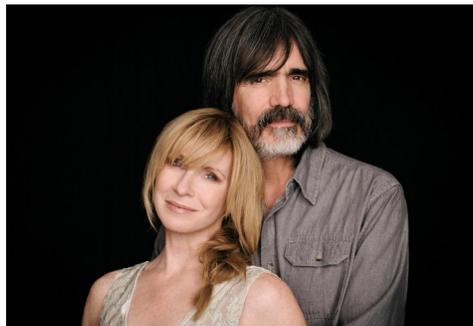


24th annual **CENTRAL OHIO FOLK FESTIVAL**

Dear Festival Goers – Due to COVID-19, this year we won't be together in person, but we've come up with the next best thing! The Columbus Folk Music Society is excited to present a specially crafted, virtual edition of the festival for 2021. We have a great line-up of performers and a very special Headlining guest. Access to the festival broadcast will be via ticket purchase. Tickets are \$15/individual OR \$25/household. A ticket gives access to ALL festival events on May 22, including the Headliner concert and workshops. With a household ticket you can log onto the site with as many devices as you wish, as long as they are within your household. Other benefits: your ticket link will enable you to revisit recorded video of all festival activities for up to 5 weeks after the event. AND

we look forward to an in-person large festival event in 2022.

If COVID permits, we also plan to hold a SMALL, in-person festival event (7 daytime performers only, with no other activities) on Saturday, May 1 at Highbanks Metro Park. All seating outdoors. CFMS members will receive an e-mail notice with details when this is confirmed. But please still plan on purchasing tickets to attend the virtual festival, which has LOTS more offerings and features our evening Headliners: Larry Campbell and Teresa Williams.



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Do You Love Music? Music Workshops Might Just Be the Thing at the May 22 Virtual Festival

Music instruction isn't just for kids. Have you ever thought about learning to play an instrument? Or about reuniting yourself with an instrument you used to play? Or about picking up that ukulele, guitar or fiddle you bought at a second-hand shop, then let sit in the corner because you didn't have time to focus on it?

Take a look at the chart on page 3. If something piques your interest, the 2021 virtual Central Ohio Folk Festival, scheduled for May 22, might be a great place to try out that old instrument lying around.

If you're already a musician, you are sure to gain valuable insights from presenters on a variety of topics / instruments, like tricks on how to accompany others "on the spot" when you haven't previously practiced with them.

If you're new to all of this and are uncomfortable being in a class with others, then getting started virtually can be less-intimidating. The festival workshops are an inexpensive way to "get your feet wet". Eight workshops are included in the \$15 ticket price for the all-day virtual festival on Saturday, May 22. Festival workshops are held via the Zoom platform, but you don't have to leave the festival site. You can opt to participate interactively on your computer, phone, or smart TV screen OR just view a workshop as it is happening. Advantages of participating interactively include the ability to ask questions or have concepts clarified!

While many of the workshops are tailored towards the beginner, there are also workshops geared towards intermediate levels. And you are welcome to join any and all of the workshops.

Downloadable handouts are on the festival site for some of the workshops and you can revisit the workshop videos for up to 5 weeks after the event by using your ticket link and provided password. It's upbeat and a fun experience and we encourage you to give it a try! More workshop info is available on the next page.

Meet the Workshop Coordinator

We'd also like to introduce you to our new festival Workshop Coordinator, Jeff Putnam. Jeff lives in Knox County, OH, about 50 miles north-east of Columbus, and coordinated the selection of workshops this year. Jeff is a musician himself, and relays: "I have been playing various forms of folk music, on too many instruments, for more than 50 years. Although I also play other kinds of music, I keep returning to folk because I feel it's the most rewarding music to play with others."



"As the COFF workshop coordinator for 2021, I'm thrilled to be able to help bring folk music to as many people as possible, from central Ohio and beyond. This year's virtual workshops offer something for everyone. Our professional-grade musicians are ready to share their long-time expertise to help you sharpen your instrumental and vocal skills and maybe even encourage you to pick up a new instrument."

2021 Virtual Festival Workshop Schedule

Your Virtual Festival ticket gives you access to all these workshops plus the musical acts that will be performing on May 22.

