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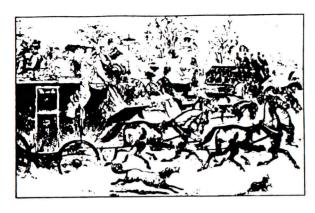
When the Entertainment Guide included Rick E. Vengeance on the programme for the Melbourne Folk Club, in its new home, we decided to try the place out. It certainly seems to be better suited to our needs than some of the others we have "lived in" over the years that F.S.D.S.V. has ben running a Folk Club - can't remember how long ago it was that the F.S.D.S.V. Committee got fed up with the changes of name and Paul Borg (the old hands will remember him) suggested calling the Folk Club the "Melbourne Folk Club" and wherever the "chook" perched or roosted was simply "the venue". The Melbourne Folk Club at The East Brunswick Club Hotel (in the Lounge), 280 Lygon Street, East Brunswick. The squarer layout of the room will be much more suited for Concert-type entertainments, and I do like the tables - nice solid and intersting, and there's enough of them. The amplification and microphones didn't seem as obtrusive either in the wider room. Incidentally it was a good programme too - specially enjoyed the large helping of traditional singing in Rick's bracket.

The next night there was a very different entertainment - the V.F.M.C. Ball. Not quite as crowded as some earlier years but a good floor-full just the same. More couples dances than there often is, lots of waltz music, some interesting quadrilles and a couple of longways sets. Some beautiful dressing - very few people not in some form of colonial gear. I would not have cared to have to do the judging for the prizes. The music was not up to the usual standard but not hard to dance to. The usual group of dancers from Bendigo and Nariel were there of course but there did not seem to be the usual contingent from South Australia and Canberra. Or perhaps they were there but not the ones I know best. . .

Jess Dunnadge

Hatched: To Janette Poulton and Gary King, a baby boy, Julian Gareth Poulton-King, 10 1/4 lbs, 11.39pm on 4 October 1990.







CUP EVE BUSH DANCE

Northcote Town Hall High St. Northcote 5th. November 8 until 1 a.m.

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Phantom Race caller will call the Original Melbourne Cup and this year's Cup.

B.y.o. Baskets of food and drink.

Supporting the Lis Johnston Memorial Album

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IAN PAULIN

To speak of Melbourne's acoustic musicians as veterans or novices is hardly original, since innocence and experience have been prime movers in every game of musical chairs since the beginning of time. But occasionally you meet a melody-maker with both qualities, someone whose candid lyrical wisdom is a conscious result of years of not being afraid to admit knowing nothing.

Ian Paulin is such a person. Young at heart - some say naive. Brimful of old wisdoms - I've heard the word "saint" muttered in his presence by earnest, wide-eyed teenage girls. A man whose astonishingly simple way of looking at life doesn't pretend to make life simple. Ian claims he is never surprised by life because he has no expectations. He is still all the things Vin Maskell described him as being seven years ago ("quiet, outspoken, angry, optimistic and articulate") but he laughs a lot these days.

A jack of all trades, Ian says he never wants to let anything get in the way of doing the next thing. So what's he done so far? The facts are kaleidoscopic. He hails from Ulverstone, Tasmania; born in 1955, I think. Lived in Hobart, Sydney, Adelaide and now Melbourne. Been writing and performing original songs for twenty years. Appeared in concert with artists such as Ralph McTell, Redgum, Sirocco, Kevin Coyne, Ross Ryan, Ariel and Mickey Finn. Turned a hand to gardening, journalism, -radio announcing, shoe selling, builder's labouring, politicking, fatherhood and, more recently, drama, Recorded three albums: "Glebe Hotel", "All" and "No Waiting". Plays guitar, mandolin, piano and the odd percussion instrument. I've seen him strum a guitar with one hand, pick a melody on a keyboard with the other while banging drums with his foot. Touring took up much of his early musical career but the novelty of traipsing from one country pub to the other eventually wore off. "I got tired of touring, spending 5 months of the year with just me, my guitar, a beat-up old suitcase and a car that blew up every six months" (the car's name was, and miraculously still is, Roland or Roly for short). Although most of Ian's songs are not strictly autobiographical. he could never be dismissed as just a watcher on the balcony. "It's the things that happen in your life that affect your musical career."

