

WELCOME TO THE 40TH ODPC FUNFEST!

JULY 19-22, 2012

**TWO EVENINGS OF ACOUSTIC MUSIC
FEATURING THE HAMMERED DULCIMER**

Friday Evening

Hammered Dulcimer Pre-Show begins at 6:15
Introduction of Hammered Dulcimer Education Program Students for 2012-2013

7:00 p.m.

The Music Police
Timothy Seaman
Wilson Family String Band
Steve and Ruth Smith
Whamdiddle
Wanda Degen
Muzyka!
Mitzie Collins
Moriath
Stephen Seifert
Sonas



Saturday Evening

7:00 p.m.

6:55—Introduction of Founding ODPC Members Lilah Gillette and Melva Cox Ridgeway

Bill Robinson and Friends
Doug Berch
Golden Griffon Stringtet
David Mahler
David and Annette Lindsey
Guy George
Pam Bowman with Jeff Gardner & Just Jammin'
Ted Yoder
****Dulcimer Drawing for ODPC Members****
Rick Thum
Kaiser Family Band
Stephen Humphries
Mark Alan Wade
Dan Landrum





Doug Berch

Doug plays both mountain and hammered dulcimer. He also plays clawhammer banjo, tin whistle, harmonium and other instruments. In 1983 Doug took first place in both The National Mountain Dulcimer Championship and The National Hammered Dulcimer Championship in Winfield, KS. www.dougeberch.com



Mitzie Collins

From Rochester NY, Mitzie directs the *Striking Strings Hammered Dulcimer Ensemble*, and four members of the ensemble will be performing with her at Evert. She teaches music history, world music, and hammered dulcimer classes at the Eastman Community Music School. She is a member of the board of the Cimbalom World Association. She has attended CWA dulcimer congresses in China, Germany, Mexico. Along with six members of the *Striking Strings*, she performed in Budapest in 2011. In April 2012, she taught and performed in Slovakia and Budapest. She has made recordings of Christmas, Irish and historical New York State tunes and loves to spread the word on our international hammered dulcimer relatives. www.samplerfolkmusic.com.



Guy George

Guy is a multi-faceted instrumentalist with jazz-influenced roots. He is a performer, instructor, author/publisher and recording artist. His diverse playing style adds a new twist to the sounds of the hammered dulcimer, pennywhistle, steel drum and saxophone, all of which he incorporates into his performances

and teaching. Guy studied jazz performance, arranging and composition at Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA. He travels throughout the US and Canada, performing and teaching at various venues and festivals. His teaching style is relaxed and fun, as he teaches tunes of many different genres and styles. In addition, he incorporates methods for more advanced practicing and playing techniques, while simultaneously entertaining his students. Guy and his wife, Sharrie, live outside Cleveland when not traveling. www.guygeorge.com



Stephen Humphries

Stephen Humphries is a music educator, freelance percussionist, and a national hammered dulcimer champion (2007). When not teaching and performing at dulcimer festivals, Stephen teaches as an adjunct professor of music at Covenant College (Lookout Mountain, GA) and

Lee University (Cleveland, TN). Additionally, he presents educational programs for hammered dulcimer and percussion in local K-12 schools. Stephen resides in Chattanooga, TN, with his lovely wife Taryn. www.stephenhumphries.com



Pam Bowman

Pam Bowman is a native of the Evert area, hailing from Marion, Michigan. She has been performing with the hammered dulcimer for approximately 15 years as a duo with Jeff Gardner on guitar, and with a five piece group called *Just Jammin*. In 2005 Pam won the Southern Regional Hammered Dulcimer Competition in Mountain View, Arkansas. Pam gives private lessons and group lessons on the hammered dulcimer. She has 8 recordings available: 4 instrumental recordings with Jeff Gardner and various artists, and 4 with *Just Jammin*. bowstrings@netonecom.net



Wanda Degen

Wanda's lifelong love of music shines through in her performances as she sings and plays the autoharp and "both kinds" of dulcimers! She has taught private lessons at Elderly Instruments in Lansing since 1977. Wanda won the Great Lakes Regional Mountain Music Autoharp Competition at the Flint Bluegrass Festival in 1983 and has placed in the top five as a finalist at the Walnut Valley Festival in Winfield, Kansas, and at the Mountain Laurel Autoharp Gathering in Newport, Pennsylvania. Through her work as a teaching artist with two national programs - the Lincoln Center of New York and the Wolf Trap Institute for Early Learning Through the Arts of Vienna, Virginia - thousands of Michigan school children have experienced both hearing and playing dulcimers & autoharp. www.wandadegen.com



