SIXTY-EIGTH ANNUAL

New England Folk Festival



APRIL 20 - 22, 2012

Mansfield High School & Mansfield Middle School

Mansfield, Massachusetts

Friday, April 20, one session 7:00 PM – 11:30 PM

Saturday, April 21, two sessions 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM 4:00 PM – 11:30 PM

Sunday, April 22, one session 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM

Doors open one hour before each session.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 68th annual New England Folk Festival!

How exciting it is for us to meet once again and celebrate some of the finest music, dance, song and crafts the folk arts community has to offer.

I'm sure you'll recognize many of your old favorites as you look through the schedule of events we have put together. And I hope you will notice — and enjoy — some of the new programs as well.

This year, we have added more opportunities for participatory singing, and have set aside dedicated space for those of you who love to sing.

We are continuing the very popular introductory dance instruction sessions, and have added classes in Belly Dancing and Salsa Dancing to the mix.

Also "new" this year is an old favorite that has been absent for a while – the NEFFA Sampler. We have added two Samplers to the schedule: the International Sampler and Both Sides of the Pond. Each one brings you a series of short performances by several NEFFA musicians. It's a wonderful way to enjoy the variety of the Festival!

Every year, this Festival is made possible by a dedicated group of volunteers who spend countless hours bringing the weekend to life. As you probably know, none of these people are paid for their time – it is truly a labor of love. So I encourage you to take a moment to look at the names of the Directors and Committee members listed on page 5. And if you find yourself smiling as you pass one of these people in the halls or sit next to them in a workshop or performance, please tell them what brought that smile to your face.

A special "Thank You" to all of our many friends and supporters who are Members of NEFFA. Your financial and moral support is vital to both the Festival and the organization. If you are not yet a member, we invite you to join us by stopping by the Membership table in the main lobby of the High School, or visiting our web site, www.neffa.org.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank State Representative F. Jay Barrows, Kara Griffin and the Tri-Town Chamber of Commerce, the Mansfield Downtown Business Association, the public officials of Mansfield including the Board of Selectmen, the Fire Dept. (Neal Boldrighini, *Chief*), the Police Dept. (Arthur O'Neill, *Chief*), the staff of Mansfield Public Schools, including Brenda Hodges, Ed Vozzella, and Dawn Langtry, with special thanks to Bob LaConte, Julia Mitchell, and the wonderful custodial staff.

Meeting new people and seeing old friends is one of the greatest pleasures of the weekend for me, as I'm sure it is for you. If you run into me at the Festival, please be sure to say "Hi", and introduce yourself if we've never had the opportunity to meet.

Enjoy the Festival!

Bill Cowie, President, NEFFA

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AN IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT

ROOM CAPACITY

NEFFA thanks the Mansfield Fire Dept. and the Building Inspector for the generous designated capacities of the rooms that we are using in 2012. We expect few circumstances in which demand for seats will exceed the limits for any of the events which are scheduled. Nevertheless, we remind you that:

- The capacity of each room will be posted outside of each room.
- The number of chairs placed in each room will be equal to the room capacity.
- For events that are likely to draw a large audience, there will be room monitors stationed at the entrance who will not allow any more people into a room once the capacity is reached.

If you are not allowed into an event because the room capacity has been reached, please be understanding and cooperate with the room monitor.

NEFFA's Mission Statement

The objectives of NEFFA are:

- (a) To preserve folk traditions in New England and elsewhere;
- (b) To encourage the continuance and further development of a living folk culture;
- (c) To promote and encourage high standards of quality and performance in the folk arts.

Some ways of carrying out the objectives are:

- (a) Sponsoring an annual participatory Folk Festival, which also includes exhibits and demonstrations of various folk activities. The New England Folk Festival is the principal NEFFA event.
- (b) Sponsoring and/or supplying support to other participatory folk events and dance series.
- (c) Sponsoring educational programs and conferences in folk arts for leaders and participants.
- (d) Collecting, preserving and disseminating folk material.

MEMBERSHIP

Please visit the Membership Table in the High School Lobby to become a NEFFA member, or to renew your membership.

Become a full partner in the ongoing celebration that is the New England Folk Festival. Your financial and volunteer support, through good times and hard times, has been NEFFA's secret of success for sixty-five years.

NEFFA is more than just the Festival. Your member benefits include a quarterly newsletter and advance notice of NEFFA's activities - not just the April Festival, but the annual Ralph Page Dance Legacy Weekend in Durham, NH and, in the Greater Boston area, the Family Dance Series and the Thursday Night Contra Dance Series in Concord, MA. Your tax-deductible membership dues help to support the community-oriented, family-friendly, volunteer-operated, 501(c)(3) non-profit New England Folk Festival Association.

New England

FOLK FESTIVAL ASSOCIATION

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FESTIVAL NOTES

Please wear only clean, non-marking shoes which have not been worn outside (such as clean sneakers or soft-soled dance shoes) in the dance halls and on the auditorium stages.

There is no on-street parking associated with the Festival -- avoid frustration by parking at the school lots or other designated parking areas. Shuttle buses run regularly between all the satellite parking lots and the Mansfield schools throughout the weekend. See maps for parking locations.

Park at your own risk. The New England Folk Festival
Association, its agents, servants and employees do not
assume any liability for any damage, theft or other
loss to your vehicle or your property that occurs as a
result of parking your vehicle in any of the lots that
are designated for Festival use. Neither overnight
parking nor camping is permitted on school grounds
or in any of the lots used for Festival Parking. Observe the designated NEFFA parking signs.

NEFFA WILL NOT BE MAKING ANNOUNCEMENTS ABOUT TOWING.

Access Guides for attendees with disabilities are available in the Lobby and at the Information Table. The Guides include wheelchair accessibility information, and information about ASL and ALD services, etc.

Large print grids are available in the Lobby and at the Information Table. Please contact Information if you need assistance with access to a program or activity.

Children must be supervised by a parent or guardian at all times. Events coded F are designed for you and your children to participate in together. However, any Festival Committee member who finds a small child alone will bring him/her to the Information Table to await his/her parent. Parents may report small children who are missing to the Information

Table. The New England Folk Festival Association, its agents, servants and employees do not assume any liability for any injuries to a child sustained as a result of parent or guardian's failure to adequately supervise a child at the Festival.

Questions? Can't find the Folk Bazaar? Lost your ticket? Need a ride? Want to leave a message for a friend? Ask for help at the Information Table, or stop one of the Festival Committee members who are wearing special "ASK ME" badges. Probably no one person can answer all your questions, but we'll help you find the right place to ask.

NEFFA encourages all dancers to exercise care in their dancing. The New England Folk Festival Association, its agents, servants and employees do not assume any liability for any injuries that may be sustained due to the condition of the halls or the dancing.

NEFFA maintains a **Lost & Found** at the **Information Table**. Before you leave the Festival, check at the Information Table to report belongings you have mislaid. The item may already be there. If not, and it is found at the close of the Festival, it will be mailed to you, if we have your name and address. If you discover after you leave the Festival that you have lost something, you may call (617) 299-1590 to see if the item was found, or visit the Lost & Found page at the NEFFA website to report your missing item. Items not claimed by July 1 will be donated to charity, if appropriate.

Please watch your personal belongings. The New England Folk Festival Association, its agents, servants and employees do not assume any liability for any damage, theft or loss to your personal property that occurs as a result of attendance at the Festival.

NEFFA maintains two festival phone numbers. Calling (508) 406-8062 or (508) 406-8063 during the festival will connect you with the staff at the Information Tables. We will assist you in any way we can. If you have an emergency please call 911. Since the

Festival is so large, we can't guarantee we'll be able to locate an attendee, but we will do our best.

NEFFA does not permit Festival-goers to bring dogs or other animals onto the Mansfield School properties during the Festival, except animals which are present for the purpose of assisting someone with a disability. Dogs found alone on the Mansfield School properties will be reported to the Mansfield dog officer.

This is an all-volunteer Festival, so be sympathetic if the program gets off schedule or someone goofs. We invite your patience and hope you will join the fun and friendliness.

Please smile if one of our safety volunteers asks you to move out of a jammed doorway, or not to sit in the bleacher aisles. Public safety laws demand that these conditions be addressed at all times.

Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the school property.

Festival craftspeople, merchants and those who serve food come at their own expense to share their interests with others. Do consider buying items that are for sale, but remember that the transactions are entirely between you and the vendors.

Food must be eaten in the Cafeteria (Middle School), or in the Bistro (High School), and is not permitted in any of the other rooms or hallways of the High School or Middle School. Feel free to enjoy your food outdoors, if the weather permits. Sealed water bottles, such as sports bottles, are permitted, but must remain sealed when not in use. Please consider taking home your water bottles, etc. to recycle at home. Thank you.

See maps at the end of the book for the location of rehearsal rooms. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the door to reserve rehearsal rooms; first-come, first-served.

Become a NEFFA Member! Your membership in NEFFA is a vital part of supporting the joyful activities and community that we all cherish. If you would like to become a NEFFA member, please:

- go to the Membership Table in the Lobby, or
- call the office at (617) 299-1590 to request a membership form, or
- visit NEFFA's website at www.neffa.org/join

Membership in NEFFA entitles you to voting privileges, attendance at NEFFA Executive Board meetings, and the NEFFA News sent to you four times a year.



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NEFFA gratefully thanks **REIT Management and Research LLC** for our use of their parking lots at the Cabot Business Park in Mansfield.

