

## JEFF'S JAM

The Acoustic Music Jam is ongoing almost every 2nd & 4th Friday night at 8PM of each month at the Lord of Glory Church in Grayslake (on Rt. 120 between Allegheny and Hainesville Roads).

## THE LAKE COUNTY FOLK CLUB

The folk club holds its music events at El Barrio Restaurant & Lounge, 1122 Diamond Lake Road, Mundelein, Illinois. On Sunday, December 17th is LEE MURDOCK (and his Christmas Ship Concert) on the Concert Stage with "JAZZMAN" JEFF JUSTMAN as the Opening Act. No events on Sunday, December 24th and 31st.

On Sunday, January 7th at 7PM is a Showcase Stage featuring MCNAMARA & NEELEY.

For more info visit: [www.thelakecountyfolkclub.org](http://www.thelakecountyfolkclub.org) or call 847-295-7228.

## MILWAUKEE AREA BLUEGRASS MUSIC ASSOCIATION (MABMA)

MABMA promotes listening to and playing bluegrass music in the greater Milwaukee/southeastern Wisconsin area. It also produces a great monthly newsletter and actively supports acoustic music jams and music in the community. Your help is needed to support and join MABMA. For more information about MABMA or to join, visit the MABMA's website at: [www.mabma.org](http://www.mabma.org). Here are jams listed by MABMA preceded by a •:

- MABMA MONTHLY JAM - second Sunday of each month at Borders Book Store in the River Point Shopping Center. 2-5pm. (Border's is located at 8705 N. Port Washington Road in Fox Point, Phone 414-540-1427. They are just east of I-43 and just south of Brown Deer Road.)
- CEDAR CREEK - every Wednesday at Emily's (formerly Schwai's) in Cedar Creek, Wisconsin. Most all of the members of Big Cedar attend this jam in addition to members of Pickin' Up Speed, along with a host of other fine local (and not so local) pickers. Phone (262) 677-0138.
- HARTLAND MUSIC - 3rd Tuesday of each month at Hartland Music located at 1125 James Drive, off Hwy 83 just south of Hwy 16 in Hartland, Wisconsin. 7-9 pm (262) 367-5333 [www.hartlandmusic.com](http://www.hartlandmusic.com)
- MADISON - every Monday night at The Dry Bean located at 5264 Verona Road in Madison, Wisconsin. 6:30 - 10:30pm (608) 274-2326
- SWBMAI Jam - 4th Saturday of the month at the Weary Traveler, 1201 Williamson St., Madison, Wisconsin. 3-6pm
- BILL JORGENSON'S MONTHLY JAM - last Sunday of each month at Tom's Garage, 222 West Franklin St., Appleton. (920) 882-2183, 1-5 pm. Great food & beverages.
- JEFFERSON at the Landmark Tavern - 2nd Saturday of each month. In downtown Jefferson, Wisconsin, on Hwy 26, 3-7pm. Musicians drink free.
- ROUND BARN ACOUSTIC JAM & SING - 3rd Saturday of each month except December at Grace Church, 4800 South Calhoun Road, New Berlin, Wisconsin 53151. 7-10 pm. Contact Carroll D. Brown at (262) 544-6165 after 10 AM.
- POPLAR GROVE - 3rd Saturday of each month, September through May at The Grove at the intersection of SR-173 and Poplar Grove Road, Poplar Grove, Wisconsin. 1-5 pm. Phone (815) 877-2336.

## NORTHERN ILLINOIS BLUEGRASS ASSOCIATION (NIBA)

NIBA promotes listening to and playing bluegrass music in the northern Illinois area. It also produces a great monthly newsletter and actively supports our Acoustic Music Jam and music in our community. Your help is needed to support and join NIBA. For more information about the NIBA or to join, visit the NIBA's website at: [www.nibaweb.org](http://www.nibaweb.org)

On Saturday, December 30th from 2PM-10PM is the 1st Annual NIBA Holiday Party (open to NIBA Members only), featuring Greg Cahill & Special Consensus at 7PM, all day jamming, plus an Open Stage, NIBA Showcase Bands and more. Applications to join the NIBA will be accepted at the door (membership is \$15). The NIBA Holiday Party is located at Sugar Grove Community Center, SW Corner of Cross & Main, Sugar Grove, Illinois. For more information call 730-466-1074 or write: [annie@nibaweb.org](mailto:annie@nibaweb.org).