Golden Griffin Stringtet

The *Golden Griffin Stringtet* has been performing since 1992 at contra dances, civil war re-enactment dances, weddings, fairs, and other cultural events, including the Ohio Renaissance Festival, the national convention of Abraham Lincoln Presenters, and the National Square Dance Convention. The band consists of Loretta McKinney on hammered dulcimer, Jim McKinney on fiddle, Renzo Hutchinson on guitar, and Bob Ewald on bass. Members of the band have won numerous performance and composition contests sponsored by the American String Teachers Association, the National Federation of Music Clubs, as well as others. www.goldengriffinstringtet.com



Kaiser Family Band

The Kaiser Family Band played a Thursday afternoon open mike concert in Evert in 2006 and, thanks to the encouragement of the musical community here, they've not stopped playing since. Known for their fast, high-energy music, traded among the three lead musicians, they've recorded four CDs and become known for their precision playing... and for goofiness around the festival. www.KaiserFamilyBand.com

Funfest Concerts

Thursday: 7:00 Open Mike
Friday: 1:30 Open Mike
7:00 Stage Show

Saturday: 10:30 Youth Concert
1:30 Open Mike
7:00 Stage Show

Sunday: 9:00 Gospel Sing
Held in the Community Room

Signup information for the Open Mike concerts can be found near the ODPC Office.



Dan Landrum

Dan has been playing hammered dulcimer for over 25 years and has gone from street performing in his home town of Chattanooga, TN, to internationally touring stage shows. He is editor of *Dulcimer Players News* magazine and is co-founder of Dulcimer

School.com along with Stephen Seifert. You can reach him at dan@dpnews.com www.danlandrum.com



David Mahler

David began studying the hammered dulcimer when he was 10 years old and quickly fell in love with music. In 2004, at the age of 14, he became the youngest in history to win the Hammered Dulcimer National Championship in

Winfield, KS. He recently moved to Nashville and released a new recording titled, "Greenwood", consisting mostly of original compositions. You can find out more about David at www.DavidMahler.com.



The Music Police

Led by Officers Dale Palacek from WI and Jim Rathbun from Rockford, MI, the *Music Police* was officially established on December 3, 2011 at the Kaiser family home, where music flies faster than the *Concord*. As a lady

once asked Jake and Elwood in "The Blues Brothers" movie, "Are you the police?" they replied, "No ma'am, we're musicians!" Thus can be found the motto of the *Music Police*. Be careful while jamming; the *Music Police* have been known to hand out tickets for musical infractions!

Bill Robinson & Friends



Bill has been performing for 60+ years and has received numerous awards, including ODPC Lifetime Member with Paul VanArsdale, Hall of Fame, and Pioneer. He has been teaching the hammered dulcimer and promoting his students for over 40 years. Bill loves to jam and welcomes all to jam (you can usually find him in the ODPC Pavilion).

Bill hopes you enjoy his original tunes. He is a third generation player from Illinois. You can find out more about Bill at www.billrobinson-dulcimer.com



David and Annette Lindsey

David and Annette make their home in Bennington, OK. David has been building and playing the hammered dulcimer since 1978. They have been playing as the *Sweet Song String Band* since 1979 and have helped form the Lone Star State Dulcimer Society and the Red River Valley Dulcimer Club. They are well known and sought after for their music in re-enactor's dances and activities. David and Annette teach and perform across the U.S. in many well-known festivals where David sells his nationally recognized hammered dulcimers. www.davidsdulcimers.com

Moriath



Newlyweds Regina Kate on fiddle, and Griffin Cobean on bouzouki, whistle, and flute, bring to you the music of distant Ireland. This seasoned pair of Michigan musicians sends audiences on a pilgrimage through the lands and music of the Celts. Whether the venue

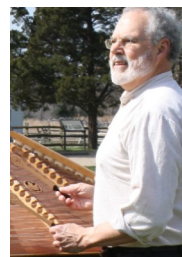
is a pub or festival stage, there are no limits on *Moriath's* capability to become a crowd favorite. *Moriath* makes and performs music for the joy of the audience as well as their own. E-mail contact: moriath@live.com



Muzyka!

This vocal group hails from Midland, MI and includes Lee Anne Whitman on guitar, Johnny Hunt on banjo, mandolin and guitar, Hillary Huebler, on pennywhistle, fiddle and mandolin, and Chuck Grant on bass.

Muzyka! performs folk, gospel, pop, bluegrass and other unique genres of music. The music is always acoustic, traditional and/or original, upbeat, thoughtful and easy to listen to! Find out more at www.muzykamusic.com.



Timothy Seaman

Tim is an acoustic soloist who brings together an eclectic blend of musical styles unlike any other. He comes to Ewart from Williamsburg, VA. He worked 19 years as a school teacher. However, since 1994 he has made music his sole endeavor. Most of his 19 recordings have been made in collaboration with Virginia's National and State Parks, representing their natural and historic themes.

Tim's musical repertoire consists of traditional tunes, original compositions, and Baroque music.