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Saturday:

12noon - 1pmDena Gartenstein MosesWeaving on a Floor Loom2pm - 3pmTom KnattHot to Select a Guitar3pm - 4pmDina FlockhartCreative Clothing Recycling4pm - 5pmPat IversonTraditional Rug Hooking

Sunday:

11am - 12noonJulia FriendGuitar String Art12noon - 1pmLennie KaumzhaTin-Can Art and Mosaics1pm - 2pmJonathan MorelHow to Carve a Mouse

FOOD BOOTHS

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Ryan Thomson, Newmarket, NH

Celtic Revival

Joseph Keane, Medford, MA

China (Miao)

Joyce Bunten, Burlington, MA

Country Dance & Song Society of America

Jeff Martell, Easthampton, MA

Dancing Shoes & Blouses

Carol Koch, Franklin, MA

Doll House Furnishings

Tubman House, Boston, MA

Ecuadorian Crafter

Rimay Cachimuel, Wilmington, MA

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Folk Arts Center of New England

Marcie Van Cleave, Stoneham, MA

Folk-Legacy

Caroline Paton, Sharon, CT

Hmong

Mai Lee Kwang, Providence, RI

Instruments

Dan Frank, Hawley, MA

Native American

Lenny Rose, Wilmington, MA

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Robin Gallob and Richard Garren, East Rochester, NY

Ralph Page Legacy Weekend

Dave Bateman, Portsmouth, NH

Revels

Jennifer Sur, Watertown, MA

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Evelyn Murray-Lenthall, Cambridge, MA

Soft Sculpture Animals & Puppets

Faith Martin, Norton, MA

Tibet (Art Gallery)

Bomdon Wood-up, Cambridge, MA

EVENT CODES

Type of Event

- [E] ENTERTAINMENT: Concerts, performances, and other events in which watching or listening is the primary focus.
- [P] PRESENTATIONS: Events which focus on demonstrating a particular skill, or presenting educational material (as in a lecture or demonstration).
- [G] GROUP PARTICIPATION: As determined by the event leader. This applies in particular to non-dance events, such as participatory singing, jam sessions, discussions, and many family events.
- [T] TEACHING FEATURED: Events in which teaching a particular skill is the primary focus (i.e., "how-to" workshops).
- [D] PARTICIPATORY DANCING: Dance events in which walk-throughs and prompting are provided by a leader.
- [N] No TEACHING PROVIDED: Participatory dance events in which no walk-throughs or instruction are provided.
- [C] CHAT/DISCUSSION: Events in which the audience joins the presenter in discussing a topic of mutual interest.

LEVEL OF EVENT

- [F] FAMILY EVENT: Participatory events especially for families and others who enjoy being with children.
- [B] BEGINNER LEVEL: No experience assumed.
- [S] SOME EXPERIENCE: Some experience, or a variety of experience levels assumed.
- [X] EXPERIENCED LEVEL: Much experience assumed.



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EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

... a Reel-y Big Show!

[E]

Middle School 108 Saturday 8:00pm

The "reel" is both a folk dance and its accompanying tune. Its structure repeats eight bars, accenting the first and third beats of each. The Celtic music tradition groups reels in medleys. Come hear [The French Connection play] a variety of reels and learn their origins.

15 Years of Harmony

[E]

High School 176 Saturday 6:00pm

Cece & Ruth celebrate 15 years as a duo in 2012 - walk down memory lane with us, concert-style, with songs old & new, borrowed & blue since 1997.

A Family Cabaret

[EF]

High School 117 Sunday 12:00noon

Sparkling with energy, wit and whimsy, Jackson incorporates interactive song, movement and stories in a rollicking mix of comedy and music for all ages.

A Little English On It

[E]

High School 176 Sunday 12:00noon

David sings a cappella in what remains of his English accent. He sings his own songs or other peoples, mostly to traditional tunes. Sing along, laugh, or, preferably, both.

Acoustic Scottish & Celtic Music

[E]

Middle School 103/104 Saturday 11:00am

These vocal and guitar interpretations of the music of Scotland and Ireland are unforgettable.

Ajde! A Macedonian Dance Party

[NS]

Middle School Dance Hall Saturday 9:30pm

Brooklyn-based female band Niva play and sing Macedonian tunes in the traditional village style, for your dancing pleasure.

All Join Hands

[DF]

Middle School Audit. Stage Sat. 11:00am & Sun. 10:00am Family dance for all ages. We will do a whole new selection of dances on Sunday! No experience necessary.

Ambi Coastal Americana

[EF]

Middle School 105/106 Saturday 2:00pm

A tour through American roots music by Brooklyn-based string band Union Street Preservation Society: bluegrass and blues, old-time, country and early jazz.

Ancient Road: Folk and Craic

 $[\mathbf{E}]$

High School 117 Saturday 10:00pm

Gregg performs updated versions of ancient classics from the British Isles as well as original songs and explores their source and inspiration.

Balkan Dance

INS

Middle School Dance Hall Saturday 10:30pm

Simple, authentic dances. Gogofski plays on the floor, in the middle of the dancers, for the dancers, at the dancers.

Balkan Singing Bash

[GS]

Middle School 108

Friday 9:00pm

Balkan singing experience recommended, everyone welcome to come listen and/or jump in when comfortable. Traditional & arranged. Sheet music provided, parts sung through once as needed.

Beatles Sing Along

[GF]

Middle School 103/104

Sunday 1:00pm

Please join us as we explore the significance of an eighth day of the week, and otherwise sing, dance, and make merry to the music of the Fab Four.

Bluegrass, Blues, Plus

 $[\mathbf{E}]$

High School 177

Saturday 9:00pm

This trio backs its vocal harmonies with guitars, mandolin, bass and banjo, playing blues, bluegrass, country and old-time music...

Blues Guitar Teach-In

[TS]

High School 123

Saturday 8:30pm

We'll explore a single piece by a blues master. With chord charts and tablature, some demonstration, and lots of trial and error, you'll learn some new licks, and sound like the real thing... in 50 minutes!

Bodhran Workshop

[TB

High School 117

Saturday 5:00pm

Joe will introduce the techniques needed to produce a variety of sounds to enhance the accompaniment of melody instruments. Triplets will also be covered. Please supply your own drum.

Boing! Mouth Harps

[P]

High School 123

Saturday 6:30pm

Mouth harp, jews harp, maultrommel, doromb, munnharpa, khomus, dan moi. Whatever you call them, mouth-resonated instruments are ancient, diverse, and fun. Demonstration and presentation followed by show-and-tell and jamming. Some new instruments this year, including a Vietnamese bowed K'ni and an Altai Tchelchkan. If you have a mouth harp, bring it. If not, try one and enjoy the show.

Boll Weevils and Greasy Coats

[E]

High School 177

Sunday 12:00noon

Traditional and original music of the American South, a melting pot of archaic ballads, haunting modal tunes and songs, African-rooted rhythms and blues, and fiddle and banjo tunes.

Build a Memory Palace

[T]

High School 177

Sunday 11:00am

In 2500 BC, Simonides built the first Memory Palace, fathering the art of memory. We'll sample the Old English "Rune Poem" to teach ancient image-location techniques you won't forget!

Bulgarian Dances

[NS]

Middle School Dance Hall Sunday 4:45pm

One-figure Bulgarian line dances, mostly easy. Music by Zornitsa, a men's Bulgarian singing group.



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Building tradition through music, dance and drama

Bulgarian Jam

Middle School 103/104 Friday 7:00pm

Read and play Bulgarian music.

Cajun Dance - Lesson & Dancing [DB]

Middle School Audit. Stage Saturday 4:00pm

Michelle will teach a brief Cajun dance lesson followed by open dancing.

Cajun Fiddling

Middle School 108 Friday 10:00pm Learn the essential rhythmic, ornamentation and improvisational

Learn the essential rhythmic, ornamentation and improvisational elements of Cajun fiddling - the exuberant, soulful hybrid of Acadian French, African Creole and other diverse musical influences found in Southwest Louisiana.

Callers Crash Course

[GB]

[GS]

Middle School 108 Friday 8:00pm

This is for people who have never called and are curious, or have limited experience. Topics include understanding music, timing, and phrasing. We'll break into practice groups, then a round robin of callers calling a dance. DANCERS WELCOME!

Carter Family Guitar Workshop

[TS]

High School 123 Saturday 9:30pm
Maybelle Carter pioneered a lasting tradition of guitar lead and
accompaniment styles. Bring your instrument and learn the basics.

Carter Family Sing!

[GB]

Middle School 103/104 Saturday 8:00pm

Join in singing gems from the legendary Carter Family. With more than 250 recorded songs to choose from, there are sure to be some you know well and some you want to learn. Lyric sheets will be provided.

Celebrate The Clancy Bros. & Bob Dylan [E]

Middle School 108 Saturday 7:00pm

Sing along, celebrate the long friendship between Liam Clancy and Bob Dylan, and explore how some of the Clancy's songs influenced Dylan's early songwriting.

Celtic Music 1600s — Present

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Middle School 105/106 Friday 10:00pm

Nancy sings songs from Ireland and the British Isles in English, Irish and Scottish, spanning hundreds of years, as well as her own compositions. She performs with guitar and unaccompanied.

Celtic Music with a Twist

[EF]

Middle School 103/104 Saturday 6:00pm
Last Night's Fun plays Irish/Celtic/Contra dance tunes, slow or fast, we

play it all.

Celtic Rogues and Refrains

[E]

Middle School 105/106 Saturday 1:00pm
Rogues rule as we leap eras and countries in search of rascals with good choruses or refrains attached. Bring along your devilish side and join in!

Chanteyblast

High School Audit. Stage Saturday 4:00pm

Open sing for chanteys and sea music. This NEFFA session has been the largest chanteysing in New England, drawing well over 100 singers.

Civil Rights Sing Along

[GF]

[DB]

Middle School 103/104

Saturday 10:00am

Civil War Dances — Lesson & Dancing

Middle School Audit. Stage Saturday 5:15pm

Many of the dances popular at "folk dances" got their start during the 19th century. Waltz, Polka, Schottische, Mazurka, Redowa, Contra, Big Circle, and Square Dances were all popular at various times during the century, and all of them were simultaneously in vogue immediately before, after, and *during* the American Civil War. We'll provide brief instruction in some of these dances in their original form.