#### "JAZZMAN" JEFF JUSTMAN/CONCERT LISTINGS

Sunday, December 17th. Jeff will be performing as the Opening Act for Lee Murdock and his Christmas Ship Concert at The Lake County Folk Club's Concert Stage at El Barrio Restaurant & Lounge, 1122 Diamond Lake Road, Mundelein, Illinois. At 7PM.

Friday, December 29th. Jeff will be performing at Gabe's Backstage Lounge, 214 Green Bay Road in Highwood, Illinois. At 9PM with special musical guest, Debbie Firak as the Opening Act. Join the fun at the concert! For more information call 847-266-1313 or visit [www.gabesbackstage.com](http://www.gabesbackstage.com).

Saturday, January 20th. Jeff will be performing at Starbucks in Libertyville, 542 Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville, Illinois from 6PM-9PM with special musical guest, Debbie Firak. Stop in for some coffee and music. For more information call 847-247-0214.

#### EL BARRIO RESTAURANT & LOUNGE

El Barrio Restaurant & Lounge, 1122 Diamond Lake Road in Mundelein houses Lake County Folk Club Events on Sunday nights of each month. El Barrio Restaurant & Lounge has a large menu of tasty Mexican food entrees, a full assortment of refreshments, and a beautiful southwestern restaurant decor for music enthusiasts to enjoy during The Lake County Folk Club events. All musical events are open to the public and to all ages. See the above listing for information on Lake County Folk Club events (Showcase Stage, Open Stage, Concert Stage, and Songcircle) or call: 847-295-7228 or visit: [www.thelakecountyyfolkclub.org](http://www.thelakecountyyfolkclub.org).

#### STAINED GLASS COFFEE HOUSE

The Stained Glass Coffee House at the Congregational Church, 225 Wilmot Road, Deerfield, Illinois is a great new Lake County venue for folk and acoustic music concert fans. The Stained Glass Coffee House holds folk and acoustic music concerts on the third Saturday of each month (from September through May) starting at 7PM. Saturday, December 16th's concert is CHUCK BRODSKY. For a full listing of concerts and more information visit [www.stainedglasscoffeehouse.com](http://www.stainedglasscoffeehouse.com) or call Blair Hull at 847-945-0176.

#### BEANS & LEAVES COFFEE & TEA CAFE

A wonderful coffee cafe in historic downtown Long Grove that celebrates music. On the 2nd Friday of each month from 6PM to 9PM is an Open Mic. Musicians can perform at the Open Mic at Beans & Leaves and then afterwards head on over to the Acoustic Music Jam! Beans & Leaves is located at 320 Old McHenry Road in Long Grove. For more information write: [beansandleaves@hotmail.com](mailto:beansandleaves@hotmail.com) or call 847-821-0011.

#### TRANS ART CAFE

Trans-Art Cafe, 446 North Lake Street in Mundelein has an on-going Open Mic on Wednesday nights with both young-uns and middle agers signing up to perform all kinds of music. Listen or play music, sip coffee as the Trans Art Cafe promotes culture to local Mundelein. For more information, contact Trans Art at 847-566-0883.

#### HOG EYE FOLK ARTS

Hogeye Folk Arts features country related performers regularly scheduled as part of its concert series in Evanston. For information call: 847-475-6165.

## PRAIRIE CROSSING

Prairie Crossing in Libertyville hosts and stages many great concert events. For info write Stan Rosenburg at: [bcbarn@prairiecrossing.com](mailto:bcbarn@prairiecrossing.com) or call 847-543-1202.

