

Arizona Folklore Preserve

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NEW! – Many of you have seen our 11x17 posters at the AFP or other locations in the vicinity. Posters for future concerts (and all concerts since mid-January 2009) are now available for viewing online: [AFP Posters](#)

Concert Schedule & Information

April Concerts



April 4-5 The Desert Sons

These AFP favorites, known for their wonderful 3- and 4-part Western harmonies and their fabulous instrumental work, are bringing their new CD, “Along the Trail,” for the first time. This is their fifth CD, and it’s a celebration of the 20 years they have been making music together (Buck and Benny from the start, Skelly for 11 years with the group, Slim for 10 years).

Don’t hesitate: their Sunday show is almost filled already and the Saturday show is filling fast.

L-R: Skelly Boyd, John (“Buck”) Ryberg, Benny Young, Slim Tighe (Photo by Una Seeley)

April 11-12

Dolan Ellis, *Arizona’s Official State Balladeer*



Our founder and artist-in-residence returns this Easter weekend to celebrate “A Song of Arizona Spring.” Dolan is a Grammy-winning original member of The New Christy Minstrels and is touring with them again nationally, including a big concert in Pennsylvania last month with the Chad Mitchell Trio and the Brothers Four.

Dolan’s solo concerts at the AFP are wonderful events, with his beautiful 12-string guitar and baritone voice, his humor, and his famous large-screen photography.

Background photo by Dolan Ellis; Dolan Ellis photo and graphics by Bonnie Brock

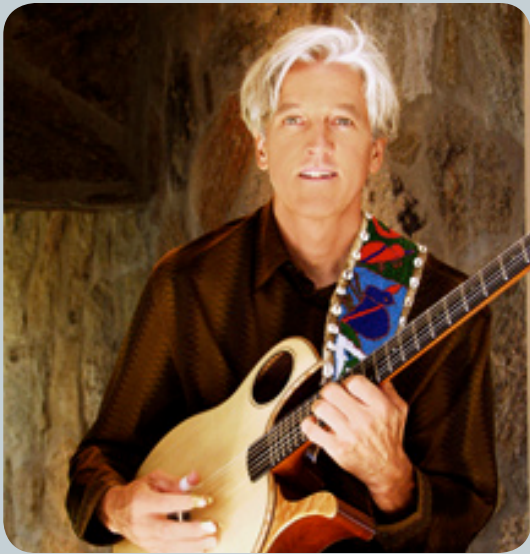


April 18-19
Michael Grande

Michael Grande is legendary throughout Cochise County for his incredible guitar work and soulful music. But long before settling in this area of Arizona, he was a part of the national and international folk music scene from the late 1960s forward, with a list of credentials too long for this space.

A reviewer, Richard Zoller (Sierra Vista Herald), put it very well: “*The most exciting guitarist in the world.*” Come out to one of Michael’s concerts this weekend and you’ll understand why other fans see him again and again—he’ll have you from the first note forward.

Photo by Mark Levy, Sierra Vista Herald



April 25-26
Tim Wiedenkeller (aka Tim Weed)

Tim has been called “A Musical Explorer,” and that is an apt name for this most versatile of musicians, who plays guitar, banjo, mandolin, and other instruments too numerous to mention. The main point, however, is that he does it all extremely well. He’s a composer of classical banjo music, scores for films, and vocal songs in diverse genres. His tenor voice is perfect for bluegrass, blues, jazz, and just about anything else.

Tim, a native of Southern California traveled the world before settling in Tucson. Now he is dividing his time between Tucson and the Napa Valley, where his popularity is growing by leaps and bounds. And deservedly so; Tim is a huge talent who needs to be in a large market.

Photo courtesy of Tim Wiedenkeller

Coming in May:

2-3: [Juni Fisher](#), 2008 Western Music Association Songwriter of the Year

9-10: [Sue Harris](#), our favorite Phoenix folksinger, with her unique songs and beautiful voice

16-17: [Dolan Ellis](#), Arizona’s Official State Balladeer, presents “Border Crossings”

23-24: [Patty Clayton](#), 2007 Female Vocalist of the Year, Academy of Western Artists

30-31: [Santa Cruz River Band](#), outstanding “Southwestern Folk” music by Ted Ramirez and Mike Ronstadt

Other Scheduled Concerts:

Two more weekends with Dolan Ellis, Arizona's Official State Balladeer and our founder and artist-in-residence:

June 13-14: "Summer's Song"

July 4-5: "Independence Day: Arizona Style"

And return visits by two favorites: The Desert Sons on June 6-7, and the Santa Cruz River Band on June 27-28.

About Our Concerts:

Our concerts are held on Saturday and Sunday afternoons at 2:00 PM, unless otherwise noted. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$6 for children 17 and under. Reservations are recommended and can be made by calling 520-378-6165, or sending an email to reservations@arizonafolklore.com. For additional information, please visit our [Web site](#).

From time to time we make a last-minute schedule change. The [Performance Schedule](#) page on the AFP site is always up to date. If you already have reservations, we will contact you to let you know about the changes.

Announcements:

Dolan Ellis will be ending our 2008-2009 season on the 4th of July weekend. We'll be closed for a few weeks, then Dolan will open the 2009-2010 season.

If you're in Phoenix or other "warm" areas of the state, please keep in mind that a weekend in Cochise County, especially with an Arizona Folklore Preserve concert, is a wonderful way to cool off. So come to see us now through the 4th of July, or in August or September. And while you're planning your trip, think of the Ramsey Canyon Inn, just about a quarter mile up Ramsey Canyon Road, between the AFP and the Nature Conservancy's Ramsey Canyon Preserve. You'll love the rooms and Shirlene's hospitality (and her pies!).

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