



## **South Florida Folk and Acoustic Music Club Newsletter**

*We play, sing, and listen to music.*

**January 2025**

## **South Florida Folk and Acoustic Music Festival**

Jan 31-Feb 2, 2025  
Bergeron Rodeo Grounds  
4261 NW 65th Way  
Davie, Florida

### **Festival Tickets**

**On Sale NOW!!**

**The countdown is ON!**

[https://sffolk.org/general-information/  
festival-tickets/](https://sffolk.org/general-information/festival-tickets/)

Remember, you must rejoin the club every year to get tickets and other events at members prices. You can join NOW and it is good through Dec. 31, 2025!



## Raffles

We are looking for raffle items for the festival. If you have items you would like to donate or HELP us get items (**we definitely need help!**), please email [sffamc@gmail.com](mailto:sffamc@gmail.com). Instruments, gift cards, themed baskets, coupons for restaurants, handmade crafts, etc.

## Vendors

If you are a vendor and would like to have a booth at the festival, please contact Peter Fox @ [peterfoxmassage@gmail.com](mailto:peterfoxmassage@gmail.com)

## Sponsorships


If you or your company would like to help sponsor the festival, please contact us: [sffamc@gmail.com](mailto:sffamc@gmail.com). You can look at the sponsor page for details @ <https://sffolk.org/sponsors/>

## Calendar of Events

Jan 4 8 pm Luna Star Cover \$8 member, \$10 non- member <b>CASH ONLY</b>	<b>South Florida Folk and Acoustic Music Club-Acoustic Underground Series</b> Hosted by Lou Dominguez <b>Marc Douglas Berardo</b> is an American singer-songwriter. He was born in <a href="#">Port Chester, New York</a> , and raised in <a href="#">Rye, New York</a> . He currently resides in <a href="#">Westerly, Rhode Island</a> . Berardo's songwriting has been compared to that of <a href="#">John Prine</a> , <a href="#">James Taylor</a> and <a href="#">Jackson Browne</a> and an acoustic <a href="#">Bruce Springsteen</a> . Berardo has been referred to as a possessing a "lonesome, clear voice easily carries an aching beauty" as well displaying musicianship with "fluid, melodic string arrangements based on his acoustic guitar". About Berardo's 2013 release, <i>Whalebone</i> , John Apice wrote in <a href="#">No Depression</a> , "The performances are sincere, fluid, charming and above all gripping." Lou Dominguez will be opening for Marc.  Luna Star Cafe 775 NE 125th St., N. Miami, FL 33161 (305) 799-7123 Easy free parking in the front and back
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Jan. 9 6- 8 pm Veteran's Park, Delray Free	<b>Daam Jam - Delray Art &amp; Acoustic Music</b> Thursday, 6 to 8 pm Veteran's Park Recreation Center 802 NE 1st Street Delray Beach, FL Intracoastal and Atlantic Ave
Jan. 9 7-9 pm Penny Lane Music Emporiu m \$50	<b>Lil Rev Ukulele Workshop</b> Join Wisconsin's award-winning Ukulele Master Lil Rev for a fun night of uke study as we dive knee deep into playing the (banjo inspired) clawhammer stroke on the ukulele. \$50 Tickets @ <a href="https://buy.stripe.com/fZe3ea0kP7cX2JO28Q">https://buy.stripe.com/fZe3ea0kP7cX2JO28Q</a> Penny Lane Music Emporium 3038 N Federal Suite M Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33334