Civil War Sesquicentennial

[E]

High School 177 Saturday 7:00pm Songs of the Civil War and the mid-1800s, from North and South, performed in period dress on restored instruments — banjo, guitar, concertina. Familiar and unfamiliar tunes, sad, fierce, and humorous, with emphasis on the effect of the war on various American communities.

Civil War: The Home Front

[E]

Middle School 103/104 Saturday 4:00pm

The sesquicentennial of the US Civil War has given rise to a lot of songs from and of and about the times. We think there are probably enough "soldier songs" being sung, so we present the "home front" — parlor songs, minstrelsy, and the many songs which kept the soldiers and their families connected, even when far apart. From the familiar to the obscure, on parlor instruments (banjo, guitar, mandolin, fiddle, and mouth harp) and unaccompanied, Bob and Jennifer always try to please.

Clam Chowder & Kangaroos

[EF]

Middle School 108 Saturday 10:00am Traditional & silly songs for kids & their grown-ups

Clawhammer Workshop: Cumberland Gap Tuning [TS]

High School 117

Saturday 7:00pm

Learn about the Cumberland gap tuning for banjo. An alternative "G" tuning that gives a new voice to your banjo. Beginners welcome!

Closing Sing-Around

[**G**]

Middle School 105/106 Sunday 4:00pm Winding up the Festival with an open sing-around; all voices/ instruments welcome, emphasis on participatory chorus singing, anyone can join in.

Come Sing With Me!

[G]

Middle School 103/104 Friday 8:00pm

Acapella songs from land and sea with good choruses or audience parts!

Concert of Nordic Music

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High School 176 Saturday 2:00pm Nordic music sung in Swedish, Norwegian, Danish, Finnish and Icelandic from the Middle Ages until the present.

Concertina Songs: Silly to Sublime

[E]

High School 117 Sunday 10:00am

Jody Kruskal sings and accompanies himself on Anglo concertina. The songs tell American stories that are hilarious, gritty and true - stories of train wrecks and wrecked marriages, death-row convicts and lonesome lovers, heroes, losers, swaggering braggarts, and lazy slackers. Jody sings with playful wit and a hint of the blues. His Anglo concertina playing has a distinctly American sound. Most of the songs have great choruses, so plan to join in the fun.

Contra Medley

[DX]

High School Dance Hall Fri 10:00pm, Sat 12:00noon, Sun 11:00am Middle School Dance Hall Sat 12:00noon, Sun 11:00am Contra dances called in succession. No teaching! Only for experienced dancers.

Contra Tune Slow Jam

[GS]

Middle School 108 Sunday 1:00pm Dave & Chris will lead a slow jam of tunes commonly played at contra dances. Players of all instruments are welcome.

Cool Contras

[DS]

High School Dance Hall Saturday 10:00am Need we say more?

Couple Dancing

[NS]

[P]

Middle School Audit. Stage Sunday 4:45pm

Open dancing to beautiful music. Waltzes, hambo, schottis, and others.

Creative Clothing Recycling

High School Crafts Hall Saturday 3:00pm

Croatian Dance Party

[NS]

Middle School Dance Hall Sunday 3:00pm Back from a summer tour in Croatia, Pajdashi will play traditional Croatian dance music for dancing!!!!

Current Favorites

[G]

Middle School 105/106 Saturday 12:00noon Could be maritime, could be topical, could be just about anything. But it's sure to be something you can sing too.

DADGAD-tuned Guitar Concert

[E]

Middle School 105/106 Saturday 5:00pm Solo performance DADGAD guitar, mandola, vocals. Songs from the Irish/American/English/New England Maritime folk tradition with finely crafted accompaniment, and distinctive guitar instrumentals from the Irish dance repertoire.

Dance Partnering: Pursued or Invisible [C]

High School 117

Saturday 1:00pm

How do you find your next dance partner? How quickly? What gets lost in the scramble? This conversation explores the individual and community impact of our partnering patterns.

Dance Performances (Adult & Child)

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High School Audit. Stage Sat 2:00pm, 6:30pm, 8:00pm High School Audit. Stage Sun 2:00pm

Dance Tunes in Concert

[E]

Middle School 105/106 Saturday 6:00pm You could think of Tunescape as Quebecois-Irish-Swedish-French-Techno-New England original contra dance music. Come hear us in concert!

Dealer's Choice

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Middle School 105/106 Sunday 2:00pm A musical gamble/gambol from Ballads and Blues through Country, Gospel, Old-Time and Original songs.

Defensive Contradance

High School Dance Hall Saturday 11:00am

How to survive dancing in crowded halls with grace, humor and common

Django, Djazz, Bluegrazz

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[DS]

High School 123 Saturday 7:30pm Eclectic mix of swing, jazz standards, gypsy jazz, and bluegrass. Great vocal harmonies and masterful flatpicking on mandolin.

Doumbek Workshop

[TB]

High School 117 Saturday 11:00am This lively and rhythmical workshop covers basic hand techniques plus rudimentary drumming patterns. Gain insight into the wonderful sounds the doumbek has to offer. Please supply your own drum.

Down In The Diving Bell

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High School 176 Friday 8:00pm

A Nautical Entertainment of Victorian and vaudeville comedy about sailors, mermaids, and sea creatures.



Eat, Pray, Love... Sleep

[E]

High School 176 Saturday 11:00am

Songs about all the important things in life!

ECD Moderne [DX]

High School Dance Hall Sunday 11:30am A festive selection of modern English country dances!

English Concertina

High School 176 Friday 7:00pm

Technique for playing tunes and accompanying morris, sword and country dance.

English Concertina Workshop

Saturday 9:00pm High School 117 How to get the most playability from your box. Cross fingerings, bellows

control, mechanical adjustments, and anything else you want to know.

English Country Dance Jackpot Middle School Dance Hall Friday 7:00pm

English Country dances for all, starring the infamous Jack! Just who is Jack, and how did he end up in so many fun dances? Come and find out!

English Puzzle Dances

Middle School Dance Hall Friday 8:00pm

A group of English country dances, sometimes called Puzzle Dances, that use more intricate figures than commonly encountered. This session challenges the dancers to solve the puzzle behind several such dances.

Family Contra Dance

[DF]

Middle School Audit. Stage Saturday 12:00noon Children over 5 years, and adults of all ages warmly invited to join us in dances just right for new and young dancers. See the next generation of dancers doing the first dances!

Family International Folk Dance

[DF]

[DS]

Saturday 1:00pm Middle School Audit. Stage Easy international folk dances for family and friends

[NS] Feel the Pols

Middle School Audit. Stage Sunday 3:45pm

Featuring dances from the Røros area of Norway, pols tunes as well as more general favorites: reinlander, waltz, polka, and snoa. Plus a few surprises.

[DS] Festival Orchestra Contras & Squares

High School Dance Hall Saturday 9:30pm

These sessions have become a NEFFA tradition! Contra & square dancing to the music of a Contra dance band consisting of many Festival participants — open to all! If you'd like to join the band, there is no need to pre-register. Just show up with instrument in hand, and play! Conductors and lead musicians will be picking tunes from The Portland Collection & the New England Fiddler's Repertoire, both available to the Orchestra.

Festival Orchestra Contras & Squares [DS] Merry Go Round at 4:30!

High School Dance Hall Sunday 4:00pm These sessions have become a NEFFA tradition! Contra & square dancing to the music of a Contra dance band consisting of many Festival participants — open to all! If you'd like to join the band, there is no need to pre-register. Just show up with instrument in hand, and play! Conductors and lead musicians will be picking tunes from The Portland Collection & the New England Fiddler's Repertoire, both available to the Orchestra.

Fit the Bill Contras [DS]

High School Dance Hall Friday 7:00pm

Contras by the Maine man, Bill Olson.

Flowing Contras

Saturday 12:30pm High School Dance Hall

Contras that move seamlessly from figure to figure — a dancer's delight!

Folk Dance Medley [NX]

Saturday 8:30pm Middle School Dance Hall

A non-stop medley of favorite folk dances.

Folk Dance Party [NS]

Middle School Dance Hall Friday 10:45pm

We play music for many of the familiar international folk dance. No instructions are provided at this time.

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Folk Revival 1940s — 1960s

[GF]

High School 176

Saturday 8:00pm

We will be tracing the history and influences leading to and following the American Folk Music Revival of the 1940s - 1960s and performing songs of the period, including audience participation.

For a Water Planet

[E]

High School 176 Sunday 1:00pm

George Stephens (Hydrologist, NOAA, ret.) and musical associates submit lyrical results of their investigations of the manifestations and societal impacts of water on Earth, the "Water Planet".

Friendly Contras and Squares

[DS]

High School Dance Hall

Saturday 10:30pm

NEFFA is a place for meeting friends and making friends. This is a session of friendly dances to do with your friends!

FSSGB Song Swap

[GB]

Middle School 103/104 Friday 10:00pm

Join us for a folk song swap; we'll go around the room and take turns requesting and leading songs, traditional and contemporary. Instruments are welcome.

Funny Songs & Shtick

[EF]

Middle School 105/106 Sunday 10:00am

Pure and adulterated musical nostalgia with lots of fun surprises. Including topical originals, musical foolishness and finesse, and singalongs that have been fractured, twisted and bent.

Gammaldans

[NS]

High School 125 Saturday 7:00pm

Old-time Scandinavian couple dancing: hambos, polkas, waltzes, shottishes, snoas, mazurkas, etc.

Gender-Free Contra Dance

[DS]

High School Dance Hall

Saturday 8:30pm Come and challenge and improve your dancing ability at the Gender-Free Contra Dance! Dancers are encouraged to have fun dancing in reverse roles, dancing with same/mixed gendered partners, and swapping roles!