## RHYTHM COMMUNITY

The Rhythm Community is an outlet in Lake County for group music. In addition to drum circles and other rhythm events, RC organizes Irish and Celtic music groups. They are looking for musicians who want to teach, learn or just have fun with traditional rhythm instruments and music. Back by popular demand, the Rhythm Academy has resumed Wednesday drum classes. Classes may also take place on other evenings if there is interest. For information contact JERRY SULLIVAN at 847-244-4944 or by e-mail at [jps@rhythmacademy.com](mailto:jps@rhythmacademy.com) or visit [www.rhythmacademy.com](http://www.rhythmacademy.com) for group music and dance or [www.rhythmcommunity.com](http://www.rhythmcommunity.com) for drum and percussion events.

## THE RHYTHM ACADEMY

The Rhythm Academy (83 Ambrogio Drive, Unit A, Gurnee) is holding a Song-Based Beginning Guitar 10-week course in which students learn how to strum the guitar while singing both existing songs and songs they write themselves. Course instructor is Terry Breen. The class focuses on basic guitar chords and how they fit together to form the backbone of a song. For more information call the Rhythm Academy at 847-263-9636 or Terry Breen at 847-566-4762 or e-mail: [cgs@rhythmacademy.com](mailto:cds@rhythmacademy.com)

## BORDERS BOOKS IN MOUNT PROSPECT

Borders Books in Mount Prospect holds an on-going Open Mic on the third Saturday night of each month. Sign up is at 7:30PM. All kinds of music is welcomed and appreciated. For more information contact: [dobro\\_rob@yahoo.com](mailto:dobro_rob@yahoo.com).

## SONGWRITER STUFF

For information and links about Songwriter's Showcase, Chicago Songwriters Collective and Songsalive! see MICHAEL PLISHKA'S website at: [www.michaelplishka.com](http://www.michaelplishka.com). For more information about The Chicago Chapter of SongsAlive! and their SONGSALIVE SHOWCASES at TAVERN 33 write to JULIA MORENO PERRI at [chicago@songsalive.org](mailto:chicago@songsalive.org).

AMY & FRIENDS/The Corner Room. Amy & Friends/The Corner Room is a friendly musical gathering on the third Friday night of each month (except December) at 7:30PM. Amy & Friends regularly is located at Amy Beth's home at 303 Hoy Avenue in Woodstock, Illinois. Amy & Friends has guest performers each month as well as sing-alongs, storytelling, and other fun. For info call 815-338-4245 or e-mail: [amybethsings@yahoo.com](mailto:amybethsings@yahoo.com) or visit <http://www.woodstockfolkmusic.com/amybeth/>

## OFF SQUARE MUSIC

1) Off Square Music sponsors monthly folk music concert performances at the Congregational Unitarian Church, 221 Dean Street, Woodstock, Illinois. No concert in December. For more information visit Offsquare Music's website at [www.offsquaremusic.org](http://www.offsquaremusic.org) or contact Keith at 815-338 -5164 or by e-mail at: [blueloom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:blueloom@sbcglobal.net).

2) Off Square Music also holds an Open Mic at Stage Left Cafe in Woodstock on various Friday nights, this month Dec. 29th at 7PM. The Stage Left Cafe is located in Woodstock, Illinois at the Woodstock Opera House Annex at 125 Van Buren Street. For more information visit Offsquare Music's website at [www.offsquaremusic.org](http://www.offsquaremusic.org) or contact Keith at 815-338-5164 or by e-mail at: [blueloom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:blueloom@sbcglobal.net).

## THE MASTHOUSE

The Masthouse in Woodstock, Illinois hosts its Open Mic every first Saturday of the month starting at 6:30 p.m. This is an Open Mic performing stage with a long and prestigious history to it. To perform there call 815-338-folk (3655) Additional information can also be found on the Woodstock website of [www.woodstockfolkmusic.com](http://www.woodstockfolkmusic.com).

## THE STAGE LEFT CAFE AT THE WOODSTOCK OPERA HOUSE ANNEX

The Stage Left Cafe is a great music oriented venue and cafe housed in Woodstock, Illinois at the Woodstock Opera House Annex at 125 Van Buren Street in Woodstock's downtown square. In addition to regularly housing Offsquare Music events, The Stage Left Cafe also hosts many of it's own interesting music events and concerts that supplement the variety of entertaining and cultural events at the beautiful historic Woodstock Opera House. For more information about The Stage Left Cafe at the Woodstock Opera House Annex call John Scharres at 815-338-4212.

