

The A-Z gAZette

The Latest on Ann Zimmerman's Musical Exploits—May 2005

UPCOMING APPEARANCES

- *MAY 7-8 (Sat.-Sun.)—1:15 Sat. & 1:15 Sun.—Newton, KS, Athletic Park, Kansas Sampler Festival
 - *MAY 21 (Sat.)—8:30 a.m.—Salina, KS, sing with Linda Chubbuck at Salina Farmer's Market, 7th & Iron
 - *MAY 21-22—tba—Salina, KS, Rolling Hills Museum grand opening
 - *MAY 24-27 (Tue.-Fri.)—mornings—Salina, KS, Sunrise Presby Bible School music
 - *JUN. 3 (Fri.)—7pm—Salina, KS, benefit for Salina People for Peace, Kansas Wesleyan University, Dr. Bob Bowman speaking.
 - *JUN. 11 (Sat.)—1pm—South Hutchinson, KS, Salt Fest
 - *JUN. 18-19 (Sat.-Sun.)—noon each day—Beatrice, NE, Homestead Days, Homestead National Monument
 - *JUN. 25 (Sat.)—7:30-10am—Salina, KS, Farmers Market, 7th & Iron
 - JUN. 27 (Mon.)—Matfield Green, KS, Land Institute event on the prairie
 - JUL. 20 (Wed.)—evening—Ludington, MI, Epworth Community concert
 - *AUG. 20 (Sat.)—7:30-10am—Salina, KS, Farmers Market, 7th & Iron
 - *AUG. 27-28 (Sat.-Sun.)—Garden City, KS, Tumbleweed Festival, Richardson Zoo
 - *SEP. 4 (Sun.)—afternoon—Delphos, KS, Bank of Delphos 125th Anniversary Celebration
 - *SEP. 17 (Sat.)—7:30-10am—Salina, KS, Farmers Market, 7th & Iron
 - *SEP. 20 (Tue.)—afternoon—Ulysses, KS, prelude to 43rd annual Home Products Dinner
 - *SEP. 23-25 (Fri.-Sun.)—Salina, KS, The Land Institute's Prairie Festival
- 2006**
- *JAN. 15 (Sun.)—4pm—Hill City, KS, Graham Co. Arts Council concert, Methodist Church
- *Event open to the public

SWITCH YOUR gAZette TO EMAIL!

Because emailed news is a *whole* lot easier to send than news on paper, Ann is now sending out more news to her email list than to her U.S. Mail list. Quick reminders go out right before many performances, just to those in areas where she will be singing. Please maximize the useful information you receive and help Ann to spend fewer hours stamping and labeling.

BLUE WILD INDIGO AIRPLAY AND REVIEWS

Ann's latest album has not hit the Top Forty, but a bit of national press and international radio play has it reaching a larger audience all the time.

In March, Ann traveled with a non-musical group from Kansas State University to study the ongoing and oh-so-challenging peace process in Northern Ireland. While there, after recommendations from Irish songwriter Charlie McGettigan ("Feet of a Dancer" composer), Ann was invited to sit down in the BBC Radio Foyle studio with local D.J., Eamon Friel, for a musical interview. Eamon played selections from both Blue Wild Indigo (the title song and "Elmer's Tune") and Canned Goods ("Kiss on the Mouth" and "Cowboy"), while he and Ann discussed weather and politics in both Kansas and Northern Ireland, in addition to music. You can hear the interview (minus the songs) at annzimmerman.com.

Ann's biggest thrill of the trip was a spontaneous chance to sing an Irish song in a Derry pub with local musicians. Thanks to her friendship with Connie Dover, Ann had Irish songs in her head just waiting to come out.

A bit before the Northern Ireland trip, Ann got the news that Blue Wild Indigo was reviewed in the nationally-distributed *Singer Magazine*. Reviewer Andrea Hill commented, "[Ann] has the ability to seamlessly blend humor and sadness in that unique way that makes you want for more."

TV SHOW FEATURES ANN

In late April, the syndicated, Kansas-focused public television show, "Sunflower Journeys," featured ten minutes of music and interviews with Ann. The segment was sandwiched between features on two other notable Kansas women, early suffragist Clarina Nichols, and current governor Kathleen Sebelius.