Greek Dancing

[DB]

Middle School Dance Hall Friday 9:00pm

A variety of Greek dances danced with a leader, some with walk-throughs - including both widely-known dances (e.g., Tsamikos, Kalamatianos, Syrtos) and regional dances (e.g., Ikariotikos, Rodhitikos, Tikfeskos).

Greek Folk Music

High School 177 Saturday 8:00pm

A performance of traditional Greek music representing the islands and mainland, village and urban music, dance and listening music, and a variety of rhythms and modes, with cultural and musicological remarks.

Guitar String Art

[P]

High School Crafts Hall Sunday 11:00am

Hambo With Us

[TB]

Middle School Dance Hall Sunday 1:00pm

Basic traditional Swedish hambo skills and styling points: balance, partnering, and timing. Frequent partner changes. Party mode at end of session.

Harmony x 3 Middle School 108

Saturday 5:00pm

Triboro brings you songs with great harmonies. We like roots music, bluegrass, Carter family, old-time, new — time, Hawaiiana and more. There will be lots of choruses to join in on.

Heroes of the Blues: Part II

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Middle School 108

Saturday 10:00pm

Last year we presented a workshop entitled "Heroes of the Blues". This year we will continue with our Heroes and will include Robert Johnson, Bukka White, Fred McDowell, Willie McTell, Furry Lewis, Son House, Muddy Waters, and even others!

High Lonesome Harmonies!

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High School 177

Sunday 3:00pm

Female ensemble rooted in the sounds traditional, old timey, gospel music (with a hint of bluegrass), sung in two and three part harmonies.

Historical English Gems

[DS]

Middle School Dance Hall Saturday 7:30pm Historical (pre-1810) English Country Dances, most in recent, zesty reconstructions. Efficient teaching for maximal dancing.

Honky-Tonk Sing

[GB]

Middle School 103/104

Sunday 12:00noon

Come sing-along to honky-tonk country songs from the 30s through the 60s. Think Hank Williams, Merle Haggard and Patsy Cline. We're a country band with all the instruments, including steel guitar. We'll lead songs with all the words provided.

Hot Contras & Squares

[DS]

High School Dance Hall Friday 9:00pm

Catchy but smooth-flowing moves that let you dance up a storm.

Hot Old Singing Squares

[DS]

Middle School Dance Hall Saturday 4:30pm

Tony Saletan calls; Debby Knight, Jane Orzechowski and Bruce Randall play, and you dance long-time favorites in the New England Singing Squares tradition. Walkthroughs limited to unusual figures.

How to Carve a Mouse

[P]

High School Crafts Hall

Sunday 1:00pm

How to Play the Bones

[TF]

High School 117

Sunday 1:00pm

Hands on instruction for beginners to advanced on how to play the bones. A participatory event where all levels are encouraged to attend. Basic instruction, along with various techniques. Several genres of traditional music discussed and demonstrated. Experienced bones players from around New England are invited to attend to demonstrate individual styles, and help teach.

How to Select a Guitar

[P]

[E]

High School Crafts Hall

Saturday 2:00pm

If U Like Ukulele Lady

High School 117 Saturday 2:00pm

All the different kinds of music that can be played on the ukulele. Lots of audience participation, humor and fun. Surprise guests.

Informal Singing

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High School Crafts Hall Friday 7:00pm, Saturday 7:00pm

Intergenerational Contra Dancing: A Discussion [C]

High School 176 Saturday 10:00am

How do we combine youthful energy with the experience of longtime dancers in a dance community? Join us in conversation about making intergenerational dance events and building intergenerational community.

Intermediate Cross-Step Waltz [TS]

Middle School Audit. Stage Friday 10:45pm

New cross-step waltz variations for those already experienced in the basic dance.

Intermediate Waltz [TS]

Middle School Dance Hall Saturday 12:30pm

Workshop will focus on the art of leading and following, connecting with your partner and with the music, using moves as a vehicle to practice these skills.

International Basics for all [DB]

Middle School Audit. Stage Friday 8:00pm Learn dances from many countries. Different rhythms, formations and energy levels. It's just a hop, a skip, and a jump!

International Couple Mixers [DB]

Middle School Audit. Stage Sunday 12:00noon
Lively and varied couple mixers from a number of countries — NOT including the usual warhorses (La Bastringue, Doudlebska Polka, V'David, et al). Each dance will be walked through.

International Folk Dance Party [NS]

Middle School Dance Hall Fri 10:00pm, Sun 4:00pm International folk dance party — join in on the dancing to some of our favorites!

International Music Jam [GS]

Middle School 108 Sunday 11:00am Welcome! Enjoy exploring exotic modes and rhythms with your instruments and voices: Greek, Bulgarian, French, Romanian, etc.

Intro to Bulgarian Dancing [DB]

High School 125 Sunday 10:00am

Learn basic dances you'll see again and again at folk dances everywhere!

Intro to Ceilidh Dance [DB]

High School 125 Saturday 1:00pm

Fun dances from England. For everyone!

Intro to Contra Dancing [DB]

High School 123 Sat 2:30pm, Sun 10:00am & 1:00pm High School 125 Friday 9:00pm, Saturday 11:30am

New to contra dancing? The dances presented here will help new dancers get the feel of what contra dancing is all about, and will get you ready for dancing throughout the Festival. Simple, easy contras for all, with new moves being taught.

Intro to English Country Dance

High School 123 Saturday 11:30am, Sunday 11:30am High School 125 Saturday 2:30pm, Sunday 2:30pm

A tutorial on the basic figures of English Country Dance in a relaxed, no pressure setting. Learn the vocabulary and laugh along the way.

Intro to International Folk Dance [DB]

High School 123 Sat 1:00pm & 4:00pm, Sun 2:30pm
Learn basic international folk dances, including basic building blocks
you'll see in many dances. Much folk dancing is just fancy walking, done
to beautiful music. Join us!

Intro to Polish Dancing [DB]

High School 125 Sunday 1:00pm Join us in learning some Polish dances. Fun for all!

Intro to Schottis Scandinavian Dance [DB]

High School 125 Saturday 5:30pm

Introduction to the steps required to dance the Schottis. No prior dance experience required.

Intro to Square Dancing [DB]

High School 125 Fri 7:30pm, Sat 4:00pm, Sun 11:30am Learn the basic calls and dance moves that will get you started on your square dancing journey!

Intro to Waltz [DB]

High School 123 & 125 Saturday 10:00am

Know the "box step"? Well forget that and learn the turning/progressive waltz that dancers do on the big dance floors

Introductory Harmonica [TB]

High School 117 Saturday 3:00pm Introduction to the 10-hole diatonic harmonica: melody playing, chords, ornamentation, some blues techniques, "care & feeding." Ten-hole harmonica in the key of C needed; student instruments will be available for purchase at the workshop.

Irish Barn Dancing [DB]

Middle School Audit. Stage Saturday 3:00pm
Traditional Irish ceili dances to the beat of celtic and old time fiddle. All dances taught. Beginners welcome, no experience needed.

Irish Music, Fretted Strings and Free Reeds [E]

Middle School 103/104 Saturday 12:00noon

The trio Corvus (Emily Peterson, Steve Levy and Sean Smith) plays Irish traditional tunes and songs with a rather less-familiar combination of instruments: concertina, whistle, guitar, bouzouki, mandolin, tenor banjo and bodhran. Corvus combines the spirit of an informal music session with the craft and care of a performance.

Irish Sing-along [G]

Middle School 105/106 Sunday 12:00noon

Come and sing Irish songs along with Mulligan's Fancy. Selections will include songs of seafarers and highwaymen, Clancy & Makem classics, and songs of unrequited love and exile. Lyrics will be provided.

Israeli For All [DB]

Middle School Audit. Stage Friday 7:00pm

Family-friendly Israeli Folk dances, mainly older ones with one or two figures, taught and prompted as necessary. No partners needed.

Israeli for Families! [DF]

Middle School Audit. Stage Saturday 2:00pm
Israeli folk dance session for kids and families, but ALL are welcome to join the fun. Israeli circle, partner, and line dances especially geared towards children & the young-at-heart will be featured.

It's Contra Time! [DS]

Middle School Dance Hall Sunday 11:30am It's time to get your feet flying and your smiles shining.

Italian Contras, Sets, & Quadrilles [TS]

Middle School Audit. Stage Sunday 2:00pm Yes, Italians do have contras, sets & quadrilles! Most are from northern Italy and do not all require couples.

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Japanese Music on Guitar & Vocals

Middle School 105/106 Sunday 1:00pm Traditional Japanese music with an acoustic guitar and vocals.

John Roberts Sings [F

Middle School 103/104 Saturday 2:00pm

Traditional English songs and ballads with a few traditional-sounding newer songs and some Kipling poetry thrown in for variety. Accompanied by concertina and audience harmonies on the choruses.

Journey Home [E]

Middle School 103/104 Sunday 10:00am
Join us in songs about coming home, being home, and missing home.
Bring your voices to join in on choruses, and let's share this heart-felt topic.

Joyful English Dance [DS]

High School Dance Hall Saturday 3:30pm
Beautiful music, friendly dancers, enjoying favorite dances - welcoming all.

Kids Sing Freedom! [GF]

High School Audit. Stage Saturday 1:00pm Songs of peace, freedom, and friendship for children and grown-ups. Lots of singing, moving, and clapping.

Kids' Capers: Morris Dancing for Children [DF]

Middle School Audit. Stage Saturday 10:00am

Come cavort and caper, frolic and foray your way into the mysterious world of morris dancing! Wee ones and older are welcome, with no experience necessary - just the desire to don bells and wave hankies in time to traditional tunes from the Cotswald region of England.