#### TWO WAY STREET COFFEE HOUSE

The Two Way Street Coffee House is a great music venue in Downers Grove, Illinois that has been promoting folk music and the music community for over 35 years. They are located at 1047 Curtiss Street in Downers Grove and have regularly scheduled Open Mic's, Sing-a-longs, and Concerts. For more information contact The Two Way Street Coffee House at 630-969-9720 or visit: [www.twowaystreet.org](http://www.twowaystreet.org). Or, contact Dave Humpheys at 630-968-5526 or by e-mail at: [dave@twowaystreet.org](mailto:dave@twowaystreet.org).

#### FOLK MUSIC HOOTENANY

There is a Folk Music Hootenany at the Anderson Arts Center in Kenosha, Wisconsin. It is a monthly folk music gathering for persons who play an acoustic folk instrument or who just love to sing. 7:00-10:00PM, first Fridays of each month. For more location information or to verify dates, time, etc. call Marialyce Kornkven at 262-654-6840 or 262-658-1478 or e-mail [kvennig@rli-net.net](mailto:kvennig@rli-net.net)

#### ROUND BARN ACOUSTIC JAM AND SINGALONG

The Round Barn Acoustic Jam and Singalong is regularly held on the third Saturday of every month (except December) from 7:00PM to 10:00PM at Grace Church, 4800 South Calhoun Road, New Berlin, Wisconsin. All acoustic string instruments are welcome at the Round Barn Acoustic Jam and Singalong including Appalachian type rhythm instruments, harmonicas, penny whistles, and other such instruments. Musicians from beginners to experienced are encouraged to come as are children old enough to participate. All types of music welcome. For more information on the Round Barn contact Carroll D. Brown at 262-544-6165 (after 9:30AM) or by e-mail at [carroll@carrollcreative.net](mailto:carroll@carrollcreative.net)

#### STRINGALONG GATHERINGS

The University of Wisconsin's UWM Folk Center holds Stringalong Gatherings during the year in Wisconsin. These are Folk Arts Vacation Weekends founded in 1983. The Stringalong Gatherings feature jam sessions and classes. For more information about UWM's Folk Center, Stringalong Gatherings, and their other scheduled events contact [AnnSchmid@aol.com](mailto:AnnSchmid@aol.com) or call 414--229-4622 or 800-636-3655. More information can be learned by visiting: [www.StringalongWeekend.com](http://www.StringalongWeekend.com).

#### SHORTY'S STRICTLY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL: MARCH 2, 3, 4, 2007

It's back! Shorty's Strictly Bluegrass Festival in Peoria, Illinois on March 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. 24 hours of jammin' and pickin'. Indoors. For information call 641-799-0565 or write [shortysbluegrass@prodigy.net](mailto:shortysbluegrass@prodigy.net).

13TH ANNUAL NAPERVILLE INDOOR BLUEGRASS MUSIC FESTIVAL: March 23-25th, 2007 at the Holiday Inn Select off I-88 in Naperville. Numerous performers, an Open Stage, instrument workshops, 24 hour pick'n rooms, guitar & merchandise vendors. For additional information visit: [www.bluegrassmidwest.com](http://www.bluegrassmidwest.com) or write: [info@bluegrassmidwest.com](mailto:info@bluegrassmidwest.com) or call: 217-243-3159.

#### BLUEGRASS FORUMS

There are internet bluegrass chatroom forums at the following internet locations: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bgrass-chatbox-illinois/> and <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/bgrass-chatbox-wisconsin/>.

#### INTERNET FOLK RADIO/OPEN MIC

There is an internet folk radio station at [www.folkalley.com](http://www.folkalley.com) that has a feature called Open Mic on it at

[www.folkalley.com/openmic/](http://www.folkalley.com/openmic/) to check out that might be of interest to Acoustic Music Jammers.