FESTIVAL WORKSHOPS 11 AM - 7 PM EST Workshops are conducted interactively via Zoom. For those not wishing to log into Zoom, there is a 'view workshop only' option. Listing of workshop descriptions and times at: www.columbusfolkmusicsociety.org/workshops.html

BILL SCHILLING Performer solo, music instructor	Basic Guitar Fingerpicking Styles LEVEL: Adv Beginner 11AM
DEBORAH VAN KLEEF Performer solo, songwriter, music instructor	Getting Started on the Ukulele LEVEL: Beginner NOON
BUTCH ROSS Performer solo, songwriter	Mtn Dulcimer – "O, Shenandoah" - I Long to Play Thee LEVEL: Adv Beg & up 1PM
MATT OPACHICK Performer, <i>The Wayfarers</i> , music instructor	Fiddle – Learning Technique to Help You Grow in Any Style LEVEL: All 2PM
BUTCH ROSS Performer solo, songwriter	Songs of the 70s on Mountain Dulcimer LEVEL: Intermediate & up 3PM
ANDREW MORRIS Performer, songwriter, <i>The Matchsellers</i>	Songwriting – How NOT to Write Bad Songs LEVEL: All 4PM
BRIAN SZUCH Performer, <i>Halfway Home</i> , music collaborator	Keys to Accompanying Other Musicians on Guitar LEVEL: All 5PM
ANDREW MORRIS Performer, <i>The Matchsellers</i> , music collaborator	Beginning Bluegrass Banjo Rolls LEVEL: Beginner-Adv Beg 6PM

What the CFMS Does When It's NOT Festival Time

This year is different for The Central Ohio Folk Festival! Normally a 2-day event held at the beginning of May at Highbanks Metro Park, it has featured 30+ performances in 3 performing tents, 30+ workshops, dance and jam tents, and LOTS of kids' activities. Due to COVID, in 2021 we are holding a scaled-down, non-advertised version **May 1**, primarily to do videotaping for an expanded VIRTUAL festival held on Saturday, **May 22**. The virtual festival includes 8 workshops on various instruments, 6 hours of kids' programming, 7 daytime performers and an evening Headliner.

The festival is our most concentrated project of the year, but we invite you to check out the many other activities that the Columbus Folk Music Society (CFMS) conducts. As we continue to adjust for COVID, check our website at www.columbusfolkmusicsociety.org for the latest details. Our many activities include:

Monthly "Americana / Folk Concert Series"

In *normal times*, these fun events usually have 3 parts: a folk music jam, an open mic, and a featured performer or group. The concerts take place the last Saturday of every month except June, July, August, and December. They're held at the Columbus Mennonite Church at 35 Oakland Park Avenue in Clintonville. In *COVID times*, the concerts are **all virtual** and broadcast live through CFMS' Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/280420671020/live/>

Weekly Jams



Reaching out to the public. These informal jams feature CFMS musicians improvising as they play classic popular folk tunes. In *normal times*, winter jams take place inside of the Worthington Mall and summer jams take place outside on the S.E. corner of the Worthington Commons at the corner of North High Street and Dublin-Granville Rd. In *COVID times*, the jammers meet virtually on a routine basis. For details on the virtual jams contact: worthingtonsquares@columbusfolkmusicsociety.org

Helping the Community



In *normal times*, The Columbus Folk Music Society has provided singers, performers and other activities for various locations/events throughout the city.

CFMS non-Festival Activities

These activities include music jams at various skilled nursing facilities with residents encouraged to participate, a yearly Thanksgiving dinner served to those in need on the West side of Columbus and other events around town. In *COVID* times, the Worthington Square jammers provide music virtually once a week to residents in a local nursing home facility.

Special Concerts



In *normal* times, you can find some of our members staging concerts all around Columbus and beyond. Some of these events are officially sponsored by the Columbus Folk Music Society, but many others are sponsored by other groups and fund-raising campaigns. In *COVID* times, many events have been conducted virtually.

We welcome you to join us for these activities of the Columbus Folk Music Society. To do so, look us up on the web at: ColumbusFolkMusicSociety.org.

You can also ask to be added to our Folk-events e-mail list which will inform you of the many CFMS activities throughout the year. E-mail us at: webmaster@columbusfolkmusicsociety.org to be included on the list. We don't send out frequent e-mails, but we do notify you of upcoming events.

