



## February Jam Sessions



In February we'll have two jam sessions held in Utah County. The Provo jam will be held at the BYU Conference Center (directly east of the Marriott Center parking lot). The first hour is geared toward beginner/intermediate players and the second hour is for more advanced musicians. The Elk Ridge jam will be held at the home of Carol Morrell a bit later in the month. Choose the location that works best for you, or come to both!

### Jam Session Calendar

February 10<sup>th</sup>  
BYU Harmon Building  
Room 2295  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.



February 24<sup>th</sup>  
Carol Morrell Home  
615 North Salem Hills Drive  
Elk Ridge 7:00

### February Workshop

Cherie Call, award-winning songwriter and performer will present this month's workshop, focusing on songwriting. Cherie was born and raised in Mesa, Arizona and has been singing in front of people since the age of three. From a young age, Cherie showed a talent for performance, and at thirteen she extended that talent to include songwriting. Throughout high school she performed some of her works in a community touring group. She moved to Utah to attend BYU, where she graduated with a B.A. in Music in April 1997. Cherie has recorded four albums,



and a four song Christmas cd. Her songs have been included on several other albums, including the God's Army soundtrack, the Brigham City song collection, the soundtrack for Jack Weyland's Charly, the 1999, 2001, and 2002 EFY albums, and the 2000 Women of Destiny album. She has toured and performed in Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix, Seattle, Portland, Dallas, St Louis, and Nashville (at the famous Bluebird Cafe). She currently lives in Salt Lake City, Utah, where she performs regularly. Cherie was the recipient of four 2002 Pearl Awards, including Female Vocalist of the Year, Songwriter of the Year, Contemporary Album of the Year, and Inspirational Song of the Year for her work on the 2001 album "He Gives Flowers To Everyone". For more information about Cherie, check out her website

[www.cheriecall.com](http://www.cheriecall.com)

### Workshop Calendar

February 17<sup>th</sup> 7:00  
Presenter: Cherie Call  
Topic: Songwriting  
Provo Library Room 201

### Catching Up

Nate Olson presented an excellent workshop in January focusing on fiddle fundamentals and practicing tips. He taught how to access the sounding point on the fiddle, play with appropriate speed and



pressure and how to bow parallel to the bridge. Consistent and deliberate practice of these skills will aid in developing a quality tone. Nate brought sound clips of musicians who are rhythmically tight and play with excellent intonation. He suggested playing with a metronome (gradually increasing the speed) to develop improvement in these areas. Nate also taught how to get the most out of practicing in order to help your muscles memorize the right way to play a song. He explained, "If you put your fingers in the wrong place over and over your body will think it's right." He emphasized the importance of daily, consistent practice versus practicing for a long period of time a few days a week. Daily practice invokes muscle memory. We appreciate Nate's willingness to share his considerable knowledge and talent.



Nate Olson

### House Concerts

The Institute's first House Concert was held at the home of Korinne and Leon Nelson of American Fork. Korinne, her daughter Shan'tel and son Zack performed on banjo and guitar, and the Geslison Family Band along with

Grace Dayton rounded out the evening. The Nelsons had invited a few neighbor families to enjoy the music and delicious treats that were on hand. It was a delightful, informal evening of music, reminiscent of how our ancestors probably spent their evenings.



Shan'tel and Korinne Nelson

Our hope is to have several house concerts occur each month throughout the valley. If you would like to host a house concert, just pick a date, invite some fellow musicians to perform and friends and neighbors to come enjoy the music. If you need contact information for musicians, or would like to schedule a BYU folk music group to perform at your House Concert, please email Mark Geslison at

[questions@instituteofamericanmusic.com](mailto:questions@instituteofamericanmusic.com)

During February alone there are House Concerts scheduled in American Fork, Pleasant Grove, Orem, Provo, Springville, Mapleton and Elk Ridge. Don't miss out on the fun. Schedule your own House Concert today and spread the joy of music.

