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30FOR30

During this, our 30th anniversary year, we're having a special fundraising drive called **30for30**.

That's 30 thousand dollars to be raised during our 30th year. To make it happen, we need your help:

Please support the music you love and do one of the following:

1. Mail a donation to the address listed below, or
2. Call Calliope and make a donation with your credit card

We will be holding a variety of fundraising events throughout our 30th anniversary year.

Watch our website for upcoming 30for30 fundraising events.

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May 12—30th Anniversary Concert at the PCA Celebrates Local Musicians

Calliope kicks off the anniversary of its 30th year by celebrating many of the local musicians that help make Calliope the leading arts organization in Pittsburgh for traditional and acoustic music.

With a \$15 donation at the door, you can enjoy some of Pittsburgh's best local music talent under the Big Tent at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts.

A variety of artists will be presented—from blues, old time, and swing, to original music by singer-songwriters.

Artists will include:

Ernie Hawkins
Boca Chica
Emily Rodgers
George Kantor
Jack Erdie
The Mavens
Mark Tamsula & Friends
NewLanders
Emily Pinkerton
Strangers in this Land
Eve Goodman





Scott Ainslie, Sept. 30

SAVE THE DATE!

Some of you had the pleasure of seeing blues guitarist Scott Ainslie when he was in town for Calliope on January 25, 2003 at the Carnegie Lecture Hall. The reaction was so “Wow!” to his performance, that we’re bringing him back to perform on September 30 at the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts for a key event in our 30th Anniversary Celebration and 30for30 fundraising effort. You don’t want to miss this. Circle that date, and watch *Rootz* and our website for additional details...



Mother's Day Special

For the folkie mom in your life, why not give her a styish Calliope t-shirt?

2 T's for \$20

(ONE FOR MOM, ONE FOR GRANDMOM)

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Building Stronger Artists and Communities

As part of Calliope's mission of outreach and education, we received a grant to fund an Artists and Communities Artist Residency program. Folk musicians Burr Beard of Emmaus, PA and L.E. McCullough of Woodbridge, NJ came to Pittsburgh to research and create new compositions inspired by the historic milieu of 18th century Pittsburgh, in collaboration with local musicians. In all, eight compositions were composed and arranged for a folk ensemble of vocals, hammered dulcimer, fiddle, whistle, banjo, and percussion. In addition, the artists gave public and school workshops, a radio interview, and several public performances. In their final performance, the artists played eight original compositions with local Pittsburgh musicians.

Folk Alliance Conference

Austin, Texas

February 10-14, 2006

Several intrepid Calliope board members including Ray Werner, Rick Landesberg, Tim Cunningham and Calliope Managing Director Tricia Tanner headed south to Texas last February for the Folk Alliance Conference, a premier music gathering in the folk community, and one of the places Calliope checks out the latest folk music talent, often discovering a jewel of a performer to include in its concert series at the Carnegie Lecture Hall. From Folk Alliance, Calliope has brought such performers as Rani Arbo and Daisy Mayhem, The Endless Highway Tour with Sarah Lee Gurthrie, Johnny Irion, Jimmy LaFave, Eliza Gilkyson and the Burns Sisters to Pittsburgh for the very first time. Here are a few folk moments from the conference, captured on film for your enjoyment.



Next year's Folk Alliance Conference will be held February 22-25, 2007 in Memphis, TN.

Check out www.folk.org for more information.

Photos by Tim Cunningham
Top right: Abigail Washburn
Bottom right: Flat Mountain Girls
Bottom left: Arlo Guthrie

Check it out.....



None other than one of the original fathers of folk, Pete Seeger, was profiled in the April 17 *New Yorker*. The time is always right for a story about Pete as he continues to be an inspiration for singers, songwriters and musicians alike. Long-time Pete Seeger fan Bruce Springsteen has just released his own tribute to the former member of the Weavers and Almanac Singers called *We Shall Overcome: The Seeger Sessions*. Springsteen recalls listening to a bunch of Pete Seeger records back in 1997 and thinking “I heard a hundred voices in those old folk songs, and stories from across the span of American History—parlor music, church music, tavern music, street and gutter music.” Don’t be surprised if Bruce’s version of “Pay Me My Money Down” ends up working its way up the charts.



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