

# The A-Z gAZette

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The Latest on Ann Zimmerman's Musical Exploits—September 2007

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## UPCOMING APPEARANCES

- \*SEP. 28-30 – Salina, KS, Prairie Festival at The Land Institute – Fri. 8pm barn dance; Sun. 9am concert
- \*OCT. 5 (Fri.) – 2pm – Wichita, KS, Kansas Book Festival, Koch Arena, WSU
- \*OCT. 6 (Sat.) – 11am – North Newton, KS, Bethel College Fall Festival
- \*OCT. 6 (Sat.) –7:30pm - Anthony, KS, Anthony Municipal Hall concert
- \*OCT. 12 (Fri.) – 5:00pm – Hoisington, KS, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area
- \*OCT. 13 (Sat.) – 6:30pm - Goodland, KS, chili supper & fund raiser for Goodland Arts Council, Methodist Church
- \*OCT. 27 (Sat.) – 7:30pm - Concordia, KS, Brown Grand Theater, with “D-Squared”(Don Charles & Deb Gessner)
- DEC. 7 (Fri.) – evening - Manhattan, KS, private Christmas caroling party
- \*DEC. 8 (Sat.) – 2pm – Manhattan, KS, Manh. Public Library children's Christmas program – opening act for Santa
- \*(tent.) DEC. 9 (Sun.) – afternoon – Moundridge, KS, Old Settlers Inn, opening act for the Peasall Sisters
- \*DEC. 13 (Thu.) – noon – Salina, KS, Sunrise Presbyterian Women, Christmas meeting

## 2008

- \*APR. 4 (Fri.) – Fredonia & Altoona, KS, Altoona Elementary (a.m.), Lincoln elementary (p.m.), and evening public concert at Fredonia High School auditorium
- \*MAY 3-4 (Sat.-Sun.) – Concordia, KS, Kansas Sampler Festival
- (tent.) JUL. 14-16 (Mon.-Wed.) – Ludington, MI, Epworth Community, Wed. eve. concert and Mon&Tue Songwriting workshops

\*Open to the public

## MORE DETAILS ON FALL CONCERTS

Ann's favorite gig of the year happens this weekend just outside of Salina: **Prairie Festival** at The Land Institute (TLI), [www.landinstitute.org](http://www.landinstitute.org), September 28-30. TLI's research is in its third decade in the quest for agriculture that is as good for the soil and the planet as the prairie, agriculture that builds soil and increases its fertility instead of depleting it, that cleans the water rather than polluting it. Ann is as glad as ever to be a part of this great festival. On keyboard, she joins the band Calliope—Frank & Chris Martin and others—for the Friday night barn dance, then holds forth with her own songs Sunday morning, when she serves as the opening act to former U.S. Interior Secretary, Bruce Babbitt. Great speakers, great ideas, Ann's music. Don't miss Prairie Festival.

The Kansas Book Festival is a new event ([www.kansasbookfestival.ks.gov](http://www.kansasbookfestival.ks.gov)) held October 5 and 6 at Koch Arena, Wichita (Kansas) State University, celebrating Kansas authors, their writing and their Kansas heritage, all proceeds benefiting the statewide summer reading program. With many sponsors including the Kansas Arts Commission, it will be full of art, music and literature. Ann sings at 2pm Friday, Oct. 5.

The next day, October 6, is a busy day for Ann, with an 11am performance under the tent at the Bethel College Fall Festival, North Newton, and an evening concert at the Anthony, Kansas, Municipal Auditorium – with a ventriloquist as her opening act.

Cheyenne Bottoms Wildlife Area, between Hoisington and Great Bend, Kansas, is on the Central Flyway where 45 percent of the North American shorebird population stops during spring migration. The Wildlife Area is celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its 1957 dedication, and all proceeds from the Oct. 12 event (where Ann sings at 5pm) go to the new Wetlands Education Center there. See [www.wetlanders.org](http://www.wetlanders.org).

(More about **Fall Concerts** on back)

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**Fall Concerts (continued)**

Leaving Cheyenne Bottoms and heading west, Ann will travel to a Kansas town so far west it's on Mountain Time – to sing a fund raiser for the Goodland (Kansas) Arts Council, Saturday, Oct. 13.

Later in October, the Arizona duo “D-Squared” joins Ann for a joint concert at the fine historic theater in Concordia, Kansas, the Brown Grand Theater. D-Squared is husband-wife team of Don Charles (guitar player) and Deb Gessner (folk harpist). Ann camped next to D-Squared years ago at the Kerrville, TX, Folk Festival, where they had a long, loud jam session in the D-Squared van during a long, loud thunderstorm. Don found shared ancestry with Ann’s friend Mike Charles of Republic, Kansas, and set up the concert in Concordia to share the music with his Kansas cousins and others. Ann is happy to reunite with this fine musical pair on October 27. More on Don and Deb at [www.dsquaredmusic.com](http://www.dsquaredmusic.com).

Christmas music dominates in December. Ann begins with an all-for-fun kids’ concert at the Manhattan, Kansas, Public Library, 2pm Saturday, December 8, just before Santa pops in for an early visit. December 9 is a tentative date at the Old Settlers’ Inn ([www.oldsettlersinn.com](http://www.oldsettlersinn.com)), Moundridge, Kansas. The Peasall Sisters, grown up to teenagers since their little-girl debut in the movie “O Brother Where Art Thou,” will perform that afternoon and, depending upon their schedule, may have Ann as their opening act.

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**TIDBITS – PAST & FUTURE**

● Ann’s new grade school program on the music and history of the American Revolutionary War was a fifth grade success which she hopes to repeat this year. ● Akron, Ohio, served up its best friendly hospitality for a series of events featuring Ann’s music – first a wedding and reception of her new friends Katie & Brian Sierleja and then a most harmonious time at a concert at The Bath Church, thanks to old friends Mark & Margee Frey. ● Negotiations are underway for a concert and kids’ songwriting workshops at the delightful summer community of Epworth, Ludington, Michigan, in July 2008. ● April 2008 will see Ann singing in and around the Kansas town of Fredonia, for grade schoolers and then an evening community concert. ● Ann is writing new songs – listen for “Gravity” and “A Dog’s Life.” ● You never know where Ann will be invited to sing—a “carbon-reduction rally,” a prairie burn, a recycling conference, an adult care center, a farmers’ market, a county fair, a club, festival, church, anniversary, reunion, wedding, funeral, restaurant—even a concert hall. Any ideas?

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