

The A-Z gAZette

The Latest on Ann Zimmerman's Musical Exploits—September 2002

UPCOMING APPEARANCES

- SEP. 20 (Fri.)—12:20pm—Salina, KS, Art a la Carte—Caldwell Plaza by library—play with the band Calliope*
- SEP. 20-22 (Fri.-Sun.)—Salina, KS, Prairie Festival, The Land Institute—play with band, Calliope, for 8pm Fri.* night barn dance, sing Saturday 1:15pm
- SEP. 28 (Sat.)—eve.—Matfield Green, KS, Kansas Natural Resource Council annual dinner
- SEP. 29 (Sun.)—1pm—Saline Co., KS, Kans. Land Trust dedication of conservation easement, Heritage Hill
- OCT. 4 (Fri.)—8am—Beatrice, NE, Nebraska Mainstreet Association convention at Homestead National Monument
- OCT. 5 (Sat.)—7pm—Americus, KS, Americus Days, old high school gym*
- OCT. 9 (Wed.)—Miltonvale, KS, Creativity Day at USD 334 High school, songwriting workshop
- OCT. 14 (Mon.)—eve.—Concordia, KS, Brown Grand Theater concert; sponsored by Cloud Co.Comm.Coll.*
- OCT. 16 (Wed.)—eve.—Salina, KS, York Rites meeting
- OCT. 27 (Sun.)—3pm—St. Francis, KS, Cheyenne Theatre, concert for Western Plains Arts Association*
- OCT. 28-29 (Mon., Tue.)—Goodland, KS, school concerts and songwriting workshops with Goodland elem. schs.
- NOV. 3 (Sun.)—morning—Olpe, KS, Olpe United Methodist Church, homecoming celebration*
- NOV. 9 (Sat.)—eve.—South Hutchinson, KS, church concert
- NOV. 14 (Thu.)—Miltonvale, KS, USD 334 High School concert*
- NOV. 16 (Sat.)—8pm—Manhattan, KS, Manhattan Arts Center, concert with Connie Dover and friends*
- DEC. 7 (Sat.)—8pm—Lawrence, KS, Lawrence Art Center, KANU 50th Anniversary concert, with Connie Dover and friends*
- DEC. 15 (Sun.)—9:15—Salina, KS, Christmas program for the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship*
- FEB. 19 (Wed.)—8pm—Salina, KS, Bank Administrators Association of Central Kansas Sweethearts Dinner
- APR. 25 (Fri.)—lunchtime—Salina, KS, Kansas Reading Association reading conference

* public invited

*Dates are added and changed often.
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HARMONIES RISING: ANN JOINS CONNIE DOVER & FRIENDS

November and December bring together Connie Dover, Celtic singer extraordinaire, and our own Ann Zimmerman with their musician friends for at least two concerts that promise fabulous harmonies, an international repertoire and musical delight. Connie, whose voice has been heard around the world in concert and on radio shows like public radio's "A Prairie Home Companion" and "Thistle & Shamrock," lives just across the river from Kansas in Weston, Missouri. You can hear and read about Connie at her website: www.conniedover.com.

The talented fingers of Kelly Werts, producer and multi-instrumentalist on both of Ann's albums, will back up the shimmering vocals.

Concerts on the schedule at press time include Manhattan (KS) Arts Center, November 16 (a benefit for Flint Hills Audubon Society), and Lawrence (KS) Arts Center, December 7 (celebrating public radio KANU's 50th anniversary), where singer Lisa Harris will join the team, and a Christmas song or two will be tossed into the mix. Rehearsals have been a grand time, with a few lines of Gaelic, some cowboy songs, traditional and contemporary folk songs, Ann's and Connie's own creations and a bunch of gorgeous harmonies. Come and share in the finished product. More concerts may be added to the list—keep yourself up to date at www.annzimmerman.com.

IT'S PRAIRIE FESTIVAL TIME

The Land Institute's Prairie Festival is heading into full swing south of Salina, KS—Ann sings just after lunch on Saturday. The Institute, where Ann spent a year as an agricultural intern years back, conducts research in sustainable and natural-systems agriculture, and promotes revolutionary thinking in how we grow food and care for the planet. This year's Festival celebrates the 40th anniversary of *Silent Spring* by Rachel Carson, a book that changed the way millions of people think about the effects of pollution on our lives. The weekend is sure to brim with thought-provoking and enriching speakers and events. In a change from the usual, the lively, dusty barn dance—held in the Big Barn—will be Friday night when Ann joins the band Calliope as keyboard player.

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**A FLOOD OF KANSAS SONG CONCERTS
COMING IN JANUARY**

January 2003 promises to be overflowing with concerts full of Kansas songs. Each year Kansas celebrates its admission into the union (January 29, 1861), and Ann joins the party by sharing old and new songs for the occasion with as many school kids as she can fit in. Last year the number of concerts was around twenty-five, and this year's scheduling is about to begin. Many of the songs focus not just on Kansas—they describe life on the whole Great Plains, now and in the days of the early settlers.

Songwriting workshops for students are being scheduled as well, with Miltonvale (KS) High School on the calendar in October and many others to come in the new year.

Ann would be happy to expand her territory to other towns and states and to other months besides January. If you know schools, teachers or youth groups looking for fun and a challenge, contact Ann.

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A WHIRLWIND OF STATES & EVENTS

Since the last A-Z gAZette hit your mailbox, Ann has crossed five states and taken in events from the serious to the hilarious—some that were both. April brought a cowboy gathering in Cambridge, KS, where Ann enhanced her usual cowboy repertoire of one song to make a whole program of horse-, cow-, and prairie-centered songs. Also in April: trips to the Atchison, KS, AAUW; the community college Agriculture Club in Beatrice, Nebraska; and a concert in a lovely home in Lawrence, Kansas.

In May she taught the local Salina Unitarian Universalists to sing rounds; wrote a parody on "Pomp and Circumstance" for a Buhler, KS, graduation celebration; played multiple concerts at both the Kansas Sampler Festival and the Santa Fe Trails Bluegrass Festival; and kicked back in the Texas heat to attend the Kerrville Folk Festival.

June began with music at the Great Plains Yearly Friends Meeting, Central City, Nebraska. Then a performance at the wonderful Smoky Hill River Festival in Salina was followed nineteen hours and 440 miles later by a windy concert outside the historic Old Courthouse Museum, Sioux Falls, SD—then a visit and a concert around Orange City, Iowa, and back to South Dakota for the Vermillion Arts Festival.

July thru September held the thirty-years-defunct Durham, KS, high school reunion; the roaring Antique Steam Engine Show in Bird City, KS, and a concert to honor the emergency services of Halstead, KS. Heifer Project International was the focus of a musical day in Manhattan, KS, followed by with the smilingly-titled Tootlefest in Miltonvale, KS, named for the town's founder, Milton Tootle—Ann arrived too late to see the Tootlefest turtle race. Finally, she joined three Manhattan, KS, friends for finger-popping quartet music at a Habitat for Humanity celebration there. Whew!