His song, "The Face of Things to Come", became something of a green anthem for the Franklin River campaign. For Ian, defending southwest Tasmania was instinctive, "like defending your mum." The cause swallowed him, absorbed him entirely for seven years. When it was all over, the battle fought and won, he went into a "funny, emotional shell-shock." Like many of the campaigners, Ian found it took years to bring his life back into focus. Recently Ian has been concentrating on drama and feminism. Many of his songs pay tribute to the women who have courage enough to stand on their own in a man's world: "Rosanna", "Jenny Can Dance" and "African Woman" (which proves that God is black and a woman) are forceful examples of his passionate belief in the people-power of women. As part of his drama degree at La Trobe University, Ian this year wrote and directed an intense one-act play called "Rado" (the esperanto word for wheel). Set in a war-torn city, no country, no time, "Rado" is the cyclical story of four desperate people broken on the ever-turning wheel of misogyny. It is a grim, penetrating and utterity compelling vision, probably coming to La Mama Theatre, Carlton, for a short season next year.

Ian admits he could have made lots of money but chose instead to make lots of friends. He says he's never been (and never will be) in the music game for fame or commercial gain. "I gave us bashing down the door of the industry five or six years ago because I discovered that the world's not really waiting for you to turn up. Most extremely successful people I know seem to spend most of their time maintaining their successfulness, rather than practising what it is that made them successful in the first place. I'm just getting on with doing what it is I do."

Louise Radcliffe-Smith

Australian Folk Trust

Proposed Program for Fourth National Folklore Conference at Wright College, University of New England, Armidale NSW.

Saturday 24 November

- 9.00 Registration
- 9.30 Welcome

Ron Edwards on behalf of the Australian Folk Trust Assoc. Prof.. W.G. Maddox, Dean of the Faculty of Arts on behalf of the University of New England

9. 45 **Keynote Address**Emeritus Professor Russel Ward *Origins of Folksongs*

10.15 Morning Tea

10.30 Session1

June Factor *The Role of Children's Folklore in a Children's Hospital*Patsy Cohen & Margaret Somerville *Aboriginal Storytelling in the*South New England Area
Edgar Waters Loaded Dogs in Mudgee and Missouri
Discussion

12.20 Lunch

1.20 Session 2

Mark Schuster Peristence Versus Assimilation of Ethnic Old Time
Music: A Case Study from the German and Scandinavian Communities
in Rural South-East Queensland
Phyl Lobl Are Ditties Dinosaurs? - Are Songs Snakes?
Phillip Butterss Folklore and Literature - what's the difference?: John
McGarvie and his 'folk songs'
Discussion

2.40 Session 3

Hazel Hall 'Oot-ca-lum' gulped the Glundy Glippet. Myths,
Endearments and expressions from one Australian family 19201960.
David Hults Have ya heard the one... Musicians as an occupational
group reflected through their humour
Discussion

3, 40 Afternoon Tea

4.00 Bus to Newholme

- 4. 30 Panel Discussion at Newholme with Lionel Goode, Robert Luxton John Ryan, John Ferry, Ian Johnstone
- 6. 30 Arrive back at Wright College
- 7.30 Conference Dinner and Entertainment

Sunday 25 November

9 30 Session 4

Helen O'Shea Doing Your Deb: A Rite of Passage? David Hults: Folk Crafts: their context within folklore Margaret Rolfe: Ouilts- An Australian Folk Art? Discussion

10.50 Morning Tea

11.05 Session 5

Strathis Gauntlett Folklore and Populism: The 'Greening of the Greek Blues'

Ann Slaney & Nicky Lo Blanco Resourcing Folkdance in Multicultural Australia

Kevin Bradley Look What They've Done... An examination of material submitted to UNESCO for a folklore publication and the result Discussion

12.45 Lunch

1.30 Session 6

John Low *The Role of the Local Public Library in the Collection, Study and Preservation of Australian Folklore*Gwenda Davey *Future Directions: There is life after the Folklife Inquiry*Ron Edwards *Earthwatch- the Good and the Bad*Discussion

- 2.50 Plenary Session
- 4.10 Afternoon Tea
- 4, 30 Close of Conference

N.B. The Annual General Meeting of the Australian Folklore Association will take place on Saturday during the lunch break.

Conference brochures with registration forms may be obtained from :

Australian Folk Trust PO Box 156 Civic Square ACT 2608 Tel: (06) 2497722

FESTIVAL NEWS. . .

