



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

### **Newsletter**

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

**May 2026**

### **Save the Date!**

## **South Florida Folk and Acoustic Music Festival 2027**

Feb. 5-7, 2027

Bergeron Rodeo Grounds

4261 NW 65th Way

Davie, Florida

*South Florida in the Winter, Why the FOLK NOT!!!*

### ***Board Update:***

Our new board has 9 members: Jeff Jacob (President), Arlene Boumel (Vice President), Elyse Brunt (Secretary), Bill Wunderlich (Treasurer), Bruce Feldman (Parliamentarian), Members at large: Grace Moses, Peter Fox, Kenny Friedman and Kat Guth. If you would like to assist with events or work on some of our committees even though you are not on the board, PLEASE let us know. We are always grateful for volunteers.

### ***A tribute to Betsy Graber***

We wanted to acknowledge the passing of Betsy Graber, a long time member of both the Dade and Broward Folk Clubs. Our deepest condolences to her family and friends.

I asked Jane Matthews, a founding member of the club and good friend of Betsy's, to write a tribute so those of you who didn't know her could get a glimpse of how wonderful she was and how important to our community she was!

**From Jane:**

I am saddened to learn of the passing of my good friend Betsy Graber.

I met Betsy around forty years ago when we were first organizing the Folk Club. Betsy was either a board member or member at large for more than thirty years. She always worked tirelessly to support our club.

Betsy was never a performer, but loved playing her guitar at home. I remember her telling me about attending the New School while still living in Manhattan. She actually took a class with Paul Simon. She still had all the handouts from that class.

Betsy joined the Folk Club a few months after it was incorporated and started giving monthly concerts. She soon became a board member, and we became friends while working on the board. In those days we had to print and mail out the newsletter by snail mail. That task alone kept us pretty busy, and Betsy was always there to lend a helping hand.

Although Betsy never performed, she was an ardent supporter of the musicians. She always knew who we needed to go and see. When I was still living in Kendall, Betsy insisted that I come north for the Emerald Concerts and many of the Boumel house concerts. She loved Bob Lind and Susan Werner and wouldn't miss a performance. She constantly played their CD's.

Betsy was also a big Janis Ian fan. She met her several times and even exchanged some jewelry with Janis. She had all her CD's and knew every song on all of them.

Betsy was truly a remarkable person and a wonderful friend to have. She is deeply missed.

### ***Membership***

If you have not joined or renewed your membership, PLEASE do so! We are really working hard to sustain and grow our club so that we can offer year round activities. This year we have expanded our concerts and song swaps and partnered with several community organizations for YOU! Club members get discount tickets for the Festival and other concerts throughout the year.

Individual Membership is \$25 and Family is \$40. (Note: Our picnic cost is \$20/per person, so just that meal covers most of your membership cost!)

Please go to

<https://sffolk.org/south-florida-folk-and-acoustic-music-club-join-the-club-2026/>

If you need to mail a check, our address is

1326 E. Commercial Blvd, Oakland Park, FL 33334

### **YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/@SFFAMC>**

Did you know that we SFFAMC has a YouTube Channel? Please check it out and *subscribe!* We currently have over 50 videos from the 2025 festival and will be working to upload 100's of videos from this year's festival to expand our presence and promote our performers.

**Also, please subscribe to our FB and Instagram pages:**

<https://www.facebook.com/BrowardFolkClub/>

[https://www.instagram.com/sf\\_folk\\_and\\_acoustic\\_music/](https://www.instagram.com/sf_folk_and_acoustic_music/)

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.