<p>Jan. 11</p> <p>4-6 pm</p> <p>St. John's Lutheran Church</p> <p>\$30</p>	<p><b>Emerald Concerts</b></p> <p>Miles and Mafale (<a href="https://milesandmafale.com/">https://milesandmafale.com/</a>)</p> <p>Catherine and Jay are husband and wife, co-conspirators, and storytellers. They are “modern folk” with a sprinkling of pop catchiness and a theatrical flare. Catherine’s voice is an expressive powerhouse. Jay’s guitar is distinctive and unconventional. Candid and playful on stage, they are known for the plain spoken poetry, clever humor, and unique perspectives of their songs which seek to shift points of view through themes of perseverance and hope. And yes, sometimes they throw in a villain just for fun. Miles and Mafale’s songwriting has earned them acclaim in venerable Listening Rooms and Festivals nationwide.</p> <p><b>There is limited seating as we are using a smaller room.</b></p> <p>If you did not send your check in December, please let Leni know you are coming. <b>Donate \$30/pp exact cash at the door. But please call and tell us that you’re coming. Leni Engels 954-290-4141</b></p> <p>As you know, in the past we have always made a personal donation to the church for generously allowing us to use their space. This year we are going to collect \$2/pp from the artist donations to add to what we give the church.</p> <p>St John’s Lutheran Church 2919 Van Buren St, Hollywood, FL 33020 Jan. 11 @ 4 pm For information, contact Leni Engels 954-290-4141 <a href="mailto:lesunburst@aol.com">lesunburst@aol.com</a></p> <p>This is a music party.</p>
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<p>Jan. 12</p> <p>10-11:30 am</p> <p>Temple Beth El</p> <p>Free</p>	<p><b>Second Saturdays at Temple Beth El</b></p> <p>1351 S. 14th Ave, Hollywood, FL</p> 
<p>Jan. 12</p> <p>2-5 pm</p> <p>Music Club of Hollywood</p> <p>Anne Kolb Nature Center</p> <p>Free</p>	<p><b>Music Club of Hollywood- Concert</b></p> <p>The Music Club of Hollywood is excited to present Tim LaRoque as our featured Singer-Songwriter and help promote the South Florida Folk and Acoustic Music Festival.</p> <p>There will be a jam after the show, so bring your instrument!</p> <p>Anne Kolb Nature Center, Mangrove Hall</p> <p>751 Sheridan St. Hollywood, FL</p>
<p>Jan. 12</p> <p>5-9 pm</p> <p>Monthly Song Swap and Potluck</p>	<p><b>Song Swap &amp; Potluck - Private Home (Hollywood)</b></p> <p>Normally the Song Swap on the 2nd Saturday of the month is held in Miami-Dade County. However, this month the song swap will be in Hollywood (Mayo Street). This is a perfect opportunity for some of our Broward players to meet up in a home, play music, and have a pot luck dinner together. Please contact James Teas @ <a href="mailto:jamesdteas@gmail.com">jamesdteas@gmail.com</a> for the address and details.</p> <p>Note: We do not publish the address for this series since it is a private home.</p>

Jan. 13 6 - 7:30 pm Broward Library Free	<b>Florida Ukulele Network- Beatles Night</b> Ukelele FUN and Friends- Play and Sing Along Hour at the Main Library - 6th floor. We project the chords and lyrics as we play and sing together. Bring your use or other acoustic instrument, as well as your friends, to play and sing along with us...or just listen to your favorite songs. There is ample parking in the adjoining City Garage in downtown Ft. Lauderdale. Main Library is open until 8 PM on Monday evening. This program is presented on the 2nd Monday of every month, co-sponsored by FUN (Florida Ukulele Network) and The Friends of Ft. Lauderdale Libraries.
Jan. 19 2-5 pm Together We Stand Free	<b>Song Swap - Broward @ Together We Stand</b> Come out to play or sing or just listen. All are welcome! 3350 N 57th Dr, Hollywood, FL 33021
Jan. 23 8pm Luna Star Cafe <b>ALL CASH</b>	<b>Music Showcase @ Luna Star Hosted by Lou Dominguez</b> Every month Lou gets 3-4 artists to showcase their talents. Come listen to some wonderful talent. Brother's King, Faith Kelly and Caswyn Moon, Chakulla Smith  Luna Star Cafe 775 NE 125th St., N. Miami, FL 33161 Easy free parking in the front and back
Jan. 24  6:30 (music starts at 7 pm)  \$20 20% off for members	<b>SoFar Sounds</b> Come join the fun at a SoFar sounds show. Three artists, representing the performers at this year's South Florida Folk & Acoustic Music Festival, will be performing at a location in Dania. <a href="https://www.sofarsounds.com/events/59953">https://www.sofarsounds.com/events/59953</a>  20% off for members with the code: SFFAMF-84B06