25th National Folk Festival Adelaide Easter 1991

GPO Box 525 Adelaide SA 5001

Pre-Sale Ticket Offer

Tickets to the Festival may be in limited supply closer to the event so you are encouraged to purchase any tickets earlier and benefit from the discount available. The advance price for weekend tickets is \$48.00 (adults), \$45.00 (concession) and \$12.00 (12-18 year olds). Children under the ae of 12 will be admitted free, but proof of age may be requested. Concessions are available for pensioners, unemployed and students over 18 years of age on production of concession entitlement. A photocopy of concession entitlement should be sent with advance mail bookings. Advance bookings will be accepted by mail up to 28 February. Accommodation - There is a range of accommodation available ranging from the Hilton to a patch of grass. As camping spots may be in short supply, you are advised to book early.

Make It A Holiday, Not Just a Festivall

South Australia is alive with folk activity in March 1991 with a Music Festival (Fiesta '91') being held in Adelaide during the entire month of March. The Kapunda Celtic and Traditional Music Festival is on the weekend before the 25th National, and the Laura Folk Fair is held on the weekend following. The Festival will be a fully catered site, from snacks to restaurants and coffee bars, children's food and boulevard cafes. Our on-campus clubs and pubs will be open all hours. Venues – Fifteen divers venues will be operation. All venues are within 2 minutes walk of each other. The central venue will be our Hokker pavilion, seating fifteen hundred people. In addition, there are six other fully equipped venues for concert and dance performances.

Reprinted from Infolkus (South Australia) October 1990

5th Gulgong Folk Festival

The 5th Gulgong Folk Festival will be held from Saturday 29 December to Monday 31st December - with a bit of a spill over into Tuesday 1st January 1991. We have made no final arrangements as yet but we do expect the usual array of musicians, dancers, poets, singers, kids, distraught mothers and egos of sundry dimensions will make their usual appearances and have their usual good times. The Home Rule Band - being the stalwart local band with the ever increasing reputation - will again provide the musical backbone of the festival but all musicians are invited to join in.

reprinted from Cornstalk (NSW) October 1990

LIS JOHNSTON

'TWANKYDILLO'

On Friday the 21st of September the folkies of South Australia came out in force to the Earl of Leiscester for a memorial concert in honour of Lis Johnston, who died of cancer a few weeks ago. Eric Bogle, Country Express, Liz Robertson, Jon Munro & Trev and Kim Warner gave a great musical tribute to a woman who, over the last twenty years, has given so much of her time and talent to the folk movement. Lis was a wonderful singer and organiser, she helped run several folk clubs, three Melbourne National Festivals, and many will remember her voice in the groups Canterbury Fair, Goshawk, Larkrise, Three's Company, and more recently Twankydillo.

Lis was a very special person, cranky, bossy, fun-loving and big hearted. Heaps of fun to tour with provided you didn't speak to her too early in the moming. (Aren't we all?) Our trip to Adelaide when we played at the South Coast Folk Club was wonderful, and one of the highlights of our short time together. We sang all the way back to Melbourne.

There's too much to say in this little note, but I'm sure that I speak for Meg, Jamie, Kelley and Lyndal when I say thank you to everyone involved in putting on Friday's concert and to all those who attended. Some of the money raised will be going to cancer reseach and the rest will be going towards the compilation of an album of music that Lis has recorded over the years, and to the setting up of an award at the National Folk Festival.

Thanks again to all of you and keep singing.

Annie McGlade

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Wanted: Outdoor Performing Artists

Jugglers, street theatre, stiltwalkers, fire-eaters etc. The Williamstown Summer Festival is interested in hearing from performing artists who would like to be part of the Australia Day weekend festival January 25th until 28th.

