

The A-ZgAZette

The Latest on Ann Zimmerman's Musical Exploits—October 2003

UPCOMING APPEARANCES

- *SEP. 27 (Sat.) 1:15pm—Salina, KS, The Land Institute Prairie Festival
- *SEP. 27 (Sat.) 7:30pm—Kansas City, MO, Unity on the Plaza, Concert with Connie Dover & friends
- *OCT. 4 (Sat.) 11:30 & 1:45pm—Abilene, KS, Chisholm Trail Days, east of the Eisenhower Library
- *OCT. 4 (Sat.)—5-6:30pm—Manhattan, KS, Rollin' Down the River Fest, Ashland Bottoms Community Ctr., Ann alone & with the Sometimes Gospel Quartet
- OCT. 11 (Sat.) 3pm—Council Grove Lake, KS, Unitarian Universalist Cluster Meeting
- *OCT. 18 (Sat.) 12:30-2:00pm and after supper—Partridge, KS, Family Fest & all high school reunion
- *OCT. 19 (Sun.) late afternoon—Lucas, KS, Stone Cottage B&B, Dusk concert, songwrtg workshop
- OCT. 23 (Thu.) eve—Salina, KS, Salina Muni. Senior Men's Golf Association banquet, Bicentennial Center
- OCT. 24 (Fri.) 12:45-1:45pm—Hesston, KS, Kans. Office 2003 Mennonite support staff conf., Crosswinds Ctr.
- *OCT. 24 (Fri.) 8pm—Manhattan, KS, Audubon benefit concert with Connie Dover & friends, Manh. Arts Ctr.
- *OCT. 25 (Sat.) 7:30—Salina, KS, concert with Connie Dover & friends; Fitzpatrick Auditorium, Kansas Wesleyan University (west side of circle drive)
- *NOV. 23 (Sun.) 4:30pm—North Newton, KS, benefit concert for KIPCOR, Bethel Memorial Hall
- *DEC. 5 (Fri.) 7:30pm—Lawrence, KS, West Side Folk concert with Connie Dover & friends, Lawr. Arts Ctr.
- DEC. 16 (Tue.) 9:30am—Salina, KS, First Bank Kansas Christmas pancake breakfast, Bicentennial Ctr.
- DEC. 17 (Wed.) eve—Salina, KS, State Bank of Delphos Christmas Party, Salina Country Club

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- JAN. 26-28—Hays, KS, 3-day residency in the public schools, 9 concerts
- *FEB. 13-14—Lincoln, NE, Nebraska Sustainable Ag. Society Healthy Farms Conference
- *MAR. 6 (Sat.) 7pm—Chanute, KS, Memorial Auditorium Chanute Entertainment Series concert
- *MAR. 9 (Tue.) after dinner—Concordia, KS, Talk of the Month Club music, Kristi's Restaurant, call in advance
- *APR. 23-24 (Fri.-Sat.)—Downs, KS, Kansas Storytelling Festival, Memorial Hall
- *JULY 3-4 (Sat.)—Atchison, KS, Lewis & Clark bicentennial concert with Connie Dover & friends
- * Event open to the public

SELLOUTS EXPECTED AT CONCERTS WITH CONNIE

Ann's concerts with Celtic singer Connie Dover and multi-instrumentalist Kelly Werts continue to wow audiences. The blend just gets better and better. Fall concerts may run out of seats as they did last year, so don't wait to get your tickets. Last July, Manhattan's Melissa Atchison joined the crew as fourth musician at Atchison's Amelia Earhart Festival and as part of Salina's Arts in the Park series. For this fall's concerts, Lisa Harris from Lawrence takes Melissa's spot at Unity on the Plaza in Kansas City, MO (back in September), the Manhattan Art Center, Manhattan (October 24), Fitzpatrick Auditorium at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina (October 25) and Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence (December 5).

The concerts are becoming quite a draw—attending the Kansas City concert were a state supreme court justice, friends and fans from as far away as Dallas, TX, and Denver, CO, and a photographer filming for the evening news. Maybe YOU will be seen at the next one.

FOR TICKETS:

- Manhattan, Oct. 24: Manh. Art Center (785-537-4420). Benefit for Northern Flint Hills Audubon Society. Tickets \$15 in advance, \$18 at door.
- Salina, Oct. 25: House of Sight & Sound (785-825-0055) or Salina Art Center (785-827-1431) or call Ann. Tickets \$12 in advance, \$14 at door.
- Lawrence, Dec. 5: Lawr. Arts Center (785-843-2787) Tickets \$18 (\$15 for season ticket holders).

HOLIDAY CONCERTS A FAVORITE

With winter and year-end holidays fast approaching, Ann's thoughts turn to Christmas music and the wonderful concerts that feature those songs. Some of Ann's favorite performances have centered around the more and less serious music of winter and Christmas. If your group, venue, or organization needs an extra special dose of holiday cheer, please get in touch with Ann about a holiday program. As usual, there is much audience participation, with a Christmas round, jingling jingle bells and, of course, thoughts of frozen plumbing and wild winter winds.

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SWEATING & SINGING
ACROSS IOWA AND MISSOURI

August found Ann racing across Iowa and down through Missouri with a whirlwind of eight appearances in seven days. Her singing was hot, as almost all of her concerts were outdoors in a record-setting heat wave. Orange City and Alton, IA, began the trip with two backyard concerts. Then came an air conditioned public radio interview with music at KUNI in Cedar Falls. The Waterloo Farmers Market was a lively place to serenade the produce and the people on a Saturday morning, followed by an evening concert in the park back in Cedar Falls. A sultry Sunday afternoon backyard concert in Iowa City preceded a songfest on the library lawn as part of the West Branch, IA, International Festival. The most unique spot on the trip was Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage outside of Rutledge, MO, where Ann performed "in" a building under construction that will someday have a roof and walls. The last stop, to the relief of performer and listeners, was inside a cool coffee shop, Java Junction in Warrensburg, MO. Then back home to broiling Kansas.

LEWIS & CLARK BICENTENNIAL MUSIC

In the year 1804, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark began their historic trek across the North American continent, to bear witness to the magnificent landscapes previously viewed exclusively by Native American eyes. They launched from St. Louis, and spent the nation's birthday camped at Atchison, Kansas, on the banks of the wide Missouri River. On the 4th of July two hundred years later, Ann Z., Connie Dover and friends will perform at Atchison's Lewis & Clark bicentennial celebration. On the musical menu will be selections the crew may have sung themselves, songs of that bygone era when music had to be homemade or not at all. The search for songs is going strong. If you have songs to suggest, let Ann know. If your area is participating in the celebration during 2004-2005, maybe you could use some extraordinary musical entertainment.

NEW ALBUM PROGRESS

The new album, still unnamed, is in the process of being recorded.

Will it contain new favorites such as "Blue Wild Indigo," "The Recycling," "Exile" and "If I Had Been Beautiful"?

YES.

Will it be ready by Christmas?

VERY UNCERTAIN.

Ann and her long-time producer, the talented Kelly Werts, both find themselves much busier and more in demand than during the production of previous albums, leading to long delays between available recording dates. Several studios are participating in this venture—Wheeler Audio in Kansas City, Kansas; Studio 1117 in Salina, Kansas; and Werts Music Studio in Kelly's basement in Fairway, Kansas.

If you are receiving this newsletter as a member of the Ann's mailing or emailing list, you'll be among the very first to receive notice when this attempted masterwork is complete and ready for public ears.

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