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Hello AFF Members!

The last cruise ship sailed out of town, the weather is liquid and chilly, and there are old time pickers in the downstairs apartment making music. It must be fall! As the season turns it is time for the Alaska Folk Festival Board to start the tasks that result in a fabulous 7-day event.

Each year at least 2 board member terms expire. Last spring two of our dedicated folks chose to vacate their terms, though we know they will continue to volunteer countless hours of work. Mike Sakarias and Maridon Boario will have a slightly more relaxed take on AFF 34 and to them we say THANK-YOU!! Amy Randolph and Scott Burton stepped up to fill their board seats and we are happy to have their fresh perspectives. Whether you are on the board or not, the festival only happens because of the dedicated volunteers who show up each April to do their favorite jobs. As a board member I truly appreciate the countless hours our members and musicians contribute to our successful event.

So mark you calendars for April 7 - 13, 2008 enjoy the changing seasons, and rest up this fall and winter for one more week of music and merriment.

Enthusiastically,
Linda Frame



Poster Artist Needed!

We are currently accepting poster submissions for the 35th Annual Alaska Folk Festival, April 13 - 19, 2009. We will be accepting poster art through the end of May 2008. AFF will use the art as our poster and on our merchandise.

To submit you may give your camera-ready art print to a board member or send to the Alaska Folk Festival, PO Box 21748, Juneau, Alaska 99802.

Juneau DanceFest 2007

Thanks in part to a generous grant from the Alaska Folk Festival, the second annual Juneau DanceFest was a great success - thanks to the board, and to all of you who participated! Held over Labor Day weekend, the event included classes in foxtrot, salsa, swing, bachata, waltz, belly dance, hip-hop, Argentine tango, line dance, Tlingit dance, Afro-Cuban dance, country two-step, contra, cha cha, nightclub two-step, hustle, and lindy-hop. We had amazing guest instructors from Portland, Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Miami in addition to over a dozen local instructors.

A big highlight was the eight-piece Cuban band from Austin, Texas, Havana NRG - they packed Centennial Hall and kept people dancing all evening with their high-energy salsa and merengue. For the die-hards, we held two more dances over the weekend with awesome local bands BraveMonkey and the Bobb Family. Counting all participants at dances and classes, we reached over 2,000 attendances - over double the 2006 figure! Check out some great photos at www.juneaudancefest.org.

We encourage all you Folkfest members to consider attending our 2008 event, to take place August 29-September 1. See you on the dance floor!

Heather Haugland, DanceFest Coordinator



Alaska Folk Festival, Inc. Board of Directors

Linda Frame, President (exp '09),
Greg McLaughlin, Vice-President (exp '10)
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Alaska Folk Festival Membership Form

34th Annual Alaska Folk Festival: April 7 - 13, 2008



Amount: \$ _____

- Member (\$15 - \$29)
 Sustaining Member (\$30 - \$49)
 Friend (\$50 - \$99)
 Patron (\$100 - \$249)
 Benefactor (\$250 and above)

Please do not list my name in the program.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/ZIP: _____

Amount: \$ _____ Visa or MasterCard ONLY

Exp. Date: _____ CSC (3 digit security code): _____

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Signature: _____

All members receive the Festival newsletters. Benefactors, Patrons, Friends, and Sustaining Members will be listed in the Festival program (deadline: March 20, 2008). Please mail to: Alaska Folk Festival, P.O. Box 21748, Juneau, Alaska 99802. **Thank you!**



The twins are coming! The twins are coming! The Alaska Folk Festival and Juneau Contradancers host **The Canotes** the weekend of November 9-10. The brothers will play an AFF-sponsored concert Friday night, November 9 at Resurrection Lutheran. Tickets \$15 at the door. Saturday midday workshops will be held in downtown homes. Topics TBA. Saturday evening, a dance at St. Ann's Parish Hall will feature the twins interspersing old time tunes for contras and squares, with caller Tom Paul, and throwing in some swing dances along the way. Our own Albert McDonnell joins the brothers on bass for both events.

Twin Brothers **Greg and Jere Canote** have been taking advantage of their genetics for as long as they can remember; as Christmas elves tap dancing their way around the wishing well in the first grade, to their thirteen-year stint as the affable side-kicks on NPR's Sandy Bradley's Potluck. These guys love what they do, and it shows. Equally at home on a blazing hot fiddle tune or soaring into the clouds with a scat singing swing solo- the twins know their stuff inside out and perform with an affable friendly approach that invites you into their genetically matched world for a little while.

For audiences of all ages, the Canotes demonstrate their love and mastery of vintage American styles from fiddle tunes and country songs to novelty numbers and swing. They perform with spirit, humor, sterling musicianship, and those genetically matched voices. Greg and Jere also share a well honed ear for the quirky- "Their songs all have the ring of cockeyed classics!" *Guaranteed fun!*

The Canote Brothers have been featured at many concerts and festivals including:

- A Prairie Home Companion - St. Paul, Minnesota
- Fiddle Tunes Festival - Port Townsend, Washington
- Gurten Fest Music Festival - Bern, Switzerland
- First Night - Tacoma, Washington
- Vancouver Folk Festival - Vancouver, BC
- Bumbershoot - Seattle, Washington
- Pinewoods - Plymouth, Massachusetts
- Carter Family Fold - Hiltons, Virginia
- Puget Sound Guitar Workshop - Port Orchard, WA
- Lady Of The Lake - Coeur d' Alene, Idaho
- Eagle Tavern - New York City
- Folk And Heritage Festival - San Diego, California

"It was a great time! Wonderful stuff!"
Garrison Keillor, A Prairie Home Companion

"This west coast group sings and plays with the spirit and quirky humor that characterizes the best of old time music. Whether old or new, their songs all have the ring of cockeyed classics!"
Mark Greenberg- SING OUT Magazine

"Their songs range from compelling fiddle medleys, to hilarious novelty tunes, to old-timey nostalgia pieces. They sing about things we can all relate to."
Valley Daily News- Redmond, Washington

"The humor, good-natured mischief, and musical skills that the Canotes share are so infectious that it is impossible not to have a great time when they perform. They are always a treat, both as entertainers and musicians."
John Miller- Guitar Guru