Klezmer Jam [GB]

Middle School 108 Sunday 12:00noon
Participatory playing of klezmer tunes, all instruments, all levels. Sheet
music will be provided, including various klezmer forms: freylakhs, hora,
bulgar, terkish, sirba, Yiddish swing, etc.

Learn Salsa! [DB]

Middle School Audit. Stage Saturday 9:30pm
Join us in learning all the basic steps and moves that you will need in order to start your journey of many nights of Salsa Dancing! Absolutely no experience necessary.

Learn to Belly Dance!

High School Dance Hall Saturday 1:30pm
Discover Tribal Belly Dance! Join members of the Eve Tribal Fusion Belly

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Let 'er Rip! — A Contra Fast Jam

[GS]

[DB]

Middle School 108 Sunday 4:00pm

This is an open jam session with Locomojo. Participants are encouraged to suggest tunes. All are welcome though the piano will be played by our own pianist.

Lorraine and Bennett's Kitchen Junket [E]

Middle School 103/104 Saturday 1:00pm

Did you know there was as much traditional music in the North as there was in the South? All over New England, people gathered for kitchen junkets, to sing and play and whoop it up in the warmest room in the house. Join Lorraine and Bennett for some old and new songs to sing along with, some tunes suitable for clogging, even a joke or two, maybe, to laugh at.

Lowdown Lonesome Low

[E]

High School 176 Friday 10:00pm High Voice, Low Fiddle: Bethany Weiman sings and plays Old-Time Fiddle and American Roots Music on her solo cello.

Magical Ballads

[E]

Middle School 108 Friday 7:00pm Sue West and Friends love to sing the old ballads. This Year we will focus on Magic! Join us.

Marxophone and Beyond

[E]

Middle School 108 Sunday 10:00am

Hear the Marxophone, violin-guitar, tremoloa, dolceola, and more vintage American fretless zithers formerly sold door-to-door.

Mbira Music from Zimbabwe

[TB]

High School 177 Saturday 11:00am

An introduction to playing the mbira, a traditional hand piano from Zimbabwe. Brendan Taaffe has studied with many master mbira players in Zimbabwe, including Cosmas Magaya, Forward Kwenda and Tute Chigamba. He will teach a basic piece on the 14-key mbira nyunga nyunga and demonstrate more complex pieces on the mbira dza vadzimu. Mbira music is hypnotic, deep, and entrancing: be swept away.



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Meet The Bagpipes

[P]

Middle School 105/106

Friday 9:00pm

Demonstration and talk about bagpipes, featuring Northumbrian Small Pipes and Uilleanne Pipes (Irish pipes) and maybe another pipe for the fun of it. Also a duet or two.

Midwest Favorite Contras

[DS]

High School Dance Hall Friday 8:00pm

Great contra dances written by Midwest callers and choreographers.

Moonlight Dancing

[NS]

High School Dance Hall Saturday 2:30pm
Shining Moon plays International and Balkan favorites for you

Shining Moon plays International and Balkan favorites for your dancing pleasure.

Mostly Bourree

[TS]

High School Dance Hall

A menagerie of dances from France: some favorite Bourrees that

Marianne Taylor taught mixed in with boisterous Breton dances and
melodic Alsatian Branles.

Mostly from Bulgaria

[E]

High School 177 Sunday 1:00pm

A concert of village-style music from Bulgaria (and possibly some of her neighbors). Zdravets uses traditional Bulgarian folk instruments and vocal styles. In this concert you will hear selections for listening, as well as some of our dance music.

Mountain & Hammered Dulcimer Duets

[E]

Middle School 105/106

Saturday 3:00pm

Lucy and Barb will play traditional, original and contemporary songs and tunes blending the sounds of their two different types of dulcimers. Our traditional music is drawn mostly from Appalachian, Irish, Scottish and Israeli cultures. Our audience will be welcomed to join us in singing too.

Mountain Woman: Traditional Music of Northern Appalachia [E]

Middle School 103/104

Saturday 5:00pm

More traditional Child ballads were collected in New England than in Appalachia. Tradition-bearer Lorraine Lee Hammond sings and talks about folklore she learned growing up in the mountains of Northwestern Connecticut.

Mountain Dulcimer Workshop

[TB]

High School 117

Sunday 11:00am

For dulcimer players of any level, and for anyone who is interested in playing and learning about the dulcimer. Various playing styles will be demonstrated, and the instrument's history will be discussed. Extra instruments will be available for participants to use. We will learn some basic strumming and fretting techniques play simple traditional tunes together.

Music from Croatia

[E]

High School 117

Saturday 10:00am

We will present many tunes and styles of traditional Croatian music, including some new songs we just learned and brought back to this country from our summer tour in Croatia!

Music from the Swamp

[E]

Middle School 103/104

Sunday 4:00pm

Eclectic, politically tinged Blues, Americana, and Honky Tonk from the swamp with bite and a sense of humor. Our repertoire consists of mostly Louisiana style Blues, classic Honky Tonk, Folk, Swamp Rock and catchy Originals.

Music I Grew Up With

[E]

High School 176

Sunday 11:00am

Growing up in the 50s gives one a good perspective on traditional and revival folk music in more innocent but vibrant times. Performing songs from those times for all to enjoy.

Mustangs & Brumbies

[E]

High School 177

Saturday 10:00am

Cowboy/Drover songs from Australia and the American west. Songs of (Banjo) Paterson, Henry Lawson, (Curly) Fletcher and collected by Alan Lomax & Ed McCurdy included.

Native American Flutes

[P]

Middle School 108

Saturday 2:00pm

The Native American flute was the primary melodic instrument of the Indians of North America. Almost extinct in the mid-20th century, it has seen a resurgence in recent years. This presentation will survey the history of the Native American flute and its contemporary styles with performances on historic and modern instruments.

NEFFA Annual Meeting

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High School 117

Saturday 4:00pm

All invited to meet newly elected Board members and officers. Open forum for discussion.

NEFFA International Sampler

[E]

Middle School 105/106

Saturday 8:00pm

Experience musical delights from around the world from several of our creative and talented NEFFA performers. You will hear tunes from Zimbabwe, Hawaii, Afghanistan, Scandinavia, and Japan, to name a few.

NEFFA Sampler: Both Sides of the Pond

[E]

Middle School 105/106 Saturday 9:00pm

A sampling of NEFFA performers who will entertain you with songs from the U.S. and the U.K. This sessions is sure to please, so don't miss it!

New Contras

[DS]

High School Dance Hall Friday 10:30pm

Contradances written in the last year.

New England Tune-O-Thon

[GS]

High School 177 Saturday 3:00pm

Jam on some New England tunes. We'll draw a bunch from New England Fiddler's Repertoire, so bring your copies if you like.

New Hampshire Barn Dance

[DF]

Middle School Audit. Stage Sunday 11:00am
Old Time New Hampshire dances - Virginia Reel, Portland Fancy, Paul
Jones, Grand March, Rye Waltz, La Plongeuse, Sir Roger deCoverly, The
Tempest, Polka Contry.

New Shapenote Tunes

[GS]

High School Audit. Stage Sunday 12:00noon
Sing with us from a new shape-note tunebook "The Norumbega
Harmony". We have rescued old tunes in 4-part harmony from the New
England Singing School tradition and have added some newly-composed
ones, all in the style of "The Sacred Harp" and the old shape-note books.

No Strings Attached

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High School 177 Saturday 2:00pm
T-Acadie leaves all those pesky instruments behind. Sea Shanteys and other songs of the sea, Old time southern songs, Cajun, New England... all in 3 part harmony!

No-Circle Becket Contras

[DS]

High School Dance Hall Sunday 3:00pm
Varied and enjoyable Becket contra dances that do NOT start with
"Circle left three-quarters to 'un-Becket'".

Noir — Music of Norway and Ireland

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Middle School 105/106 Friday 8:00pm
A unique sound featuring the Norwegian Hardanger fiddle
(Hardingfele), Irish fiddle, and Irish uilleann pipes combined with the rhythmic underpinnings of the bouzouki and guitar.

Norwegian Dance

[NS]

Middle School Audit. Stage Saturday 10:30pm
The Boston Spelemannslag is a Hardanger fiddle group that plays
Norwegian dance music in the Telemark tradition.

Nyckelharpa!

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High School Audit. Stage Saturday 11:00am
The Swedish traditional nyckelharpa - keyed fiddle - and its mu

The Swedish traditional nyckelharpa - keyed fiddle - and its music. Solo, duo, en masse. Spiced with history and lore.

Old Blues From the 20s and 30s

[E]

High School 117 Saturday 8:00pm

Passionately sung and performed on guitar, ukulele and mandolin from the delta to east coast piedmont players such as Charlie Patton, Blind Boy Fuller, Memphis Minnie and Yank Rachell.

Old Time Ballads & Banjo Tunes

[EF]

High School 117 Sunday 3:00pm

Old time American ballads and banjo tunes.

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Joe has been playing the drum set, doumbek, and bodhran in numerous contra dance bands for over 20 years. He will be performing at this year's NEFFA with the contra bands 'The Big Phat American K-Lee Band' and 'Rumpus', as well as teaching a bodhran workshop and a doumbek workshop.

Old-Time Banjo Styles

[P]

High School 177 Saturday 1:00pm
Different styles of old-time, 5-string banjo playing will be demonstrated and discussed by three versatile banjo players.

Old-Time Duets

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High School 176 Saturday 4:00pm

Singing and playing on banjo and guitar some great old American music: the harmony songs of the early years of the last century, Old-time tunes, and Carter family songs.

Old-Time Songs

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High School 177 Saturday 6:00pm Southern ballads, cowboy songs, comic ditties and more.

Old-time Southern Jam

[GS]

Middle School 108 Saturday 3:00pm

Come on down and jam on Southern fiddle'n'banjo tune and songs with the Dixie Butterhounds!