Jan. 24 8-10 pm  Luna Star Cafe  Cover  <b>All CASH</b>	<p><b>Luna Star Cafe - Dan and Faith</b></p> <p>Dan and Faith are an award-winning, New England-based husband and wife singer-songwriter duo who describe their music as dream-inspired folk. Daniel Senie (guitar, banjo, harmonica, vocals) and Faith Senie (mandolin, bass, ukulele, dulcimer, vocals) tap into dreams and everyday life in crafting their original songs.</p> <p>Raised in New York City and the Berkshires of western Massachusetts, Dan has been singing for as long as he can remember, including the New York All-City Chorus and Concert Choir. These groups performed in Lincoln Center, Herald Square and were often requested for special events.</p> <p>Faith was raised in upstate New York where she played piano, was an accompanist for school shows and concerts, sang in her school choir, and also took to acting.</p> <p>The two met at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute while students. Professional life led them away from music for over 20 years. A song writing workshop series with Maura and Pete Kennedy brought them back to their musical roots. To play the songs they write, Dan picked up guitar, and later harmonica and banjo; Faith picked up mandolin, later added bass guitar, ukulele, tenor banjo, mandola and dulcimer to her talents.</p> <p>Most of the time, Dan and Faith write their songs separately, then arrange them for presentation as a duo. Each has won awards for their songwriting.</p> <p>Their brand new album, <i>Who We Are (2024)</i>, and prior releases, <i>Then and Now (late 2019)</i>, <i>Seeking (2016)</i>, and <i>Simple Grace (2014)</i> are available upon request in physical or download form.</p> <p>They will be playing at the South Florida Folk and Acoustic Music Festival on Sunday, Feb. 2.</p> <p>Luna Star Cafe. 775 NE 125 St. North Miami, FL 33161</p>
Sat. Jan. 25 Luna Star Cafe 8 pm <b>ALL CASH</b>	<p><b>Luna Star Open Mic Run by Lou Dominguez</b></p> <p>Luna Star Cafe 775 NE 125th St., N. Miami, FL 33161 (305) 799-7123 Easy free parking in the front and back</p>
Thursday, Jan. 30 Luna Star 8 pm Cover <b>ALL CASH</b>	<p><b>Luna Star - The Little Mercies</b></p> <p>You don't want to miss The Little Mercies at Luna Star on Thursday, January 30! "Three friends raging fiddle tunes, singing harmonies, and dancing in the Florida sun." Great originals, traditional folk songs, three-part harmony, fiddles, banjos, guitars, and infectious charm and energy. They'll be down from Tallahassee to play at the South Florida Folk &amp; Acoustic Music Festival.</p>

Jan. 31 3 - 9 pm	<h1>South Florida Folk &amp; Acoustic Music Festival</h1> <p>Jan 31 - Feb 2, 2025  Bergeron Rodeo Grounds  4261 NW 65th Way  Davie, Florida</p> <p>There will be over 55 artists, 2 stages, 12 singer-songwriters  Vendors, Food Trucks  2 workshop areas, jam area  Camping  Fun for the whole family!  Sffolk.org</p>
Feb. 1 10 am - 9 pm	
Feb. 2 11 am - 8:30 pm	

**For more events, go to [sffolk.org/events](https://sffolk.org/events)**

If you are looking for a place to play, perform, or just go listen, there are LOTS of venues to explore! Check out our webpage for a list of local open mics and jams.  
[sffolk.org/event](https://sffolk.org/event)

Every Saturday there is a Bluegrass Jam from 2-4 @ Together We Stand in Hollywood. The 1st Sunday is a Bluegrass Festival at Greynolds Park. Check out their website for details. <https://southfloridabluegrass.org/>

For more events, check out: <https://weekendbroward.com/live-music/>. If you are hosting a show, you can add your events to this list as well.

If you are hosting an open mic and want us to help promote your event, send details to [sffamc@gmail.com](mailto:sffamc@gmail.com). We want to expand our listing of open mics and other opportunities for members and friends to get together and play. We would especially like to add events in Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties (and additional locations in Broward of course).



## **Michael Stock on WLRN**

Don't forget to listen to the Folk and Acoustic Music show every Sunday from 3 - 5pm on WLRN-FM with Michael Stock!

The show is broadcast on Facebook Live from 3 - 4 pm weekly. <https://www.wlrn.org/show/folk-acoustic-music>

The South Florida Folk and Acoustic Music Festival will be featured on Michael's show on Jan. 19 (Mike Fuller) and Jan. 26 (Vinnie del Basso and Bill Ackerman). Be sure to tune in at 3 pm.

### **South Florida Folk and Acoustic Music Club Update**

We are actively looking for hosts for song swaps in both Miami-Dade and Palm Beach Counties. We are looking for additional venues for open mic & featured performers in the tri-county area. Please contact us with suggestions!

If you are not on the mailing list, be sure to email us at [sffamc@gmail.com](mailto:sffamc@gmail.com) so we can also add you to the [sf\\_folk@googlegroups.com](mailto:sf_folk@googlegroups.com) list. We do not share our mailing list with anyone and only email to announce special activities.

### **Join Us**

If you are not a member of the club, please consider joining. Your support makes us stronger! Click [here](#) to become a member of the South Florida Folk and Acoustic Music Club. Members receive discounts on concerts and other events. Membership runs from Jan. to December 2025!