## **Calendar of Events**

**Be sure to look at the calendar and pages on the websites for recurring open mics and special events.**

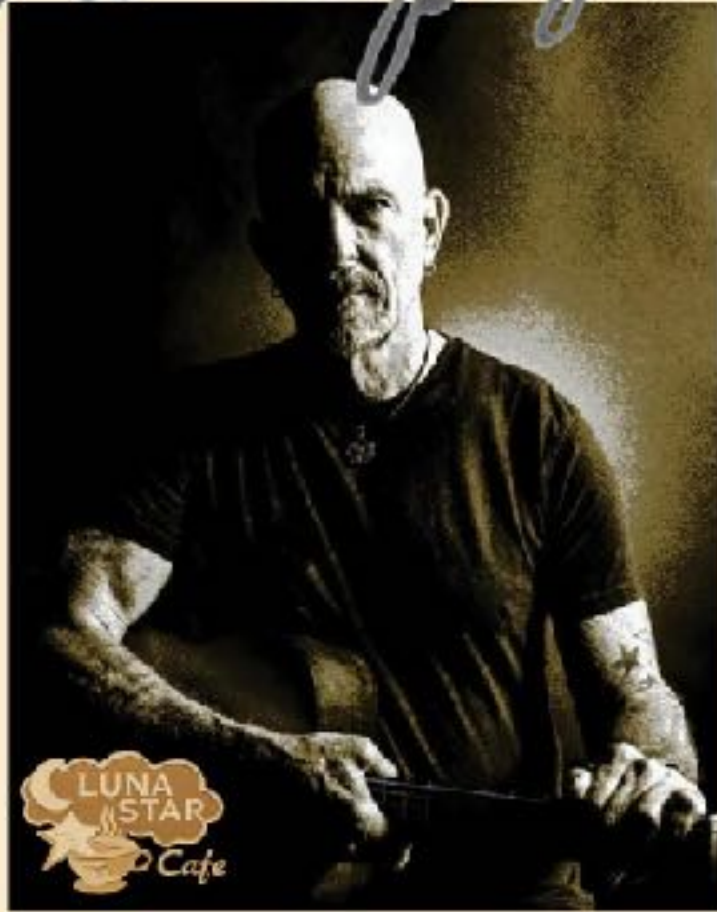
<https://sffolk.org/calendar/>

Every Tuesday  7 pm	<b>Check out <a href="https://www.volume.com">volume.com</a> for weekly online songwriter show hosted by Dave Daniels.</b>
Every Wednesday  7 pm	<b>Luna Star - Come Jam with us every Wed!</b>
Every Wednesday  6-7:30 pm  FREE	<b>Penny Lane Music Emporium - Beginner Blue Grass Jam</b>

Every Wednesday 7 pm	<b>Jam with Ukulele Gent</b> - If you are a ukulele player, come Jam online with Greg Gent. He has a FB live Jam. Just sign up to get the songs midweek and jam with 100's of people from all over the world! <a href="https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=ukulele%20gent">https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=ukulele%20gent</a>
Every Saturday 2-4 pm Free	<b>The Bluegrass Association has a FREE jam every Saturday at Together We Stand.</b> You don't have to play JUST Bluegrass to join in. A super fun group!
Every Sunday	<b>The Fields Irish Pub: Ade Peever Acoustic Show</b>  Dinner Reservations Required: 954-964-5979
Every Sunday 3-5 pm	<b>Be sure to watch and listen to Folk and Acoustic Music with Michael Stock on Sundays from 3-5 pm!</b>
Friday, May 8 \$10	<b>Seth Shearer @ Luna Star</b>
Sat, May 9 10 am Free	<b>JewGrass Revival @ Temple Beth El of Hollywood</b>  <b>2nd Saturday, Shabbotstock and Farmer's Market</b>  Dog Friendly  1351 S. 14 Ave, Hollywood

Sat. May 9  
Suggested  
donation \$15

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## GRANT PEEPLES

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*"He's the musician most closely walking in Woody Guthrie's  
footsteps" —Greg Johnson, The Blue Door, OKC*