Our Israeli Dances [DB]

Middle School Dance Hall Sunday 10:00am

We will learn several fun, multipart dances, each created in honor of a popular dancer. We will also learn the special history of these dances.

Pardon Our French

High School 176 Saturday 7:00pm

We didn't grow up speaking French but we LOVE the French music of North America! Quebecois, Acadian and Cajun dance tunes and songs, on accordion, fiddle, guitar, feet, ti fer, or sung a capella.

Polkamania! [TS]

Middle School Dance Hall Saturday 11:00am

For experienced polka dancers: pivots, free spins, and rollaways to liven up your polka!

Popular Songs of the Early 1900s

High School 176 Sunday 2:00pm

Songs on the ukulele that were popular in the early 1900s and the late 1800s. Lots of singalongs - these songs are in our collective unconscious.

Power Harmonies

[GS]

High School 117 Saturday 12:00noon

Come to sing full-voiced a capella harmony. There will be many choruses, with songs mostly from the English and American traditions.

Pub Sing [GB]

Middle School 108 Sunday 3:00pm

We may not have a pub, but we can still raise the rafters! This will be a mostly a-cappella open sing, open to all. Come with a song to lead, or just join in on the chorus or refrain. Drinking songs, sea chanteys, gospel anything with a good chorus or refrain that people can join in on.

Puttin' On the Dance: Organizer's Discussion

High School 177 Saturday 5:00pm

Roundtable and discussion for dance series organizers, moderated by participants of Puttin' On the Dance, a 2011 conference co-sponsored by NEFFA. Especially geared toward problem-solving the challenges and sharing the successes of folks who are putting on dances.

Quebecois Jam

[GS]

Middle School 105/106 Saturday 11:00am

Come play some tunes from the Quebecois repertoire! We'll bring out some crooked and unusual tunes as well as a few standards common at contra dances.



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Rare Instruments Concert

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High School 117 Sunday 2:00pm

Concert featuring gourd, minstrel, and other banjo type instruments (ekonting, ghichak, cumbus), as well as hybrids (harp guitar, piano harp and marxolin) and jews harps from around the world.

RazzleDazzle Autoharp

[E]

Middle School 103/104 Sunday 11:00am

Slow, fast, hot, exotic tunes played on autoharp. A great variety of Old-Time to Bluegrass to Dixieland to World tunes with stringband backup. This is NOT your grandmother's instrument!

Remembering Phil Ochs

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Middle School 105/106 Sunday 3:00pm

A celebration of the life and music of Phil Ochs, whose topical songs are as relevant today as they were 40 years ago.

Ride, Ramble & Roll

[G]

Middle School 108 Saturday 9:00pm

Come join us in singing a variety of contemporary and traditional songs of journey and discovery drawn from folk, bluegrass and gospel traditions.

Romanian Dance Party

[NS]

Middle School Audit. Stage Saturday 6:30pm

Lively Romanian line dances

Roots & Branches Contras

[DS]

High School Dance Hall Saturday 7:30pm Exploring some of the roots and branches of contra dancing.

Roots and Shoots

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Middle School 103/104 Saturday 9:00pm

The youth winner in the Boston Folk Festival's songwriting contest in 2008, Molly performs her own songs as well as traditional music from America, Ireland, and Scotland.

Round Singing Jam

[G]

Middle School 105/106

Saturday 7:00pm Some excellent rounds led by the Rounds Galore & More Singers, some

rounds led by YOU.

Rounds in Hebrew

[GB]

High School 177 Saturday 4:00pm

Come learn rounds sung in Hebrew: Lo Yisa Goy, Hava Nashira, Ilu Finu, Hashiveinu, Alleluia Ivdu Avdeh Shem, Sim Shalom, possibly others. Sheet music will be provided.

Rum & Onions XXXII Contras & Grid Square [DS]

High School Dance Hall

Saturday 6:30pm

Fun-filled contras and a grid square. Grid squares combine the fun of squares and the progression of contras to create community-minded dances where all dance together in the same set.

Sacred Harp Singing

[GS]

High School Audit. Stage Sunday 10:00am

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Scandi Couple Dancing to Singing

[NS]

Middle School Audit. Stage Saturday 8:30pm Stämbandet will sing a capella the music for dancers which includes waltz, polska, hambo, schottis.

Scottish Concert

[E]

Middle School 103/104 Saturday 3:00pm New Hampshire's own Scottish ensemble, playing music from Scotland and Cape Breton, old and contemporary.

Scottish Country Dancing

[DS]

Middle School Dance Hall Saturday 6:30pm

Scottish/Cape Breton Fiddle Music Session

Middle School 103/104

Saturday 10:00pm

The Boston Scottish Fiddle Club will host a traditional session, open to any and all to join and enjoy playing Scottish/Cape Breton and Cape Breton tunes. Fiddlers and players of all other appropriate instruments (e.g. guitar, piano, cello, pipes, whistle, percussion) are welcome, and dancers also. Beginner players especially welcome!

Seated Square Dances

[DB]

High School 123 Saturday 5:30pm Seated square dancing is just like regular square dancing except that participants are sitting down. It is fun for everyone, but may be particularly rewarding for persons with impaired mobility who cannot venture onto the dance floor.

Shape Note Workshop

[TB]

High School Audit. Stage Saturday 10:00am Singing School Early New England style. This quick primer will have you singing the powerful 4-part harmonies that brought colonial communities

together. No experience necessary! Bring your friends and family.

Sharing The Lead

[E]

Middle School 105/106 Saturday 10:00am Instrumental leads (whether solo or call & response) gracefully color this Celtic/Appalachian concert. Six bandmates love brain-storming on choosing which of several instruments will best texture their arrangements.

Sing & Yodel With Us

[GB]

Middle School 105/106 Sunday 11:00am Bringing you beautiful, melodic songs of the past in duet harmony. We'll also provide the lyrics and ask you to sing, and YODEL, along to traditional folk and cowboy songs.

Sing For Joy!

[GB]

High School Audit. Stage Saturday 12:00noon Singing in harmony is wonderful for your physical, mental, and emotional health. Come sing with Allison Aldrich and members of Animaterra Women's Chorus of New Hampshire as they celebrate with songs of hope, joy, and just plain fun.

Sing Zimbabwe: The Makwayera Tradition [GB]

High School 177

Saturday 12:00noon

Join Brendan Taaffe to learn the songs he collected from choirs and schools in Zimbabwe last year. Ranging from church choruses to songs for a rain-making ceremony to folk songs about a bachelor's hapless attempts to impress the girls, these are a part of the vibrant makwayera tradition. Some have mbira accompaniment, some are a cappella: all are a joy to sing. No experience necessary.

Sing, Dance and Play!

[GF]

Middle School 108 Saturday 11:00am

At this participatory song-swap for families, we will share lots of fun songs that kids and grown-ups alike can sing, clap, move and smile along with. Come play with us!

Singin' & Swingin' Standards & Blues!

Middle School 103/104

Saturday 7:00pm

Lively mix of swinging tunes and jump blues on mandolin, guitar and vocals; popular old jazz standards for all to join in on the chorus.

Singing for Peace

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High School 177

Sunday 10:00am

Gary Blanchard presents original, traditional, and familiar songs of hope and peace featuring 12-string guitar and five string banjo. Come prepared to sing along!

Singing Games for Children

[GF]

Middle School 108

Sunday 2:00pm

Come sing and play traditional play parties and singing games with us! For over 40 years, Revels has drawn on this rich repertoire from Appalachia to Africa in its Revels productions. This workshop will give teachers and parents and children of all ages a fun filled time.

Songs for Barry Finn

[GB]

High School 176 Saturday 10:00pm Open Sea Shanty Sing, in celebration of our good friend Barry Finn.

Songs for Families, Teachers & More

[GF]

Middle School 108 Saturday 1:00pm
Sing and move along with Nan and Merry Gibbons! Learn new early
childhood and elementary school songs for Math, Science, Literature,
Social Studies, and more! Laughter, movement and fun are terrific learning
tools.

Songs of C. Fox Smith

[E]

High School 176 Saturday 5:00pm

These are songs created by putting music to the poems of C. Fox Smith of which there are now over a hundred.

Songs of Road & Rail

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Middle School 105/106 Friday 7:00pm

Songs about trucks, trains, tramps, hobos, itinerant workers, and more. Maybe even a song about a canal or two.

Songs of Stan Rogers

[**G**]

High School Audit. Stage Saturday 5:00pm

Come sing the choruses to the Stan Rogers songs we all know and love. Lend your voice and let's raise the roof.

Songs of Struggle

[G]

Middle School 108

Saturday 6:00pm

Songs of the labor, civil rights, anti-war, and other progressive movements. Come to sing along, clap, holler, shout, and show everyone which side you are on!

Songs of the British Isles

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Middle School 103/104 Friday 9:00pm

Jennifer Culley Curtin performs an enjoyable mix of traditional and contemporary celtic and english songs. Unaccompanied (sean nos style) songs are scattered liberally throughout her performance.

Songs of Transformation

[E]

High School 176 Sunday 3:00pm

Singer, songwriter, troubadour, outlaw, minstrel from western
Massachusetts working class. Songs of innocence and guilt the likes
of Van Zant, Fahey, Guthrie, Waits, Cash, Dylan, Muddy - American
primitive.

Songs That Chose Me

[E]

High School 176 Saturday 1:00pm

Some songs just grab you and won't let go. These are some of Kathy's favorites, traditional and contemporary, whose words and/or melodies reached out and held on tight.

Stories for Grownups

 $[\mathbf{E}]$

High School 177 Saturday 10:00pm

A storyteller of traditional and original stories for adults, Helen weaves stories based on her travels in the Middle East, Europe and Brooklyn, telling tales of transformation, love and the search for understanding.