Contact Jamie Crickmay for further information on (03) 393 9311

VICTORIAN FOLK VENUES

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MUSIC VENUES - METROPOLITAN

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- F * MELBOURNE FOLK CLUB Fridays, 8.30 11, followed by session East Brunswick Club Hotel 280 Lygon St. E. Brunswick. Contact Meg MacDonald, (03) 387 5256
- s THE BOITE: WORLD MUSIC CAFE Acoustic world music Ev.Sat. 8.00 Mark St Hall, Mark St, N. Fitzrov. Contact (03) 417 3550
- SM WtFs CAFE YARTZ Acoustic-Eccentric Cafe Music Wed to Sun, cheap snacks 224 High Street, Northcote Contact 481 8084
- tF CELTIC CLUB Every 2nd Thurs, approx. 10 12, each Fri & Sat. 7 12 Cnr La Trobe/Queen St. Melbourne - phone (03) 67 6472
 - Fs CLIFTON HILL HOTEL Fridays & Saturdays, late 10.30 2.30
 - Oueens Pde, Clifton Hill phone (03) 489 8705
- WtFs DAN O'CONNELL HOTEL Wed.-Sun. Irish bands: 9.30-12.30 (8.30-11.30 Sun.) Cnr Princes/Canning Sts. Carlton - phone (03) 347 1502
 - s FOLKLORE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA 3rd Sat. each. month from 8 p.m. Eastern suburbs (venue alters) Monthly social / meeting. Contact Maxine Ronnberg (03) 20 4136
- WtFs GREEN LANTERN COFFEE LOUNGE Wed. Sun. 8.30-12.30 (2 a.m. Fri-Sat.) (Acoustic/blues/folk/jazz, etc. Open talent night Sunday)
 - 13 Burwood Highway. phone (03) 808 8023
- SMTWtFs 'MOLLY BLOOM'S' Every night Various Irish bands and singers. 9 12 p.m. Bay St, Port Melbourne, - phone (03) 646 2681
- WtFs NORMANDY HOTEL Thurs Sun. Irish bands 9.30 12.30 (9 12 Sun.) Cnr Queens Pde / Gold St, Clifton Hill - phone (03) 481 3332
- 'ONE-C-ONE' (Acoustic/Blues/Folk) Sundays 8 12
 - Brunswick Mechanics Inst., Sydney Rd, (Diag. opp. B'wick Town Hall) (03) 347 7515
 - Marion Cincotta Contact
 - Melanie Gould (03) 347 5485
 - F 'PICKIN'AT THE PIGGERY' 3rd Fri each. month (except Jan, Feb & Oct) 8-11p.m.
 - (string band,/old time/bluegrass/caiun_fiddle music) \$4 (members)/\$5
 - at the Footscray Community Arts Centre, 45 Moreland St.
 - Performers welcome. Contact (03) 689 5677
 - SINGABOUT FOLK CLUB Guest artist nights, 4th Monday each month, 8pm Alphington Anglers Hall, Cnr Clarke/Rathmines St, Fairfield.
 - Contact Betty Davis. (03) 478 9656
- SMTWtFs TWILIGHT COFFEE HOUSE every night 9 12 p.m.
 - 234 High St, Kew. phone (03) 861 6587

OTHER FOLK MUSIC ORGANISATIONS

'ACROSS THE BORDERS' - organisation established under the auspices of the City of Brunswick. Frequent concerts, workshops, etc., held at various venues. Predominantly multicultural folk music. Contact Peter Leman, Community Arts Officer (03) 380 3301 (b.h.) or 'Across the Borders', (03) 387 3376 "THE BOITE" - Multicultural folk organisation holding frequent concerts & workshops at various venues, esp. The Boite World Music Cafe, Mark St. North Fitzroy (see above). Contact (03) 417 3550 (answer-phone), or P.O. Box 1150, North Fitzroy, 3068 VICTORIAN FOLK MUSIC CLUB - Dances and dance practices, muic and song nights, publishes song and dance books and tapes of dance music instructions. Contact (03)497 1628, or write: G.P.O. Box 2025 S, Melbourne, 3001.

