>PLANK ROAD BAND</b> — Dave Reynolds, Troy LeValley, Bob Becker & Ken Grossinger play music spanning time and geography! Bluegrass, 1920's hits and contemporary classics, with guitar, banjo, mandolin, bass and harmonica.  |
| Friday | June  | 20 | <b>** OPEN MIKE **</b> Anyone is welcome to perform, and we always have a great variety of acoustic performers. So popular we must limit the number of acts. 1-3 songs, 10 minutes max. <b>Open at 7:30</b> for signups — first come, first served. Show starts <b>8:00</b> . For more information, phone 630-968-5526. |

Friday June 27 **HERITAGE FESTIVAL** (see below — coffee house closed)



Friday Saturday Sunday June 27 28, 29	<b>HERITAGE FESTIVAL Folk Music Fest</b> — Our annual outdoor concerts presented in conjunction with Downers Grove's popular <i>Heritage Festival</i> . More information soon, but plan now on many of your Two Way Street favorites on Saturday, June 28, 10:00-5:00 on the Folk Stage in beautiful Fishel Park. All this, plus much more music from Bach to rock (six stages!), street fair, amusement rides, car show, beer garden, food and more! And it's FREE!
Saturday April 12 8:00 pm Adults: \$12 Kids 12-18: \$6 Under 12: Free	<b>Baal Tinne and The Academy of Irish Music</b> — Special Irish show in our big room featuring this great band plus excellent young performers from the Academy, a Chicago music school. Flute, tin whistle, fiddle, guitar, keyboard, bodhran and percussion. Benefit for the Academy. Co-sponsored by the Plank Road Folk Music Society. Info: 630-889-9121 or 708-442-0823.
Saturday April 26 8:00 pm \$4	<b>Old Time Dance Party!</b> — Reels, squares, line dancing, waltzes and more, plus the music of our great band. Fun for the whole family! All dances taught and called by Marianne Mohrhusen. No experience, costume or partner needed. Plank Road Folk Music Society is co-sponsor.
Saturday May 10 8:00 pm \$12	<b>Larry Penn CD Release Concert</b> , with special guest <b>Mark Dvorak</b> — A very special coffee house show featuring these two great performers! Plank Road FMS co-sponsors. 708-442-0823.
April 5 & 19 May 3 & 17 June 7 & 21	<b>Sing-Arounds</b> — Our popular song circles where beginners and experienced musicians can learn and/or share songs. Listeners and singers welcome too! Songbooks provided. Plank Road Folk Music Society co-sponsors. First and third Saturday afternoons of each month at 2:00 pm.
Thursdays Mar 27, Apr 24 May 29, June 26 7:00-9:30 pm	<b>LAST THURSDAY: It's OUR Turn!</b> — A monthly unplugged open mike for high school and college age students on the last Thursday of every month. Music, poetry and other performance arts — 10 minutes max. Doors open 7:00 for signups — first come, first served. More info on our website ( <a href="http://www.twowaystreet.org">www.twowaystreet.org</a> ) or phone 630-968-5526. Free!

Watch *From the Coffee House* on DGTV, Downers Grove Cable Television Channel 6, Mondays at 7:30 pm. Live entertainment is featured every Friday night beginning at 8:15 (8:45 March 28). Doors open 7:30. \$5.00 donation requested (\$3 March 28). Refreshments available. The *Two Way Street Coffee House* is a not-for-profit community project of the First Congregational United Church of Christ, Downers Grove. Member: Plank Road Folk Music Society, Fox Valley Folklore Society, Old Town School of Folk Music, Aural Tradition, and North American Folk Alliance. Please call us at 630-969-9720 for current entertainment listings, or visit us on the web at [www.twowaystreet.org](http://www.twowaystreet.org)