**Luna Star Cafe**  
North Miami

**Saturday, May 9**

**7:30 PM**

SUGGESTED DONATION \$15

Sunday, May 10

Happy Mother's Day

2 pm

Free



## Mother's Day Concert

A JOYFUL AFTERNOON  
OF LIGHT PIANO  
CLASSICS, BROADWAY  
AND OPERA ARIAS

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SUNDAY

MAY 10, 2026

inside Mangrove Hall  
Ann Kolb Nature Center

1:00pm Arts & Crafts

2:00pm Concert

*Chai Lattie*  
*"It's for you, Mom  
and all the mamas"*

ACCOMPANIED BY

SERGE DOR, BASS & GUITAR  
DIEGO VILLACREZ, PIANO  
DEBE FISHER, TAMBOURINE



Sunday, May 10

5-9 pm

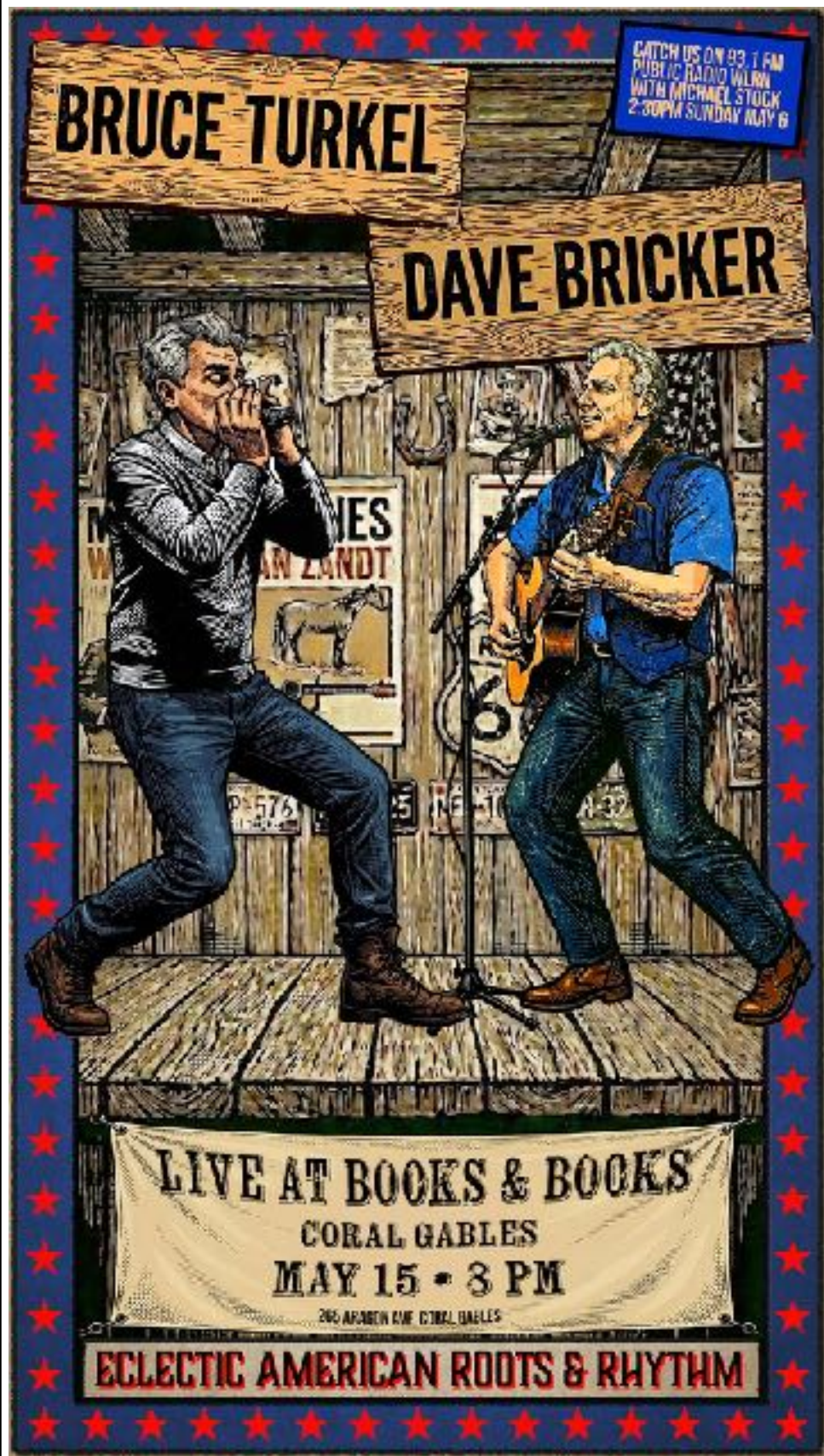
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**Song Swap - Miami-Dade County**

