
Mad Folk NEWS

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Mad Folk sponsors fourth season of music on State Street!

We are extremely pleased to again bring free music to the streets this summer. A change in location happens this summer due to the construction going on in the 300 and 400 blocks of State Street. So we have moved down the street a little to the intersection of Francis and State Street, to Concrete Park.

Don't let the name scare you; after the heat of last summer you will be happy to see this park area shaded with two large trees. The park is located between Urban Outfitters and Potbelly restaurant and across from the State Street Brats. Don't worry about the rain; if it comes we just move down a little further on Langdon Street in to the Memorial Union.

The first concert will be June 3 and will continue for 14 weeks with the final performance taking place Labor Day weekend, September 2. The music will again be from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. this year. Our first weekend will feature participants in this year's MAMA's awards, Marianne Flemming and Blake Thomas.

Marianne Flemming joined us our first season of this series and we are pleased you have her back. She has continued to work with Mad Folk as our opening performer for the Bryan Bowers concert in 2005 and continues to work with the Madison Songwriters Group.

Marianne Flemming performs "hippie chick" music, exasperated

mom blues, whatever happened to our planet laments, and music that honors the spirits that have paved the way before... In short, an all-around gal-guitar slinger/singer who loves to wail, weep and transcend.

A 2006 MAMA nominee in the "Best Acoustic Song" and "Best Acoustic Artist" category, Marianne has a long history in the folk/troubadour tradition.

Blake Thomas is the lead singer for Blake Thomas and the Downtown Brown

Their musical influences include artists such as Bob Dylan, the Jayhawks, David Gray, the Replacements, the Grateful Dead, and the late Elliott



Smith, while remaining rooted in the old blues and folk stylings of musicians such as Woody Guthrie and Charlie Patton.

Blake is a 24-year-old Boston-based folk musician who is now living in Madison and recently won both Best Artist and Best Album in the Folk/Americana category for the 2006 Madison Area Music Awards.

We are still looking for volunteers to set up chairs, sell CD's and pass out flyers. If you plan on being downtown for one of these shows we would sure love for you to volunteer. Please contact Megan Christensen at madknitter@earthlink.net, as she is this year's volunteer coordinator.

The full lineup is currently posted on our website at www.madfolk.org, and please watch your newsletter for more information on these performers coming up.

First up for Folk On State '06: Marianne Flemming and Blake Thomas.



2006 Folk On State lineup of performers

June

3 Marianne Flemming
Blake Thomas
10 Greg Greenway
Dreamsicles
17 Alastair Moock
KG and the Ranger
24 Ken Lonquist
Wishing Chair

July

1 Jackie Tice
Small Potatoes
8 Karen Mal
The Prince Myshkins
15 Lou & Peter Berryman (both sets)
22 Peter Mulvey (both sets)
29 Marques Bovre
SONiA

August

5 Joe Jencks
Freebo & Photoglo
12 JohnSmith
Berkley Hart
19 David LaMotte
Tracy Jane Comer
26 Jeff Hickey
Mustard's Retreat

Final date—September 2 In the round: Amy Curl, Erin O'Brien & Kellie Lin Knott (performers will take turns

Mad Folk Scholarship Program needs you!

Thanks to everyone who came out to the February show with Ed Trickett, as this was a fundraiser to add money

to our scholarship fund. We have also been providing coffee and cookies (thanks for baking those cookies Denice!) at our shows at the Wil-Mar Center and these funds have also been donated to the scholarship fund.

But, with the funds starting to build, we need a little help from our members.

Bill Fiore has stepped up to chair a Scholarship Committee, but we need a few more folks to join him. The committee will discuss how to accept applications and choose candidates for the scholarship funds. The panel will also determine the best way to grow the fund for future years.

If you would like to learn more about this or have some ideas and would like to join the committee, please contact Bill at fior@charter.net or call him at 256-4687.

If you would like to make a donation directly to this fund, please send your check to Mad Folk, and note on the check that it is to go to the scholarship fund.

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