LEARN AND/OR PARTICIPATE MUSIC &/OR SONG

- FOLK MUSIC INSTRUMENT WORKSHOPS ev.Sat. Beginners: 2.30, Intermediates: 2.45 'Led' by skilled musicians. For location enquire at The Melbourne Folk Club.
- INTERNATIONAL MUSIC, SONG & DANCE Occasional workshops organised by The Boite. Contact (03)417 3550.
- IRISH FOLK MUSIC CLASSES Wed. 8pm (Children's classes: Sat. morning Thurs. 7.30) Aust. Irish Welfare Bureau, Gertrude St. Fitzroy, Contact Paddy O'Neill(03) 417 3682
- RINGWOOD FOLK CLUB Tuesdays. (Except last Tues. ea. month, Bush Dance night) 7.45 Dance music, singing, etc. E Ringwood Community Hall, Knaith Rd (off Dublin Rd) Contact Graeme Higman (03) 890 6890
- SINGABOUT FOLK CLUB Ev. Monday (Exc. 4th Mon of month, Guest artist night) 8 pm Alphington Anglers Hall, Cnr Clarks 8 Rathmines St, Fairfield. Contact Elma Gardiner (03)497 1628
- VICTORIAN HARP SOCIETY 2nd Saturday each 2nd month 2.00 p.m.
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- St Margarets Hall, Hotham St (cnr Denman Av) E St Kilda. Contact Gary 531 7000 COLONIAL DANCERS every Wednesday (live music every Ist Wed.) 8.00 - 10.00 pm.
 - Australian, Colonial, British Isles, Old Time, etc. Carlton Community Centre, 150 Princes St., Carlton.
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 - East Ringwood Cmty Hall (Melways 50 B8) Contact Graeme Higman (03)890 6890
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 - 2. Celtic Club, Cnr LaTrobe/Queen Sts, Melbourne, Thurs. 8-10 Phone (03) 67 6472
 - 3. (Geelong area) Holy Spirit Parish Hall, Bostock Av, Manifold Hts, Tues & Thurs
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- Uniting Church Hall, Wendouree Pde/Forest St. Contact Pamela Hince (053) 391 554 MORRIS DANCING: BRITANNIA MORRIS MEN
- Thursdays 8 11 pm Jika Jika Cmty Centre, Plant St, Northcote. Contact Peter Cartledge (03) 481 2337
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 - St Mark's Community Centre, George St, Fitzroy. Contact Colin Towns 267 1113
- MORRIS DANCING: PLENTY MORRIS DANCERS Tuesdays 7.30 pm Melbourne Uni. Sports Centre Contact Kerrie Casey (03) 570 6811
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- Melbourne Uni Sports Centre Activities Room
 - Contact Kathy Gausden (03) 489 2554 (ah)/(03) 608 1191
- SQUARE DANCING CLASSES Wed.'s: Beginners/ Every 2nd Fri. Advanced
- St Matthews Church Hall, Nepean Hwy, Cheltenham. Contact Steve (03) 383 2414
- WELSH DANCING CLASSES 2nd & 4th Thursdays 7.30 - 9.00 pm
 - Cambrian (Welsh) Church Hall, LaTrobe St, Melbourne.
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'VOICES IN THE WILDERNESS TOUR 1990' by Eric Bogle

When Arthur (we'll make a bundle) Laing, failed jockey and tour promoter extrordinaire, first sent me the list of provisional gigs for the 'Voices in the Wilderness Tour' 1 realised 1 was going to need some help. 1 knew 1 could count on my old mates, Johnny Walker and Mary Wanna, but the sheer size of this tour demanded something new. So 1 rang up my mate Kev Carmody and asked him to join me on our musical sojourn around the Land of Oz.

"Sure mate", he said "I'll do it for the experience, the fun times, the chance to see the wide brown land, and \$10,000 a show. Oh, free beer backstage, and no green smarties! O.K.??"

We negotiated from that point.

Came up with a compromise which pleased neither of us. That's what compromises are for. So, with Kevin lined up, I dragged Brent Miller out of the Sunshine Home for Paranoid Podiatrists, put up Andy McGloin's bail money, and off the four of us went (plus one roadie, Repulsive Russel, and one sound man, Skull) to conquer the hearts, minds and wallets of our fellow Australians."

First concert: Ballarat, June 20th 1990. Size of audience: reasonable. Standard of performance: - reasonable. Audience reaction: - reasonable.

Encouraged by all this reasonableness, we viewed the upcoming 48 concerts with a more confident air. "We'll kill 'em" we said, buoyed by the reasonable reaction of the Ballaratonions. "Might even make some money" I thought. "Good I'll be able to pay for Granny's operation."

Second concert: St. Kilda, Melbourne, June 21st 1990. Size of audience: Full House. Standard of performance: Ratshit! Audience reaction: Hysteria! Bewildered, we held a postmortem. Came to no conclusion. That's what Post Mortems are for. Decided that, so long as everyone had actually paid for their tickets, no harm had been done, and no further rehearsals were called for. And so on it went. We had good concerts, we had bad concerts, we had Curate's Egg-type concerts, the usual confusing mish-mash. There seemed to be no set pattem. Some nights, after we had played really well, the audience reaction was tepid, then the next night the reverse would happen. I must say, however, that generally the reaction was good, especially to Kev. He killed them, everywhere except Moe. Ask Kev about that one. So, the musical meanderings continued for the next 2 months. It's a living.