The film crew followed Ann to elementary school concerts in Ellsworth, Kansas, then to her living room for an interview, and finally out to the barn as she did evening chores. Film footage even included scenes of Palestinian-Israeli conflict as background to Ann's dramatic "Not Far From Emmanuel" on the Blue Wild Indigo album.

The title of the half-hour episode (#1813) is "Kansas Women." It is listed at ktwu.washburn.edu/journeys/. Ann hopes to make it available soon on the website REVIEWS page.

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LAKE MICHIGAN THIS JULY

Ann happily returns to Lake Michigan's shore this July when she plays for the historic Epworth Community, located at the end of the ferry line in Ludington, Michigan. Several years ago, Ann came to Epworth on the coattails of Sally Rogers's enduring song, "Lovely Agnes," about crossing that lake and raising a family, illustrated as usual with Ann's sign language to help the audience sing along and get all those words right.

She returns this year to her longtime friends at Epworth with lots of new songs and stories to share.

BEYOND KANSAS

Since the last *A-Z gAZette* came to you, Ann has done some out-of-state traveling. A trip to Iowa in the deepfreeze of January took her to Orange City and then to Springbrook State Park—temperatures dropped to at least 30-below-zero each night, and the sunny days weren't much above zero.

Shirt-sleeve weather in Dallas and Ft. Worth in February was quite a contrast, where Ann was the opening act for Robin and Linda Williams and Their Fine Group. A second trip to Dallas as the featured act at Uncle Calvin's Coffeehouse was a bit of a homecoming, and both trips included a side trip to Texas reining horse country in the pleasant company of a cowboy.

In between Texas trips was the amazing journey to Northern Ireland—see page 1.

ORDERING INFORMATION

To order "**Blue Wild Indigo**," or earlier albums "Canned Goods" or "Love & Weather," make check payable to "Ann Zimmerman." Mail to A-Z Music, 3904 N. Ohio, Salina, Kansas 67401-9259. Cost per compact disc: \$15.00. Cost per cassette tape: \$10.00. NOW AVAILABLE: Blue Wild Indigo posters—11"x17" prints of the Tom Barnes photo and colorful text from inside the album cover—cost: \$10.00. Add local sales tax (Kansas residents only) and \$2.00 shipping.

You can buy Ann's recordings through her website's "music store" using PayPal and your credit card—or print out the order form and send a check. It's all at annzimmerman.com/records.html.

PRAIRIE TOWNS STRUT THEIR STUFF

Just back from the Kansas Sampler Festival, Ann is helping the towns of her region celebrate those unexpected things that make them wonderful. In May, **Salina** features the Rolling Hills Wildlife Adventure – this magical place expands on its remarkable zoo with a new state-of-the-art wildlife museum. Ann joins the Grand Opening festivities. See www.rollinghillswildlife.com.

In June, Ann helps **South Hutchinson, Kansas**, salute its most abundant underground mineral at the annual Salt Fest. Later that month, she hops just over the northern border into the fine town of **Beatrice, Nebraska**, where Homestead Nat'l Monument presents "Homestead Days" with Ann's music in front of a real log cabin from the days of the settlers. This year Homestead hosts the television actors from the old "Little House on the Prairie" show. See www.nps.gov/home/.

Garden City, Kansas, is sure to be hot in August when Ann joins the festival named for one of that area's more plentiful plants—the Tumbleweed Festival brings together a friendly crowd of musicians to sing in the summer heat. See www.twfest.com.

In September, **Delphos, Kansas**, population 400-and-some, holds a party for the 125th birthday of the State Bank of Delphos—Ann sings during an afternoon in the park. Later in September, she'll perform for the **Ulysses, Kansas**, Home Products Dinner—an annual feast in its 43rd year, where the whole meal comes from local producers.

And four times between May and September, Ann helps honor the fruit of the land by making music among the produce at the **Salina** Farmers Market.

HOLIDAYS IN THE DISTANCE

It's barely summer, but consider setting your mind on Christmas. Does your group or organization look for entertainment around the holidays? Ann loves performing wintertime and Christmas music in December, presenting programs that everyone from Tiny Tim to the Scrooigest of your associates can enjoy. Keep her in mind when the season starts turning red and green.