Contact [jamesdteas@gmail.com](mailto:jamesdteas@gmail.com) for details

<p>Monday, May 11</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>Free</p>	<p><b>FUN- Florida Ukulele Network and the Broward Library</b></p> <p><b>Theme: Hawaiian and Pacific songs</b></p> <p>Ukulele 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 ukuleles 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.</p>
<p>Thursday, May 14</p> <p>8 pm</p> <p>\$10</p>	<p><b>Luna Star presents Celtic Thursdays with Gaelica</b></p> <p>Gaêlica, a three-person Celtic, folk, and world music band has a 20-year history. First formed in Venezuela, the band performs Celtic music with Venezuelan and Latin influences. (Or Latin music with Celtic and folk influences.) Now based in Miami, Gaêlica's members are Daniela Padrón on fiddle and vocals; Gabriel Figueira on bagpipes, woodwinds, percussion, and vocals; and Rubén Gutiérrez on guitar, percussion, and vocals.</p>
<p>Thursday, May 14</p> <p>6-8 pm</p> <p>FREE</p>	<p><b>Daam Jam: Delray Art &amp; Acoustic Music</b></p> <p>Veteran's Park Recreation Center</p> <p>802 NE 1st Street, Delray Beach, FL</p> <p>Intracoastal and Atlantic Ave</p>
<p>Friday, May 15</p> <p>8 pm, cover</p>	<p><b>Luna Star presents Ryan Rachel</b></p>

Friday, May  
15  
8 pm



<p>Nova Singers Concerts: \$20 advance \$25 door Students w ID- Free</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Our three Golden Oldies concerts will include popular American standards, choral favorites from our early years, spirituals and even a little Broadway.</b></li> <li>• <b>May 15, 8 p.m.</b> Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, 1701 E Oakland Park Blvd, Oakland Park, FL 33334.</li> <li>• <b>May 17, 4 p.m.</b> Plantation United Methodist Church, 1001 NW 70th Ave, Plantation, FL 33313.</li> <li>• <b>May 19, 7:30 p.m.</b> St. Paul Lutheran Church, 580 Indian Trace, Weston, FL 33326.</li> </ul>
<p>Saturday, May 16 8 pm, Cover</p>	<p><b>Luna Star presents Bob Lind</b></p>
<p>April 17 8 pm</p>	<p><b>Luna Star presents Jazz with Izzy Izquierdo</b></p>
<p>Saturday May 16 7 pm Doors open: 6:30pm. Lesson/Mixer: 7:00pm. Dancing: 7:30pm \$10 \$5 18 and under, college students, and those facing financial hardships</p>	<p><b>South Florida Contradance</b></p>  <p>The flyer for the South Florida Contradance Society features a blue background with decorative scrollwork. At the top left is the society's logo, which includes a sun and two dancers. The main text invites people to join on the third Saturday of every month for a Contradance. It lists 'Live Music and Callers' with names like Sylvia Rose, Anita Mason, and Kenny Greer. Below that, it lists 'Recent Bands' including Barn Dance Calling, Combroad, Stringtime Jubilee, and Stepping Stones. A QR code is provided for more information, and a yellow arrow points to it. At the bottom, the address is given as UUFDR, 2601 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton, Florida. On the right side, there is a 'DANCE DATES' list for the year 2019, from January 17 to December 14.</p> <p><b>Live Music and Callers</b> Recent Callers: Sylvia Rose, Anita Mason, Kenny Greer, Joe Harrington, Mandy Albert</p> <p><b>Recent Bands:</b> Barn Dance Calling, Combroad, Stringtime Jubilee, Stepping Stones</p> <p>UUFDR, 2601 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton, Florida</p> <p><b>DANCE DATES:</b> January 17 February 11 March 21 April 18 May 16 June 20 July 18 August 13 September 19 October 17 November 21 December 14</p>
<p>Monday, May 18 \$10</p>	<p><b>The Fields Irish Pub: The Ultimate Neil Diamond Experience</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.thefieldfl.com/event/neil-zirconia-the-ultimate-neil-diamond-show/">https://www.thefieldfl.com/event/neil-zirconia-the-ultimate-neil-diamond-show/</a></p> <p>Dinner Reservations Required: 954-964-5979</p>