Good things about touring: meeting people, playing music, seeing places you've never seen before, the cameraderie of the road, the fact that you're actually earning money, coming home.

Bad things about touring: Motels, flying, barmen, waitresses,

unending diet of pizzas, unwrapping the soap in motels, talking to the media, Brent's snoring, Andy's snoring, Kev's snoring, my snoring.

Highlights of the tour: The concerts in Sydney, Perth, Adelaide, Newcastle and Hobart. A spa bath in Perth. Driving through snow covered countryside in Tasmania. A backstage massage in Brisbane. Meeting old mates just about everywhere. Lowlights of the tour: Concerts in Moe, all concerts in Queensland, Brent crook for all of tour, Andy, Kev, Repulsive Russell, Skull

and myself being crook for parts of it. Some of it 'self inflicted', but mostly bronchial.

That about covers it. It was a new direction for me to take another act along on tour. But Kev Carmody was a real pro, a pleasure to work with. He never let us down, in fact his attitude and professionalism put us to shame a few times. If I got anything out of this tour, apart from a tiny financial recompense, it was a clearer picture of Australia as seen through Aboriginal eyes. And that, my friends, is valuable. To see your tiny corner of the universe through a different telescope gives you a whole new perspective on quite a few things, which hopefully may be reflected in some future songs. Anyway, I'm home now. Brent's gone back to the Sunshine Home, Andy's gone to America, Kev's hiding in the Queensland Bush, my dog has finally stopped biting me, and I've sworn I'll never tour again!

Until the next one..... ERIC

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RECORD REVIEWS By Gordon Mignot (from Cornstalk)

WINDSHIFT Michael Atherton (ABC 842 322, all formats)

There are Instances when even the description "eclectic" understates the content of a project such as Michael Atherton's new album. Here, as composer and musician, Michael has been greatly inspired by the Asia-Pacific area, but as well, the track "Soaring" has a hint of the Elizabethan dance tune "La Volta" and "Sunshower" evokes Spain to me - even though I have never been there; probably the arm-chair traveller in me. Michael plays virtually the contents of a musical instrument shop (jaw harps, pan flute, koto - a Japanese zither, synthesiser, psalteries, didjeridu, fretless bass, guitars, piano, tin whistle, congas, hurdy-gurdy, and the list goes on), with lots of over-dubbling. Of equal interest are the descriptive qualities in many of the compositions. As well as the already mentioned "Sunshower" is the exhilaration in "Kite" and "Soaring", not forgetting the moods conveyed in such tracks as "Spirithouse". This is a veritable potpourri of sounds and musical images, realised with great flair. It is certainly encouraging to note that the ABC has issued a number of worthwhile Australian records of late. Does our eight cents a day contribute to this?

SONGS OF THE WILDERNESS Various (Larrikin LRC241, Cassette)

I recall a conversation with Trevor Lucas, when he was enthusing about Shane Howard's songwriting and contemplating Shane's best-known song, the Goanna hit "Solid Rock". Trevor added that if one wanted to be totally objective, the words were almost too simple, some were close to being slogans, but in that context they were just right and the song worked. The conversation came to mind when hearing Kev Carmody's "The Fingal Landrights Song." Another dimension to the song is that at its end, Kev has tacked on what could be described as a miniature Australian version of Woody Guthrie's "This Land Is Your Land". What could have been little more than plagarism in fact is an apt prologue.

The sub-title to this specially-priced (\$14.99) cassette is "15 Songs to Make You Think". It could just as easily have been "15 Songs -The Good, The Bad, The Indifferent", which is a kind way of saying that no matter how much one would like to report favourably on this release, part of the royalties going to The Wilderness Society, there are some forgettable inclusions. There is little to be gained by listing these, but it should be added that the enjoyable selections include Cathie O'Sullivan's "Big Bill", Eric Bogle's "Shining River", Bernard Bolan's "Not Many Fish In The Harbour Today", "Wallaby Track" by Dave de Hugard plus, for me, the couple of stand-outs, "Sunrise" by Sirocco and Kev's "Fingal". It is well worth mentioning that "The Fingal Landrights Song" Is only available on this cassette album.