Tim is very much at home in the out of doors, having spent four summers as a backpacking instructor. Visit Tim's web site at www.timothyseaman.com



Stephen Seifert

Stephen has been playing the mountain dulcimer since 1991. He has toured with David Schnauffer, performed with orchestras around the country and been a featured performer in Japan. Since 1996 he has taught and performed at festivals and dulcimer clubs in Los Angeles, Detroit, New York, Pensacola, Houston, and many others. "I want to play all styles of music on the mountain dulcimer. I also want to help my fellow dulcimer players pursue their musical desires, whatever they might be, with the least amount of time-wasting detours." Most recently, he has been teaching hundreds of students around the world via an online *Dulcimer School*. www.dulcimerschool.com or www.stephenseifert.com



Sonas

Sonas, featuring DeeDee Tibbits on the hammered dulcimer, has been performing since 2004 and has THREE CDs to show for it! They play a wide assortment of instruments, including hammered dulcimer, concertina, fiddle, bouzouki, Irish whistles, guitar, mandolin, harp, mountain dulcimer, and marimbula. They love any kind of traditional music, especially Celtic music, and add some original tunes to the mix. Their fiddler will be out of town during Funfest, but DeeDee's husband, Russ, will be joining them on the Evart stage. He adds his vocal, mandolin, and bass talents to their set. www.sonasmusic.com

Mark Alan Wade



As a student, Mark's trumpet playing was his gateway into music schools. His exceptional trumpeting allowed him to study music formally in academia and culminated in his Doctorate of Musical Arts from Ohio State University. Mark's unique style is the result of his 20+ years of traditional dulcimer playing blended with his formal classical training. Currently Mark is an Assistant Professor of Music at Denison University where he teaches trumpet, dulcimer, music theory, and directs the wind ensemble. Mark is proud to serve the dulcimer community as the only professor in the U.S. offering a major in Dulcimer Performance. A National Champion himself (1998), Mark's students include two National Hammered Dulcimer Champions. Mark, his wife Cristina, and their young son live in New Albany, OH. www.MarkAlanWade.com

Wilson Family String Band



Dad, Andrew, mom, Deanna, and 4 children: Jake, 13, Zack, 12, Brandon, 8, and Cara, 5 are from WA. Both parents grew up in family bands and have played professionally and taught privately for many years. Andrew is the reigning Washington State Fiddle Champion and a Top 10 National Fiddle Champion for 2011. They travel the country performing and teaching. Audiences enjoy the family interplay, and the frequent instrument swapping. Their music is composed of traditional and gypsy jazz, western swing, bluegrass, and fiddle tunes. wilsonfamilystringband.com



Steve and Ruth Smith

Ohio Magazine says Steve and Ruth's music has "the soul of mountain music and the gentle grace of mountain air." Steve and Ruth are featured this week on the national PBS TV series "Song of the Mountains." *Dirty Linen Folk & World Music Magazine* says "Ruth's touch on the hammered dulcimer is absolutely magical, with exquisite phrasing, highlighting the range of the instrument, especially on her own pieces." Steve, an ASCAP award-winning songwriter, adds guitar, banjo, and vocals. www.steveandruth.com



Rick Thum

Ranked as the most influential dulcimer player of the last decade by readers of *Dulcimer Player News*, Rick has made his mark on every aspect of the hammered dulcimer world. He brings a combination of passion and friendly accessibility to his teaching that make his workshops and classes favorites at festivals across the country. He has tapped this teaching experience to produce a CD instructional series for hammered dulcimer, the *Original Song of the Month Club*. Rick is also the designer of the highly-regarded hammered dulcimer bearing his name. Yet for all his time in the studio, onstage, in the classroom, and in the luthier's shop, Rick is most at home at a late-night jam session. www.rthum.com



Whamdiddle

Rick Fogel is a distinguished hammer dulcimer performer, luthier and teacher. At festivals and venues across the country, he displays virtuosity in his performance of classical, traditional, Celtic, and original compositions. In 1975 Rick first learned to build and play the dulcimer. He has since founded the *Whamdiddle Dulcimer Company*, located in Seattle, WA. He has built hundreds of dulcimers and taught workshops on building and playing dulcimers. Rick was featured in a TV documentary for PBS on the "Craftsmen of the World" series. www.whamdiddle.com



Ted Yoder

Ted started his journey with the hammered dulcimer right after marrying his wife, Donna, in 1997. They spent money on a little 12/11 dulcimer even when they didn't have a bed. After winning the title of National Hammered Dulcimer Champion in 2010 in Winfield, KS, Ted went full time into music. He loves to perform, teach (group or private) and sell hammered dulcimers. Ted, his wife and 7 children make their home in Indiana. More information on Ted can be found at: www.tedyoder.com