NOTE: Group photos are pre-COVID!

Kirby Award Winners

The winners of the 2021 Kirby Music Scholarships have been selected. They are Rachel Robertson, a student at Westland High School and Elena Minard, a student at Worthington Kilbourne Middle School. Each winner will receive a \$500 check and full access to the 2021 Virtual Central Ohio Folk Festival.

Rachel Robertson



Rachel plays string bass in her school's orchestra. *"The music we play rarely is considered folk music, and I think part of that reason is because we're taught little about it."*

She feels that learning about folk music will benefit her as a musician. In addition to the string bass she also is learning to play the guitar. Music has had a huge impact on her life and she will use the Kirby scholarship to help her be a more well-rounded musician and culturally aware person!

Quoting from her application letter:
"Music, in my opinion, is one of the greatest doors into different cultures. With the different styles, instruments, and languages, music allows everyone to connect in a special way."

Elena Minard



Elena is in 8th grade at Worthington Kilbourne Middle School. Her father taught her to play a baritone ukulele when she was 9. She also plays soprano ukulele and recently has been playing her new favorite instrument, a guitar. Some of you may know her from the jam at the Worthington Farmers Market. Elena has also performed at open mics at Java Central and Kerouac Kafe.

A few quotes from her letter:
"Some of my musical goals are to learn to do more instrumental guitar styles, such as fingerstyle and/or flatpicking. I would also like to improve my singing voice, and someday, I would love to learn to play the banjo."
"I like folk music because...it is the music of the people, and while I have respect for all forms of music, I have found folk music to be truer and more meaningful than a lot of more popular music. It is focused on the life of normal people in society and their struggles, successes, and failures in life."

The Virtual Folk Festival May 22

By Peter Insabella

The virtual Central Ohio Folk Festival is scheduled for Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 11 AM to 9:30 PM and features Larry Campbell & Theresa Williams as the Headliner. Other festival events include seven daytime performers, eight interactive music workshops, and interactive children's performances and crafts. (Please see pages 2 and 3 for information on the workshops.)

Tickets are \$15 for individuals and \$25 for households via Eventbrite and cover the entire event, including the Saturday evening headliner concert. A ticket purchase will also enable you to revisit festival footage for up to 5 weeks after the event.

The Shazzbots



The Shazzbots provide a full scale rock show for kids and families, with a focus on music, art and creativity. Oh yeah, and DANCING! Ohio's only all-original kid's rock band! They lead off the virtual concert at 11:00 am.

Daniel Dye and the Miller Road Band

The Miller Road Band is a family affair. Lead singer Daniel Dye, who plays guitar and banjo, is joined by his nieces and nephews: Emily on violin and viola, Carrie on violin, and Thomas on cello. They perform at 12:00 noon.



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Join the Virtual Folk Festival on May 22

Starlit Ways



Formed in 2014, Starlit Ways is an acoustic duo made of singer/songwriters Rose Nkechi Onyeneho (originally from West Africa) and Chris Glover, native of Columbus, Ohio. The duo performs an eclectic range of music from originals, jazz age classics, and modern tunes from a diverse range of genres. *See them at 1:00.*

Whinestopper



A Columbus, Ohio based band with a unique blend of music that includes new and old standards, folk songs as well as tunes from the swing era. *See them at 2:00.*

RJ Cowdery



Singer-songwriter-guitar player Rj Cowdery is motivated by the best things in life—making people think, laugh, cry, and feel. Fans tell her it's uncanny the way her songs seem to peek directly into their lives. Much like the Midwestern Ohio landscape she calls home, her songs are stories of middle ground, and her tales are expressions of being in the midst of life. *She performs at 3:00.*

The Relentless Mules



Founded in 2010, The Relentless Mules is a Columbus-based bluegrass band. The Mules feature Dan Phelps on guitar and lead vocals. *See them at 4:00.*



The Wayfarers

Hailing from rural Southeast Ohio, The Wayfarers emerged onto the scene in early 2010 playing their own form of American Roots music. While much of their repertoire is drawn from the Appalachian tradition they revere, *See them at 5:00.*

Tickets are \$15 for individuals and \$25 for households via Eventbrite for the entire event.

Tickets available at: <https://coffest.eventbrite.com> For more info and

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