MAMA MOSAMBIKI Eyuphuro (Real World RW10, all formats)

Eyuphuro (pronounced EE-U-POO-ROO) come from Mozamblque and their music encompasses a range of African traditions at a musical crossroads with Arabic and Latin styles. In common with the Real World releases (issued through Womad and Peter Gabriel) I have encountered, this new issue is an immaculate recording and whilst there are more than hints of a contemporary sound ("Kihiyeny" has echoes of Euro-pop Influences), the music has still retained an unhackneyed freshness and links to the folk tradition. The band's two percussionists and bassist lay down the rhythms, over which ride the two guitarists and the vocals from Zena Bakar and Gino Remane. Equally winning, enjoyable, and listenable. Fellow readers of album credits small print will note that this was recorded in Canada, the co-producer/co-engineer being Billy Bryans (producer/drummer for Lillian Allen, the reggae/dub poet and singer).

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Terry McGee is the Folklife Curator at the National Film and Sound Archive. Here's his "News from the Folklife Unit" ...

Processing our holdings of LPs on the FOLKWAYS label proved to be a bigger job than we had counted on - our earlier estimate of 200 discs has become 293 with a further 21 duplicates! Most of them are in mint condition - a bonanza indeed! A rough list is available now; the final catalogue of our holdings will be available by mid October.

The greater part of the collection is traditional music, collected from all over the United States and the rest of the world. These come as individual discs or in sets like "Music from the South (of America)" or "Music of the World's Peoples". The remainder is a remarkable pot-pourri of world culture - readings by noted American and world poets; folk revival performances by the likes of the New Lost City Ramblers; lectures, readings and interviews with famous writers; language and music instruction - e.g. five string banjo, tabla; songs on social issues, religion and superstition; children's music; plays; performances of new classical works; and even "Watergate - The Break In".

The Monaro Folk Music Society Collection comprises mostly workshops and concerts from the Sixth National Folk Festival, held in Canberra in 1972. Just picking a few at random: Bob McInnes and Jacko Kevans talk about traditional British Isles dance music; Danny Spooner gives a workshop on folk carols; the Songs of Sidney Carter features the man himself; Humphrey Trantor draws distinctions between Folk Song and Art Song; Dave de Hugard discusses Man and Myth; Drama and Lyric in British and Australian folk songs are covered by Mike O'Rourke; and the Hamilton County Bluegrass Band show off Bluegrass.

John Meredith's recent folk film footage from the field, "Songs of Granny Cotter", severely damages the myth that folk song is no longer alive in the countryside. (A myth, incidentally, that people have been trying to consolidate for hundreds, if not thousands, of years!) Val Turton sings a range of songs she learned from her grandmother, Harry Cotter's mother. They include:

"Give me a hut in my own native land":

A typical British Murder Ballad;

An Irish song for children with a chorus in Gaelic, called "The old farmer who had an old cow";

"Policeman Gee" (Mory-ar-eye-tee),
"The Sailor Boy" (a version of the English song "Died For Love"?)
A comic song "Butter and Cheese and All"
"The Dark Eyed Gypsies",

A comic song about a donkey, and

Parts of a ballad on the farmer, his daughter and her lover theme.

Val's repertoire and her unselfconscious style of singing make her an important link in our understanding of folk song in the last century. Good work, John Meredith and Rob Willis!

An addition to the Canberra Stereo Public Radio collection - Ismail Bektas plays the saz (the Turkish long necked lute) and sings in Turkish.

Want more information about any of these collections? Know about folklife material that should be preserved for public access? Contact Terry at the NFSA.

National Film and Sound Archive - GPO Box 2002 Canberra 2601 - (06) 2671737

The Boite World Music Cafe

For Folkvine readers who follow the various activities of the Boite with interest. it is time for an update on the World Music Cafe programme.

Readers are probably aware that the Music Cafe has been operating out of the quaint little Mark Street Hall in North Fitzroy since April this year. It is one of those venues that has lots of personality - some real charm, wooden panelled walls and open fireplaces, and some problems -the sagging curtains covered in the Scouting motif for one!

Ignoring the unaesthetic, we light the fires and mull some wine every Saturday night and set up for an evening of wonderful acoustic music, uncluttered by the

devils of microphones, speakers and other bits of technology.