String, Wind & Reed Jam

[GB]

Middle School 108 Saturday 4:00pm
A fun open jam for ALL musicians, for ALL INSTRUMENTS where beginners and expert players have a chance to lead a tune or song, and play along and combine with others.

Supernatural Ballads

[E]

High School 176 Friday 9:00pm

Songs about lovers' ghosts, elves, giants, witches, shapeshifters, and paranormal romance.

Surf's Up!! Contras

[DS]

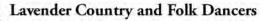
High School Dance Hall Sunday 2:00pm

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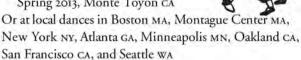


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Swedish Couple Dances

[NS]

Middle School Audit. Stage Sunday 3:00pm Swedish regional polskas, along with schottis, waltz, and other gammaldans, for your dancing enjoyment.

Swingin' to Singin'

[NS]

Middle School Audit. Stage Friday 10:00pm
"Three Cats and a Dog" adds horns and percussion to turbo-charge
the Songs in their swing dance repertoire. East Coast and West Coast
dance standards made popular by artists such as Benny Goodman, Duke
Ellington, Nat King Cole, Bob Wills and Asleep at the Wheel. Come
dance while we sing!

Tanz! Yiddish Dance

[DB]

[P]

[E]

Middle School Audit. Stage Sunday 1:00pm
Easy dances to klezmer music, which can be followed after a minimum of teaching. Klezmer is the traditional Folk music of Eastern European Jews. Mostly circle dances.

The Art of Scottish Folk Singer Ray Fisher

High School 176 Saturday 12:00noon
A sharing of unreleased recordings - A memorial with an invitati

A sharing of unreleased recordings - A memorial with an invitation for attendees to make contributions - Glasser has known Ray Fisher since the Summer of 1960.

The Folk Tradition of Story Telling in Song

Middle School 103/104 Sunday 3:00pm

Michael Troy has great respect for the folk tradition of story telling. Not only is he an interpreter of traditional songs but tradition is abundant in the songs he crafts himself.

The Jig is Up English Country Dance

[DS]

Middle School Dance Hall Saturday 10:00am
A session of lively English country dances to jig or slip-jig tunes, tempered by a dance or two in another meter.

The Joy of Sets - Irish Dancing

[DB]

Middle School Audit. Stage Friday 9:00pm
We will teach/lead two sets of Irish Set Dancing. No special knowledge or fancy footwork required! Only a desire to have fun and learn something new.

The Phantom Homunculus

[E]

Middle School 103/104 Sunday 2:00pm
A mixture of slightly skewed original songs and rockin' arrangements of jigs, reels, and other melodies from the British Isles and beyond.

The Spiral Dances of Celtic Brittany [DB]

High School Dance Hall Sunday 1:00pm

The Breton people dance at an event called a "Fest Noz." A Fest Noz can have thousands of dancers at large, international festivals, or just a handful of local dancers in a far-flung village. Trouz Bras will share these magical dances with you.

Thrilling Russian Dance!

[TX]

High School Dance Hall Saturday 5:30pm
Enjoy exciting and challenging dances of Russia, many featuring the music and movements of the Cossacks. Each dance is accompanied by the beautiful choral music from the region.

Tin-Can Art and Mosaics

[P]

High School Crafts Hall Sunday 12:00noon

Traditional Celtic Folk Band

[E]

High School 176 Sunday 10:00am

The Jolly Beggars bring traditional folk songs from Ireland to you, featuring tin whistle, mandolin, guitars, banjo, double bass, and percussion. They intersperse songs and tales with traditional jigs and reels.

Traditional Irish Music, Songs, and Dancing [E]

High School Audit. Stage Saturday 9:30pm

The Old Hearth Music is a description of styles of music not seen most places anymore. Most older styles of music from Ireland have been lost through exposure to western musics since the late 50s. Let Old Hearth Music take you back to a time where neighbors would get together by the fire to sing, dance, and play wonderful melodies. On traditional Irish instruments (fiddle, squeeze box, uilleann pipes, flute) this young band will make you tap your feet, clap your hands, and make you miss Ireland all in one hour. Let them mesmerize you with old haunting song airs, lively reels, bouncy jigs and the most beautiful poetic songs to come out of the Irish tradition.

Traditional Rug Hooking

[**P**]

High School Crafts Hall Saturday 4:00pm

Traditional Song Swap Party

[GS]

High School 125 Saturday 8:30pm

A traditional singing jam. Lead a song, or lend your voice to the choruses and harmonies. Bring voices, bring friends!

Traditional Songs and Tunes

[E]

High School 176

Saturday 3:00pm

Songs and tunes from the British Isles, Ireland and North America. We play fiddle, concertinas, guitar, banjo, cittern, Northumbrian Small Pipes and Uilleann Pipes.

Tricky Balkan Dances

[TS]

Middle School Audit. Stage Saturday 7:30pm Learn some of the more difficult dances, in a way that make them accessible, as well as fun!.

Triplet Contras

[DS]

Middle School Dance Hall Saturday 2:30pm

Ted Sannella created the contemporary triplet form and others have started to explore the choreographic possibilities of this formation. We'll sample triplets from simple to more complex.

Trolls & Lutefisk — Songs of Norway

[E]

High School 177 Sunday 2:00pm
I sing and translate Norwegian songs learned as a child from my parents
and tell some family anecdotes and Norwegian stories

Turkish Folk Music

[E]

Middle School 105/106 Saturday 4:00pm
We play Turkish folk music from Anatolia, Istanbul and Thrace, and
previous Ottoman lands Balkans, Hungary, Crimea and Kerkuk. We also
play songs from Azerbaijan.

Waltz — The Ins and Outs of Promenade

Middle School Dance Hall Sunday 2:00pm

Expand your repertoire of waltz moves and develop your partnering skills both in and out of promenade position. This is an intermediate/advanced level workshop.

Waltz Melodies Jam

[GS]

[TS]

Middle School 108 Saturday 12:00noon

Please join "Three Quarter Time", a Boston area acoustic instrumental group that plays and leads traditional 3/4-time and folk waltz melodies. You will be participating in an open-to-all-instruments jam that has been a NEFFA tradition since 2001. You can play by ear, or use music notation that will be provided.

Waltz Time! [NS]

Middle School Dance Hall Saturday 1:30pm

Nine piece 21st-century plays sumptuous and transcendent waltzes for your dancing pleasure.

Weaving on a Floor Loom

[P]

High School Crafts Hall Saturday 12:00noon

West Gallery Music [GS]

High School Audit. Stage Sunday 11:00am

Join us to sing and play music from rural English churches from the time of Thomas Hardy, Jane Austen, and King George III. For all voices and melodic instruments.

What's So Funny?

[E]

High School 176 Saturday 9:00pm

Songs and stories to laugh with.

Women in Charge Contras

[DS]

Middle School Dance Hall Saturday 5:30pm

Dances that feature key elements for those dancing the woman's role, and lots of fun for those dancing the man's role.

Working the 7 Seas

[G]

High School 117 Saturday 6:00pm

Working on board from New Bedford to Japan.

World Harmony Singing

[EF]

High School Audit. Stage Sunday 1:00pm

Powerful traditional harmony singing from South Africa, Corsica, and Georgia plus American gospel and contemporary shape-note songs.

Youth Festival Orchestra Contras & Squares [DS]

Middle School Dance Hall Saturday 3:30pm

These sessions have become a true NEFFA tradition! Contra and square dancing to the music of a Contra dance band consisting of many Festival participants — open to all 21 and under! If you'd like to join the band, there is no need to pre-register. Just show up with instrument in hand, and play! Conductors and lead musicians will be picking tunes from The Portland Collection and the New England Fiddler's Repertoire, both of which will be available to the Orchestra.

Zwiefachers [DS]

High School Dance Hall Sunday 10:00am

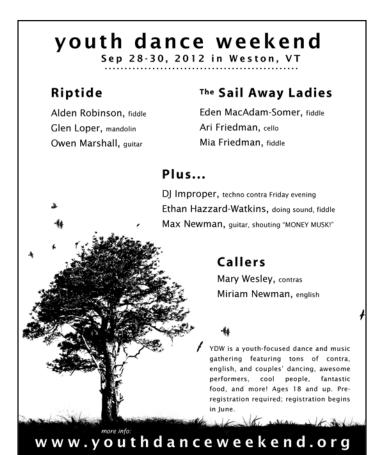
The zwiefacher is a couple dance from the Southern Germany region. Each tune has a different routine of waltz and pivot steps. We'll play a lively selection of Z's from easy to advanced.



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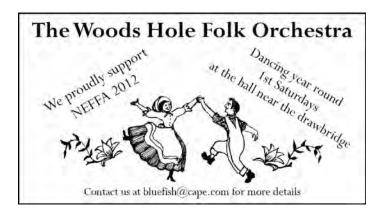
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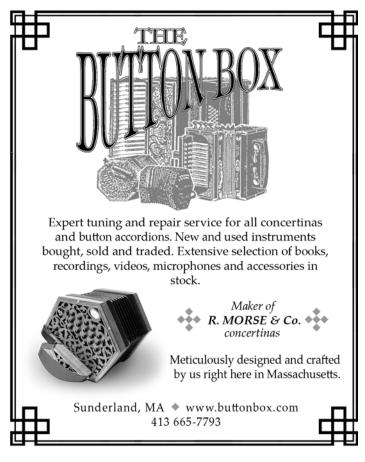


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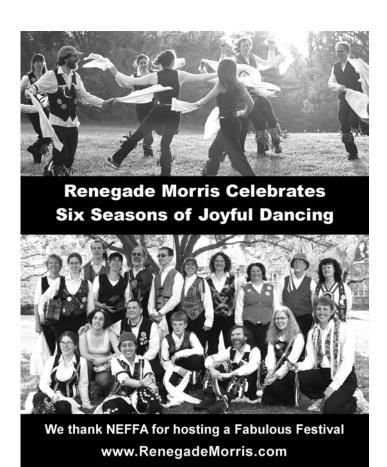
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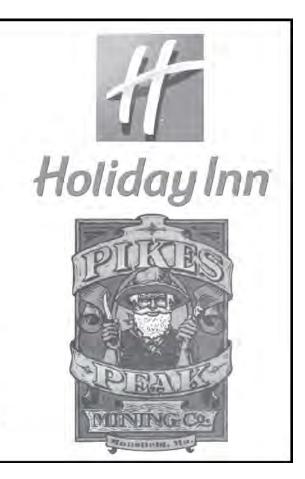
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Three people were chatting over coffee after a Tuesday night square dance at the Boston YWCA: Grace Palmer, director of the Y; Mary Gillette, head of its physical education program; and Ralph Page, the popular New Hampshire caller who presided at the square



Ralph Page

dances. The series had been running for little more than a year, but was already drawing over two hundred people every week, most of them college students.