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### Performance Opportunities

The Institute has scheduled monthly performances at the Orem Retirement and Rehabilitation Center on Saturdays at 3:00. Groups should plan on performing for 15-20 minutes, with 2 or 3

groups combined to provide an hour long show. Groups should be well prepared to perform for an audience of around 50 people. We're currently scheduling performances for the next few months. If you have any questions or would like to reserve your performance spot, please call Sheri Cluff at 489-6836.

***The House Concerts and Retirement Center Performances are replacing the Hospital Performance Night..***

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### Spring Fiddle Fest

After the success of the October Fiddle Fest we just couldn't wait another year to fill Provo's air with the sweet sounds of bluegrass, so... we're happy to announce the Spring Fiddle Fest! This event is a concert not a competition, so **there are no entry forms, judges or registration fees!** This free afternoon of music will be held April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Provo Arts Center from 2:00 to 5:00. Each group should plan on playing three tunes. We have room for only 20 groups, so you'll want to quickly reserve your spot by calling Sheri Cluff at 489-6836. That evening an additional concert will be held at the same location featuring the winners of last fall's Fiddle Fest and a great headliner band, soon to be announced. Admission to the evening concert is \$5.00 per person or \$25.00 per family. Great door prizes will be awarded at the evening concert, so mark your calendar to attend this full day of folk music.

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### I wish I had a...

We've started a new service for those of you who want to buy or sell your used instruments, music accessories, stands, etc. Just email Amy Dayton at

[amy@kdayton.com](mailto:amy@kdayton.com)

with the information, and we'll post it in the next newsletter. Look for new items each month.

### For Sale

Dean Mandolin with Grover tuning pegs. One year old. A great beginner's mandolin. Includes a new padded case, strap, instrument stand, picks and replacement strings. Only \$99.00 Please contact Tina Crowder at 222-9283 or

[markcrowder9283@msn.com](mailto:markcrowder9283@msn.com)

### For Sale

Half size acoustic bass in good condition. Will sell for \$900. Contact Mark Geslison (375-1188) or Linda Duncan (375-6270).

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### Upcoming Musical Events

#### February 4<sup>th</sup>

*Tangle Ridge (Bluegrass & Folk)*  
*Guy Benson (Folk)*  
6876 South Highland Drive  
\$5.00 Children under 12 free  
7:30

#### February 4<sup>th</sup>

*Corky Siegel*  
Harmonica-playing blues man from Chicago, experiments in melding classical elements with the folksier elements of the blues  
Perry's Egyptian Theater Ogden  
7:30 Ticket info call 801-395-3227

#### February 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

*Mountain Bluegrass Gathering*  
Nuskin Theater, Delta Center SLC  
Workshops for beginning and intermediate fiddle, guitar, bass, mandolin, jamming fundamentals, songwriting and dobro during the day. Night concerts featuring the "high lonesome sound" of **The Del Mc Coury Band**, Ryan Shupe & the Rubberband, plus eight more! Check out their website for ticket prices, schedules, workshop presenters and more information

[www.mountaingrass.net](http://www.mountaingrass.net)

## February 26<sup>th</sup>

Bluegrass & Celtic Band Concert  
*Just Warming Up, BYU Celtic  
Group and Founding Fathers or  
Lincoln Highway*

Little Brown Theater

(239 South Main) Springville

Doors open at 7:00

Concert begins at 7:30

\$3.00 per ticket or 2 for \$5.00

Your support is encouraged to  
establish this concert series as a  
monthly event

## Radio Programs



KRCL 90.9 FM Radio  
"The Bluegrass Express"  
every Sunday 2:00- 5:00  
p.m.

KRCL 90.9 FM Radio  
"Fret 'N Fiddle"  
every Sunday 5:00- 7:00 p.m.

KUER 90 FM Radio  
"Thistle and Shamrock"  
every Saturday 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
You'll love the Celtic music along  
with host Fiona Ritchie's beautiful  
Scottish accent.

The Institute of American Music was founded in 1993 for the purpose of providing individuals and groups the opportunity to study traditional American and Bluegrass music. It provides a forum for students at all skill levels whereby they may learn from one another through means of individual lessons, group performances and informal workshops. The Institute provides a well-rounded musical experience for those desiring to develop their talents in acoustic music. For more information about I.A.M. call Mark Geslison at 375-1188