Between now and Christmas, the programme is running very predictably. On the first Saturday of each month we have Irish music - featuring such musicians as Friends and Relations, The Fitzgeralds and Maireid Sullivan. We are giving audiences the opportunity for listening and dancing with singers and some very gifted instrumentalists.

African music with Afro band Safika features on the second Saturday of the month. Again, a repertoire of some singing - they offer very interesting traditional harmonies as well as an uptempo danceable repertoire to keep the udience on their

feet.

On the third Saturday our most adventurous programming features music from a number of Asian countries - Vietnam, China and Cambodia. Focal musicians Kim Le Thi and Le Tuan Hung play clssical and traditional music from their native Vietnam. Both are acknowledged experts on the dan tranh - a many stringed zither, its music characterised by the richness of the ornaments and the bending tones. The aftermath of each note is even more important than the initial plucked tone. They play music that is delicate, fragile and fascinating, including some contemporary pieces. Last month we heard a plaintive song from a Vietnamese expatriate lamenting the circumstances that forced him to leave his home. An all too familiar tale to those of us who know and love folk songs.

In addition, the Melbourne Chinese Trio present some of the diverse music of China on a range of extrordinary instruments that include a flute that sounds as if it has birds trapped inside it singing gloriously and a version of the harmonica that has amazingly rich tones. From the Hach family comes some of the traditional music of Cambodia, lively and rhythmic and lending yet another perspective to what we all too frequently label as "Asian music".

Finally, on the fourth Saturday we run our Basically Balkan nights where we feature some of the local musicians who love to play the intricate rhythms of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Greece and the other Balkan countries. In addition, the November Balkan night - the 24th - will feature the Macedonian Women's Choir with some of their wonderful harmonies.

Saturday December 22 will be a departure from the regular programme - We will turn it into an end of the year party with as many musicians as possible involved. It will be a great way to usher in Christmas, so mark it in your diary now!

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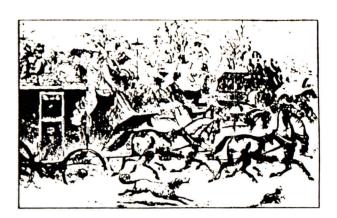
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olk Music has many virtuosos, and Kathryn Tickell is certainly one. She is a traditional musician in the fullest sense of the word having been brought up in the North Tyne Valley in a family which has been making music there for centuries. Yet she is doing as much as anyone to crack open the cliches of folk and banish its baggy jumper image.......Her live act is subtle - tunes played at times hauntingly, at times with fingers blurring as they flick up and down the chanter or over the fiddle neck. Each set of tunes is separated by stories about friends and places all told quietly, ramblingly and with a gentle wryness....her act is gripping, funny, moving and not remotely twee. Simon Beavis, The Guardian

iss Tickell's concerts are remembered almost as much for her anecdotal introductions as for the music. Speaking softly but with clarity and confidence in an accent evoking her roots in the North Tyne Valley, she describes the origins of each item, whether traditional or self written...... Years of practice, and of collecting and swapping tunes in sessions with other musicians at folk festivals, clubs and concerts have given Kathryn Tickell a rich repertoire of reels, hornpipes, waltzes, and slow airs from Ireland and Scotland, as well as Northumberland. Colin Randall, The Daily Telegraph

Peggy Seeger

eggy Seeger is one of the leading songwriters in the women's movement. Songs such as Gonna Be an Engineer and Reclaim the Night have been taken up as anthems in the struggles for women's rights.

Peggy Seeger was born in 1935 into a musical family. It was through listening to field recordings of traditional singers and instrumentalists from all over the United States and meeting musicians and singers who came to the family home in those early years in Washington DC that Peggy absorbed many of her singing and playing techniques.

She met Ewan McColl in 1956 in London, with whom she lived for the next 32 years. Together they collected, published and recorded the most inspiring of folk music, they worked on radio and television programs and, of course, sang together as a team. Peggy has made thirteen solo LPs, in addition to her 37 LPs with Ewan McColl.

Ewan McColl died in October 1989, and Peggy has begun a solo career once more. Her concerts are a mixture of contemporary British and American songs, balanced with a solid foundation of North American folk songs.

This is a unique opportunity to hear one of the world's major folk singers.....in concert at the Brunswck Mechanics Institute, Friday December 14......book early to avoid disappointment!