Thursday, May 21  8 pm.  No cover	<b>Luna Star presents Saeed Tabibi</b>
Friday, May 22	<b>Luna Star presents The Brother's King (Eric's Birthday bash!)</b>
May 23 2-5 pm FREE	<b>SFFAMC Song Swap</b>  <b>Summer Location!!! Indoors, Parking, Air Conditioned!</b>  <b>Davie Cooper City Library</b> <a href="tel:954-357-6399">954-357-6399</a> 4600 SW 82nd Avenue, Davie, FL 33328
Saturday, May 23	<b>Luna Star Open Mic</b>
Wed. May 27	<b>NSAI @ Luna Star</b> Earlier song swap and NSAI Chapter Challenge Song Swap - 8 pm
Thursday, May 28  7 pm	<b>Luna Star presents Greenwich Village Tribute night</b>
Friday, May 29  7:30 pm	<b>Luna Star presents Amy Arlo's Almost blue</b>
Saturday, May 30	<b>Luna Star presents Paul Zisholtz</b>
	<b>June Events to put on your calendar</b>
Saturday, June 6  7:30 pm  \$10 non- members  \$8 Members	<b>SFFAMC Acoustic Underground @ Luna Star</b>  <b>Featuring Tony Vitale and Wes Malkin and Friends</b>

Sunday, June 7 Free \$10 Parking	<b>Monthly Bluegrass Concert</b> <a href="https://southfloridabluegrass.org/index.php">https://southfloridabluegrass.org/index.php</a> Greynold's Park
Sunday, June 14 5-9 pm Free	<b>Monthly song swap Dade</b>
Saturday, June 20 2-5 pm Free NOTE: NEW day and location for the summer!	<b>Monthly BROWARD Song Swap</b> <b>INSIDE @ Davie Cooper City Library</b> <a href="tel:954-357-6399">954-357-6399</a> 4600 SW 82nd Avenue, Davie, FL 33328

**Ovivi's Concerts:** <https://www.ovivisrestaurant.com/events>

Ovivi's Restaurant is our new partner. They have shows there both in the restaurant and in their intimate Speakeasy Lounge every weekend. If you go, mention the FOLK CLUB! They also have a great Karaoke night on Thursdays!

May 7-Alana May 8-Trudy May 9-Carmen

May 9-Elisa Rego Band May 14-Carolina

May 15- Fusion (Band) May 15- Anthony Corrado (Saxaphonist)

May 16: Hot as Funk (dance band!) May 16 Jazzi Jones

May 22-Mike Curtis May 22-Aida

May 23-Debbie May 28 Carolina

May 29-Ross Mazer (Saxophonist)

May 30-Just the two of us (dance band)

**Check out some of our local performers' websites for their shows:**

<https://danielgallup.com/>  
<https://www.sarahmacmusic.com/>  
<https://jasoncolannino.com/shows>  
<https://alexalash.com/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/GypsyStringRevival/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/roqueandroll/>

Len Perry plays solo guitar every Saturday 6-10 pm at Zen Mystery in Dania. He plays solo guitar every Sunday, 11am-3:00pm at Miranda Farms and Ranch.

David Barbato plays every Saturday night 7:30 - 9:30 pm at 2500 E Commercial Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308 @ NapulEATan Food

**A few venues to check out:** (there are so many more!)

[lunastarcafe.com](http://lunastarcafe.com)  
<https://rudyspubinlakeworth.com/>  
<https://villagemusiccafe.com/>  
<https://www.lauderale.co/latest-events/>  
<https://thegalwayshawl.com/>  
<https://www.americanacma.org/>  
Americana Community Music Association  
<https://www.artandculturecenter.org/events>  
(Thursday 6-9 pm arts events)

info@artandculturecenter.org, 954-921-3274

<https://www.pompanobeacharts.org/cc>

Pompano Beach Cultural Center - lots going on here!

<https://www.ovivisrestaurant.com/events>

Speakeasy The Hidden Gem Lounge plus Karaoke and more!

<https://www.browardcenter.org/events>

Events listed for Miniaci, Aventura Arts as well as The Parker and Amaturro Theaters.