As Ralph Page later recalled the conversation, they were discussing a recent attempt at a "New England Folk Festival" at Boston Garden which had left them unimpressed. "Suddenly, Mary said, 'Why don't we have a real folk festival?' and so the idea was born – as simple as that!"

The idea had probably been germinating for a while. That spring, the governor of Massachusetts had held a Conference on Recreation, with leaders from all over the state discussing ways to counteract wartime stress in people's lives and promote understanding between cultures. Successful programs were already underway at the Boston YWCA and at the International Institute. Mary Gillette envisioned a festival where New England's many ethnic groups could share their song, dances, and crafts and present them to a wider audience – not in a commercial, isn't-this-quaint way, but in a simple, honest, straightforward manner.

It was an idea whose time had come: everyone was enthusiastic. Grace Palmer offered the facilities of the Boston YWCA. Philip Sharples, who in 1940 had founded the Belmont

Country Dance Group (one of the first square and contra dance series in the Boston area), joined with Mary Gillette and Ralph Page in calling local leaders to meet and talk it over. Many recreation agencies and ethnic groups sent representatives, who wasted no time in getting



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down to business. From the start, the Festival Committee agreed to maintain an atmosphere of non-commercialism and high standards of performance and authenticity.

The first event, modestly billed as a "Fall Folk Festival," was held at the Boston YWCA on October 28 and 29, 1944. According to Louise Winston, about 200 people attended. There were afternoon and evening sessions on both Saturday and Sunday. Each session began with craft exhibits and demonstrations in the auditorium, followed by music and dance performances in the gym, three floors up. The evening sessions ended with folk and square dancing for all, with Ralph Page calling. Fifteen musical groups and 24 dance groups performed; the program listed 13 craft exhibits. Two leaders' conferences were held on Sunday: one on arts and crafts, the other on music and dance.

Of the performers at the first Festival, the Irish, Lithuanian, Polish, and Swedish dance groups have been coming ever since, as has the Country Dance Society, Boston Centre with its English dancing. Six different groups presented American dances; for many years thereafter, a prominent feature of the Festival was the performing of "ordinary" squares and contras by numerous sets of schoolchildren and adults. Another longtime tradition was a set of dance tunes "just for listening" at each session, played by some of New England's finest old-time fiddlers. The 1944 Festival was more culturally inclusive than some later ones: the program included music of the Wampanoag and Navajo tribes, as well as Negro spirituals and songs from China (nothing from Germany or Japan, though!).

A note at the end of the printed program read: "If you feel this is a valuable endeavor and would like to see it continue, please write the Committee." Whether it was a spate of letters or simply the enthusiasm of the organizers that prompted the action, the Festival became an annual event. The next three Festivals followed the pattern of the first: same site, same time of year. A tradition begun in 1945 and continued for many years was group singing by the audience midway through each session. In 1947 an exhibit of folk costumes, music, and books was so well received that it became an integral part of the Festival. Also in 1947, the craft area had a central theme: work in textiles.

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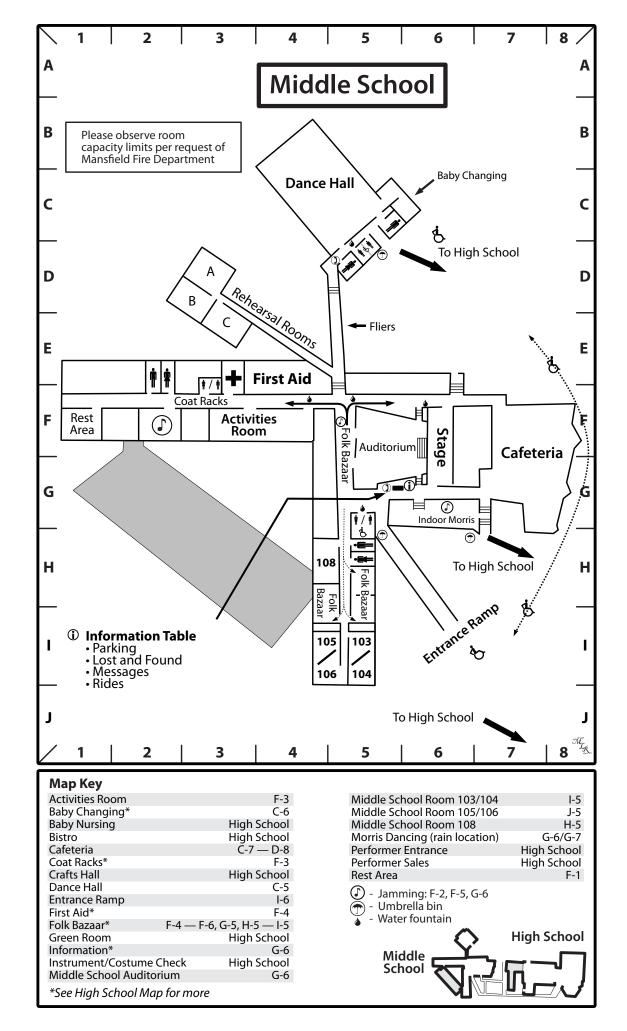


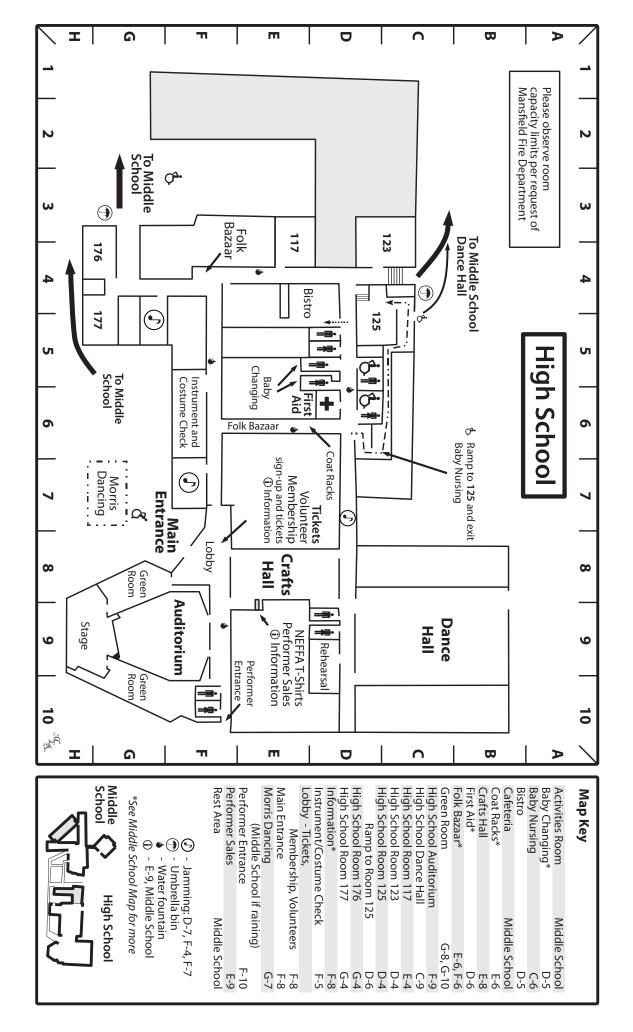
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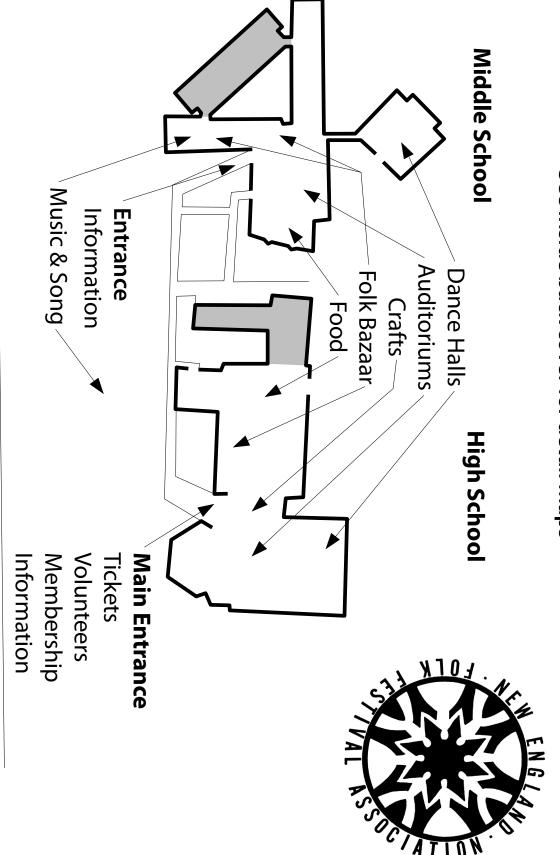
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